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## SHORT CUTS

### Candidates picked for Aug. 3 primary

Absentee ballots have been mailed in Michigan for the Aug. 3, Primary Election.

The following candidates have been endorsed by the Greater Detroit Building and Construction Trades Council Political Action Committee for the election. The list reflects candidates who have requested an endorsement and have been screened by the PAC.

Please note that since this is a primary ballot, Michigan election law requires you to vote a straight Democratic or Republican ballot – your ballot will be spoiled if you vote for a Dem for one office and a Republican for another.

**Detroit City Council (At Large):** Janée Ayers

**Dearborn City Council:** Erin Bymes, Mike Sareini

**Pontiac Mayor:** Tim Greimel

**Pontiac City Council (District 4):** Randy Carter

**Sterling Heights City Council:** Henry Yanez, Michael Radtke

**Taylor Mayor:** Alex Garza

**Taylor City Council:** Jill Brandana

### Plain language sought for jobless

Hundreds of thousands of Michigan workers laid off because of the pandemic – many of them for the first time in their lives – had contact with the state Unemployment Insurance Agency in order to apply for jobless benefits.

That contact led to claimants having to sift through the UIA's rules and regulations for applying for benefits, and for many it was in no way a positive experience. There were notorious delays in simply getting in contact with the agency, and understanding the ground rules for getting benefits also proved difficult.

To address the communication issue, House Bill 5092, adopted on June 30 by the state House in a 109-0 vote, would amend the state law. An accompanying House Fiscal Agency analysis said the UIA would be required to use language "that is clear and concise, that avoids complex vocabulary and contradictory statements, and that is based on a fourth-grade reading level."

"One of the things most asked by constituents trying to navigate the UIA system is 'what does this mean,'" said state Rep. Lori Stone (D-Warren), sponsor of the bill. "More people than ever have needed to rely on unemployment insurance due to the pandemic, and there simply were not enough people working at the agency to answer all the questions and offer the appropriate levels of support. We need to make sure people can understand these documents, letters and procedures."

Under the bill, which now goes to the state Senate, the UIA would have to use plain language in print, electronic, or other format, that includes facts specific to the party's claim, has a factual reason for the determination or re-determination on claims, as well as a summary of the party's right to appeal.

**Quotable**  
"A good word is an easy obligation; but not to speak ill, requires only our silence, which costs nothing."  
—John Tillotson (1630 - 1694)



SNOWMELT TUBING that will be buried under pavement outside the Union Carpenters and Millwrights Detroit Training Center is handled by (l-r) Shawn Martin and Daryl Burke of Pipe Fitters Local 636. Employed by John E. Green, they are working with 13,000 feet of three-inch, insulated PEX tubing that will have glycol circulating through it.

## Trades ready new MRCC school for future of quality union training

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

DETROIT – Construction of a new training center for the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights is moving along as expected toward completion in August.

About 55 union tradespeople were on site late last month, building the 144,000 square-foot facility that will house union offices as well as training programs in Southeast Michigan for the next generation of carpenters and millwrights.

The Christman Co. is managing construction on the project, which started in June 2020 with clearing the site at I-96 near Grand River. The training space will include a 30-booth weld shop, flooring manipulation area, high-bay space for carpenters and millwrights with an overhead crane, and classrooms with smart board technology. In addition to

training space, the building will offer meeting space for contractor symposiums, career fairs, and apprenticeship readiness programs, as well as room for community events.

"Right now we're doing just about everything: concrete placement, the roofers are coping, drywall is being installed, there's finish mill work, framing,"

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ON THE RISE at the Union Carpenters and Millwrights Detroit Training Center are Carpenters (l-r) Gustavo Navarro (Local 1045) and Antonio Jimenez (Local 687). They're employed by ACY.



A NEW 144,000-SQUARE-FOOT facility that will house training and union offices for the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights is nearing completion in Detroit. The project is being managed by Christman Construction. "Our new joint training center in Detroit will be our largest school in the state and will ensure Michigan's carpenters and millwrights are the most highly-skilled in the nation, ready to take on any job," said Tom Lutz, executive secretary-treasurer of the MRCC.

## On the rebound: trades focus on infrastructure, pensions, new energy

By Douglas J. McCarron  
General President  
United Brotherhood  
of Carpenters

The past year has been challenging on many fronts. As we see the light at the end of this dark tunnel, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank union contractors across the United States and Canada for working with us to make sure our members and our worksites have stayed safe. We have had to change our protocols and our worksites, but our culture has always been safety first. Our mindset, our training and our ability to work together to adapt has meant that as construction was deemed essential, our members were able to stay safe.

When things started to shut-down in 2020, we developed a new online United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) COVID-19 Preparedness course for our members in a matter of days. To ensure that the entire jobsite was safe, we also made this training available directly to contractors so it could be used with every trade.

So far, more than 60,000 building trades men and women have taken the class. Although our members are accustomed to wearing and working with PPE, we recognize that at times the new pro-

*'We're close to making real progress and have Congressional leadership on our side'*

ocols for safety have slowed productivity.

But by working together, labor and management have been able to address these challenges using our creativity, expertise and the mindset of production that is instilled in us. While we spent the last year adapting, I'm optimistic that over the next year we will be able to focus on real opportunities that are ahead for the union-down construction industry. Convincing Congress to act will be a big first step in making it happen.

**Staying focused on pension reform.** First, we are firmly committed to strengthening and modernizing the multiemployer pension system. We applaud Congress for including money necessary to ensure that failing pension plans didn't bankrupt the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC). However, the budget reconciliation process didn't allow necessary reforms to

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## 'Union project of the year'

### Nice work all around at Ford's Central Energy Plant

DEARBORN – A tip of the hard hat to DTE Energy, Ford Motor Co., Walbridge, Monarch Welding and Engineering, and the union workforce who all played major roles in the construction of the Ford Central Energy Plant - and it getting picked last month as the "Union Project of the Year" by The Association of Union Constructors.

The Joseph R. La Rocca Union Project of the Year Award is presented annually by The Association of Union Constructors. The national award recognizes outstanding work under labor-management cooperation and is judged under four criteria: collaboration/teamwork; construction quality and craftsmanship; project execution/scale; and safety. The project's award was in the \$50 million or more category of work.

"The skilled trades were key to the success of this project,"

said Walbridge Senior Vice President Joe Castellano. "They were active stakeholders, quick to action and continually innovated with our team to create the best action plan for the customers."

Built for DTE Energy for use on Ford's Dearborn campus, the facility generates electricity, distributes chilled water, hot water, and steam to serve the Ford Dearborn campus.

Walbridge said "the strong relationship with the trades is specifically shown during preconstruction, scheduling through last planner and touch plan and use of BIM for sequencing piping and cable trays. The sequencing was essential, and the trades were exceptional at providing updated schedules and coordination" to achieve every milestone.

"This was a complex project, but a testament to the skill and

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## Study finds plenty of vaccine hesitancy in the trades

By Matt Jaworski  
and Jim Embrescia

**Labor Citizen & Press Associates (LCPA)** – Almost half, 46.4 percent, of U.S. construction/extraction workers, union and non-union combined, said they probably or definitely would not get vaccinated against the still-potent coronavirus, a new study shows. That's the highest refusal rate among all occupations, researchers at Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh report.

It's also consistent with previous studies, the researchers found. The reasons the workers cited include lack of trust in the vaccines' effectiveness, general distrust in government, concern about side effects and a general

belief that vaccination is unnecessary.

The study, which has ranged over months since the start of the year, covered more than 732,000

workers in all occupations, ranging up to the age of 65. People over 65 were not included because the study covered active workers and because the oldest

were in the highest-risk group and thus got the vaccines first, anyway.

The least-hesitant workers – with under 10 percent resistance

to vaccination – were educators and people working in life, physical or social sciences, the researchers said.

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## Report: Trades' skills inject success into pharma firms

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

**KALAMAZOO** – The nation's drug makers like the nation's building trades union workers.

**THE LARGEST MANUFACTURING plant in the Pfizer network is located on a 1,300-acre site in Kalamazoo. The building trades last year quickly helped transform the facility to manufacture the company's Covid-19 vaccine.**

And depend on them, too. The Pharmaceutical Industry Labor-Management Association on July 1 released an update to

its first-of-its-kind report on the economic impact of the long-standing partnership between skilled craft unions and the

biopharmaceutical industry in Michigan and 13 other states. The report found that Michigan building trades helped drive \$1.12 billion in investment on major construction projects (over \$5 million in value) active at any point between 2015 and 2021.

During the same time period, skilled craft union worker earnings in Michigan reached more than \$25 million – representing more than 906,000 hours of work

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ents enter on their behalf. Each Scholarship Drawing prize consists of a four-year Michigan Education Trust (MET) charitable tuition contract (valued at \$55,000) that may be used to pay for tuition and mandatory fees at a college or university in accordance

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## State offers shot-takers a chance at cash prizes

LANSING – Trades workers – who are among the vaccine-hesitant – are being given an incentive to get a shot at some cash.

Gov. Whitmer on July 6 announced that more than 1 million Michiganders have entered the MI Shot to Win Sweepstakes, a lottery seeking to up the state's

vaccine participation rate by roughly 9 percent – or approximately 667,000 Michiganders – to achieve the statewide goal of 70 percent of residents age 16 and older who are immunized.

Under Michigan's new sweepstakes, residents age 18 and older who have received at

least one dose of vaccine are eligible to register for a combined total of \$5 million in cash giveaways.

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# Viewpoints



## All that wealth at the top...

Policymakers and the media are paying too much attention to how quickly the U.S. economy will emerge from the pandemic-induced recession, and not nearly enough to the nation's deeper structural problem – the increasing imbalance of wealth that could enfeeble the economy for years.

Seventy percent of the U.S. economy depends on consumer spending. But wealthy people, who now own more of the economy than at any time since the 1920s, spend only a small percentage of their incomes. Lower-income people, who were in trouble even before the pandemic, spend whatever they have – which has become very little.

In a very practical sense, the U.S. economy depends on the spending of most Americans who don't have much to spend. That spells trouble ahead.

It's not simply a matter of an adequate "stimulus." The \$2,000 checks contained in the American Rescue Plan have already been distributed and extra unemployment benefits will soon expire. Consumer spending will be propped up as employers add to their payrolls. Biden's spending plans, if enacted, will also help keep consumers afloat for a time.

But the underlying imbalance will remain. Most peoples' wages will still be too low and too much of the economy's gains will continue to accumulate at the top, for total consumer demand to be adequate.

Years ago, Marriner Eccles, chairman of the Federal Reserve from 1934 to 1948, explained that the Great Depression occurred because the buying power of Americans fell far short of what the economy could produce. He blamed the increasing concentration of wealth at the top. In his words:

*"A giant suction pump had by 1929-1930 drawn into a few hands an increasing portion of currently produced wealth. As in a poker game where the chips were concentrated in fewer and fewer hands, the other fellows could stay in the game only by borrowing. When their credit ran out, the game stopped."*

The wealthy of the 1920s didn't know what to do with all their money, while most Americans could maintain their standard of living only by going into debt. When that debt bubble burst, the economy sunk.

History is repeating itself. The typical Americans' wages have hardly increased for decades, adjusted for inflation. Most economic gains have gone to the top, just as Eccles's "giant suction pump" drew an increasing portion of the nation's wealth into a few hands before the Great Depression.

The result has been consumer spending financed by borrowing, creating chronic fragility. After the housing and financial bubbles burst in 2008, we avoided another Great Depression only because the government pumped enough money into the system to maintain demand, and the Fed kept interest rates near zero. Then came the pandemic.

The wealth imbalance is now more extreme than it's been in over a century. There's so much wealth at the top that the prices of luxury items of all kinds are soaring; so-called "non-fungible tokens," ranging from art and music to tacos and toilet paper, are selling like 17th-century exotic Dutch tulips; cryptocurrencies have taken off; and stock market values have continued to rise even through the pandemic.

Corporations don't know what to do with all their cash. Trillions of dollars are sitting idle on their balance sheets. The biggest firms have been feasting off the Fed's corporate welfare, as the central bank obligingly holds corporate bonds that the firms issued before the recession in order finance stock buybacks.

But most people have few if any assets. Even by 2018, when the economy appeared strong, 40 percent of Americans had negative net incomes and were borrowing money to pay for basic household needs.

The heart of the imbalance is America's wealthy and the corporations they own have huge bargaining power – both market power in the form of monopolies, and political power in the form of lobbyists and campaign contributions. Most workers have little or no bargaining power – neither inside their firms because of the near-disappearance of labor unions, nor in politics because political parties have devolved from giant membership organizations to fundraising machines.

Biden's "stimulus" programs are fine but temporary. The most important economic reform would be to correct this structural imbalance by reducing monopoly power, strengthening unions, and getting big money out of politics.

Until the structural imbalance is remedied, the American economy will remain perilously fragile. It will also be vulnerable to the next demagogue wielding anger and resentment as substitutes for real reform.

**Robert Reich**  
Professor of Public Policy  
University of California-Berkeley

## Worker shortage? No, wage shortage

By Jim Hightower

At a recent congressional hearing on America's so-called "labor shortage," megabanker Jamie Dimon of JPMorgan Chase, offered this insight: "People actually have a lot of money, and they don't particularly feel like going back to work."

Dimon is a billionaire who may be unaware that most people are living paycheck to paycheck. Since COVID-19 hit, millions have lost their jobs, savings, and even homes. Relief measures have helped, but ordinary people are not exactly lollygagging around the house, counting their cash.

Instead of listening to the uber-rich class ignorance of Dimon (who pocketed \$35 million

in pay last year), Congress ought to be listening to actual workers explain why they're not rushing back to the jobs being offered by restaurant chains and such.

These workers would point out that there's no labor shortage – there's a wage shortage. More fundamentally, there's a fairness shortage.

It was not lost on restaurant workers, for example, that while millions of them were jobless last year, their corporate CEOs were grabbing millions, buying yachts, and living large. Yet more than half of laid-off restaurant workers couldn't even get unemployment benefits because their wages had been too low to qualify.

Then there's the high risk of

# Trades build Carpenters Training Center

(Continued from Page 1) electrical and plumbing going on," Christman Project Supt. Jim Gault said last month. "The tradespeople have really stepped up and are doing well for us."

Construction employment at the seven-acre site peaked at about 100. The building process has proceeded despite pandemic-induced material shortages and supply chain issues that have plagued construction and all manner of industries.

"We're still impacted by some supply issues," Gault said. "We still can't get epoxy for the floors. For a while, we couldn't get insulation batts and we had trouble getting metal studs. The timber framing in the lobby, we had trouble getting it here. But we did stock up on drywall. We have worked through it."

The facility consolidates several MRCC sites in Southeast Michigan. The project is being funded jointly with the MRCC's joint trust fund that it operates with signatory employers. It will include three areas, an administrative area, classroom space, and a high-bay training area. All told, 136,000 square feet the building's entire 144,000-square-foot area will be devoted to training. The facility will have capacity for 1,500 students per year.

We first visited this project back in November. MRCC Organizing Director Kevin Klingler, who has been closely involved with the project's design and construction process acting as the owner's representative, told us at the time that the decision to build "is really an exciting step forward for us. I think one of the most important things this facility will give us is enough space for training – quality space with good lighting, enough power where we'll need it, and great

technology. And what's really nice is that as we're building this space, we have first- and second-year apprentices working alongside our journeymen, helping to build the spaces that they will be learning in."

Klingler said it would take about three months after work is complete to move in equipment and furniture. "A facility like this is going to bring so much more value to how we operate, for both our apprentices and our journeymen," he said. "Bringing electronics into the classroom, improved workflow through technology and communication – all that is going to make us better able to train workers and add value for our contractors."



PULLING CARD ACCESS CABLE at the Detroit Carpenters Training Center are (l-r) Rick Torres and Loneal Oliver. The IBEW Local 58 members are employed by Bluestone Communications.

## Study finds vaccine hesitancy

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Almost half (47.9 percent) of workers who resisted were concerned about side effects. A third, combined, didn't believe they needed the shots, didn't trust the government, didn't trust the vaccine or were waiting for more information.

The lack of trust points scored highest with the groups of workers who were most vaccine-resistant, led by construction, but including a few other groups, the researchers added. Construction union leaders have urged members repeatedly to be vaccinated, since working conditions on construction sites are often not fit for other anti-viral measures, notably physical distancing.

At the same time, with the economy picking up and construction booming – at least in certain areas – discussions have begun about whether employers should, or if they could, mandate employees receive the anti-Covid-19 vaccine in order to report to work.

With a large percentage of construction workers unvaccinated, jobsites could be ripe for future outbreaks, which would cripple the ability of contractors to finish projects on schedule.

An outbreak on any jobsite has the potential to shut down the project for up to two weeks, leaving the remaining healthy workers without a paycheck as the worksite is disinfected and workers who are sick or were exposed are forced to quarantine.

Combine this with ongoing worker shortages in many parts of the country, and contractors face hard choices that they claim could dramatically impact profit margins.

The flip side of the university study is that nationally, Johns Hopkins University's comprehensive coronavirus vaccine tracker reports 47 percent of all U.S. adults were fully vaccinated as of June 30. Vermont led the country, with 59.4% fully vaccinated, followed by Massachusetts (57.61%) and Connecticut (55.55%). Michigan had 47.3% of its population fully vaccinated (with 51.6% having received one of the two shots as of last week).

Mississippi was last (27.78%), with Alabama (30.35%)

and Wyoming (31.54%) just above it.

The Carnegie Mellon/University of Pittsburgh study showed results similar to a Morning Consult survey taken between October 2020 and January 2021 that found about 47% of construction workers indicated they would not get the vaccine.

The survey results come as most other states appear to be approaching a vaccination plateau. The Biden administration has calculated that more than half of all U.S. adults have had at least one shot, though the president admitted the country missed his target of a 70% vaccination rate by July 4.

Throughout the country, 43 states, including Michigan, are seeing Covid-19 cases decline.

As states reopen, employers in certain sectors of the economy are considering employee incentives and possible vaccination

mandates.

For the union construction industry, this is a complicated matter, fueled by a building boom in many regions of the country and established collective bargaining agreements.

According to multiple regional building trades council leaders, a vaccine mandate could only be enforced through either collective bargaining or at the request of the project owner. Only one leader whom the *Labor Citizen* contacted thought contractors could mandate the vaccine without amending an existing CBA.

However, many of the leaders are urging their members to get the vaccine, as they walk a fine line between pushing vaccination, respecting a worker's personal medical decision and placing signatory contractors in a potentially perilous situation if an outbreak would occur.

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## Local 149 Roofers and Waterproofer

Roofers 149  
DETROIT – Main Office – Southeastern Lower Michigan – Regular Membership Meeting. The regular membership meeting is scheduled for Tues., Aug. 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**Executive Board meeting.** The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., July 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**Condolences.** It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of the following Brother.

Brother David R. Garbe, he was 78 years old and a 55-year member. Brother Garbe passed on 3/13/2021.

Rest in Peace Brother Garbe. **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 Building Tradesman Paper, International Union, and Trust Fund. **Union Dues.** Make sure you pay your monthly dues before the end of every month to stay in good standings. 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 feel free to call the Hall at 313-961-6093

**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.

**Detroit Training Center Information.**

The next term for all Detroit Apprentices will be as follows:

Apprentice 2 & Single Ply 1-Monday, July 19, 2021

Apprentice 1 & Single Ply 2-Tuesday, July 20

BUR 1 & Steep Slope 1-Wednesday July 21

BUR 2 & Steep Slope 2-Thursday, July 22

Apprentice 7 & 8 Hands On + Safety & Health- Thursday, July 22

All classes begin at 6:30pm

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

**MID-MICHIGAN AREA – Clio Office.** The next Mid-Michigan regular membership meeting scheduled for Tue., Oct. 12, 2021 at 6 p.m. at 810 Tacoma Ct. Clio MI, 48420.

**Mid-Michigan Training Center Information.** Journey workers 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 Rick Baird at the Union Hall/Training Center, 810-687-1368, or midmichroofers149@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.

The publication above is as 7/12/2021, 1:00p.m.

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



THE 35-MEGAWATT natural gas fuel-ed co-generation plant in Dearborn, owned by DTE Energy for use on Ford's Dearborn campus, was named Union Project of the Year by the Association of Union Contractors.

Photo credit: DTE Energy

## Nice work all around at Ford Central Energy Plant

(Continued from Page 1) cooperation of the union trades," Castellano said. "We're honored to receive this award alongside them for the hard work to complete this project for DTE Energy and Ford."

Monarch Welding and Engineering was subcontracted under Walbridge and built the boiler on this project.

Walbridge called DTE Energy's Dearborn Central Energy Plant (CEP) "an incredible undertaking that provides improvements to surrounding infrastructure, and will provide cleaner, ultra-low energy emissions." The 100,000 square-foot facility was constructed over two years with 509,475 total trade hours on the project.

The CEP consists of a new combined heat and power (CHP) plant and a chilled/hot water plant for the combined power and steam generation. The energy produced from the CHP is sent to DTE Electric. Steam, hot water and chilled water are sent to the Ford Research and Engineering Campus.

The CHP system generates electrical power and steam. The CHP can generate 35 megawatts and produce up to 250 kilopounds per hour of saturated steam. Included in the CHP are two nominal 15 MW gas turbine generator packages, each with a bypass stack and a single pressure supplemental duct-fired, water tube heat recovery steam generator. The CHP has one standard steam turbine generator and

condenser system, with an approximate capacity of five megawatts.

The TAUC's Joseph R. La Rocca Union Project of the Year Award recognizes "outstanding work performed under labor-management cooperation and are judged under the following four criteria: collaboration/teamwork; construction quality and craftsmanship; project execution/scale; and safety.

DTE Energy said the gas-fired electric turbines will generate sufficient waste heat that, when captured and converted to steam, will use ten times less natural gas than the use of a traditional boiler plant. Advanced chiller technology will result in a 35 percent reduction in energy use versus traditional chillers.

"You have it easily in your power to increase the sum total of this world's happiness now. How? By giving a few words of sincere appreciation to someone who is lonely or is discouraged. Perhaps you will forget tomorrow the kind words you say today, but the recipient may cherish them over a lifetime."

—Dale Carnegie (1888-1955)

"The greatest good you can do for another is not just share your riches, but to reveal to him his own."

—Benjamin Disraeli (1804 - 1881)

"Wisdom is not wisdom when it is derived from books alone."

—Horace (65 BC - 8 BC)

"When there are two conflicting versions of a story, the wise course is to believe the one in which people appear at their worst."

—H. Allen Smith

"A man may well bring a horse to the water but he cannot make him drink."

—John Heywood (1497 - 1580)



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## BUILDING MICHIGAN! Jackson's railway station HISTORY IN THE MAKING By Marty Mulcahy



THE JACKSON RAILWAY STATION was completed in 1873 and is one of the oldest continually operating rail stations in the nation. It hasn't been threatened with demolition, but the building's interior was saved from a dismal, contemporary 1970s-era renovation, then restored to its original glory. It has subsequently received more contemporary upgrades as well. Today the station serves passengers for six daily Amtrak trains on the Wolverine Line. In 2002, the depot was placed on the National Register of Historical Places. Before the depot was built, Jackson was a key rail hub home to five separate train depots serving some 72,000 passengers.

*Photo credit: Wikipedi Commons*

Before automobiles became a thing in these parts, the passenger and freight cars following the "iron horses" of the Michigan Central Railroad were the drivers of commerce and industry.

Yes, Michigan benefited from boat traffic in the surrounding lakes. But inland, until railroads began building lines in the 1830s, we were like the rest of North America. That is, with lousy roads – often rutted and overgrown, constructed of wood, gravel or dirt, often providing unusable paths of commerce and travel if there were recent heavy rains.

So the first railroad tracks in Michigan were most welcome, and laid by the Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad in 1833 between Adrian and Toledo. But the most ambitious, and historically significant rail project came three years later, when the Detroit and St. Joseph Railroad began laying tracks west of Detroit, and kept heading west. The line's name was later changed to the Michigan Central Railroad. And one of the key stations along the way would be built at Jackson – a town that sat on the Chicago Road, and as a result was one of many communities that benefited from the construction of a series of depots in Michigan that are still the pride of their community and considered architectural gems.

The Michigan Central railroad reached Jackson in 1841, and a depot was constructed, but in the ensuing years it fell into disrepair and became widely disliked. "In the early 1870s," wrote Kathryn Eckert for *Archipedia*, "when Jackson was Michigan's third-largest city, the Michigan Central Railroad locomotive car and repair shops were moved here. The outmoded wood-frame passenger depot was replaced by this brick edifice, designed by a Michigan Central civil engineer. As the largest and finest on the road between Detroit and Chicago, the depot visually proclaimed Jackson's role as the rail center for southern Michigan. The station served the railroad's main Detroit – Chicago line and four branch lines that converged here."

The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office said the Jackson depot, built in 1873, "is considered the oldest train station in continuous service in the United States."

An article in the June 18, 1872, *Jackson Daily Citizen* provided the first announcement of the new depot: "The plans for our new union depot have been prepared by Mr. Newman, the resident engineer of the Central road, and approved by the proper authorities. It will contain bag-



AN EARLY 20TH CENTURY steam engine leaves the Jackson Station.

*Photo credit: Jackson County Historical Society*

gage rooms, telegraph office, ladies' and gentlemen's waiting-rooms (a genteel custom in the post Civil War years), ticket-office, dining room, and kitchen, etc., all of the roomiest kind, and well-arranged and furnished."

The depot was built 294 feet long, one story high, except at each end where a second story was added. Also constructed was a 150-foot-long veranda on the south side to keep passengers out of the weather. Today the station is owned by Amtrak, and serves passengers on six trains that move through daily.

The Jackson station," says *The Great American Stations*, "is one of the oldest continually operating rail stations in the United States, opened to passengers on September 1, 1873. The Michigan Central Railroad (MCRR) had turned to Henry R. Gardner, not an architect but a master builder for the railroads, to create the 'grand central station' that stands today, and it served as a Union station for several railroads for many years. In 2002, the depot was placed on the National Register of Historic Places."

It's referred to as a "union" station because by the time it was constructed, the town had competing traffic from four other railroads.

*Experience Jackson* said the Victorian-Italianate red-brick station used heart pine, ash, oak and walnut woods harvested in Michigan for its interior decor. A carved walnut arch, and crystal chandeliers hung overhead and separated a newsstand from the ticket booth.

"The station has a slate roof – an important feature, as it protected against fire from flying sparks from the steam engines serving the station, contributing to the station's longevity," said *The Great American Stations*. "The station united all four main rail lines which came through Jackson when it was built, and tracks fanned out in nine directions from this central-Michigan transportation hub. This passenger station was once busier than Detroit's and helped to solidify Jackson as a rail center through

the 1960s."

The application to the National Register of Historic Places for the Jackson train station said "the depot is the oldest railroad station in Michigan still in regular use for its original purpose. It is the most architecturally distinguished Italianate railroad station and one of the two most important nineteenth-century depot buildings in Michigan."

And it still is, but almost wasn't. In 1978, *Michigan's Historic Railroad Stations* said Amtrak announced that it would renovate the station, and initial plans called for painting the interior red, white and blue and adding a drop ceiling. Jackson County Genealogical Society member Genevieve Harvey was outraged, and raised \$10,000 to take the renovation out of Amtrak's hands. She was allowed to organize a renovation that ridded the interior of sea-foam green paint and restored the wood to its natural state.

In 2008, says *Great American Stations*, the Michigan Department of Transportation awarded a \$300,000 grant to Amtrak to make structural renovations to the depot. This was supplemented the next year with an additional \$938,000 in federal stimulus funds. By 2013, the following work was completed: repairs to the foundation and drainage system, mortar repointing and asbestos abatement.

"One of the handsomest stations in Michigan – indeed, it's no stretch to say the nation – sits on the dusty western edge of the center of a once-great railroad town, Jackson," says *Michigan's Historic Railroad Stations*. "It was Jackson where the Michigan Central Railroad located its locomotive repair shops in the early 1870s, and in part because of that, the corporation decided in 1873 that the town deserved a gloriously station, somewhat out of proportion to its population at the time."

"That glory is bound up in a design of considerable elegance and simplicity."



THE INTERIOR waiting room of the Jackson train station in a modern view, with the walnut-paneled ticket office at the rear. Among the famous people who have stopped at the Jackson Station include President McKinley in 1899, President Taft in 1910, and presidential candidates Dwight Eisenhower in 1952 and John F. Kennedy in 1960.

*Photo credit: Jackson County Historical Society*

# Report: Trades' skills inject success into pharma firms

(Continued from Page 1) – in addition to significant funding for union health insurance and pension benefits.

Updated from a study between 2012 and 2017, the study shows a steady growth in investment from the biopharmaceutical industry both in Michigan and in the U.S. – with the investment and earnings growing every year since 2015.

The highest profile example of the work of the trades partnership with the pharmaceutical industry took place on Dec. 13, when national news cameras witnessed trucks shipping the first Covid-19 vaccine from the Pfizer-Kalamazoo plant, which the union trades helped to transform to meet the needs of the drug-maker.

"This study demonstrates the value of the critical partner-

ship between the bio-pharmaceutical industry and the skilled construction craft union workers in Michigan," said Brian O'Donnell, business manager and financial secretary, Kalamazoo IBEW Local 131. "As Michigan looks to diversify its economy, the biopharmaceutical industry – and the skilled union craft workers employed by the industry – help create that growing economic engine. Our members are proud of the work they provided to help bring an end to the COVID-19 pandemic by working on biopharmaceutical facilities that discovered and developed the vaccine.

"The industry relies on the skills, training, and work ethic of our members from the first ground broken to wiring the labs."

The study said that

## On the rebound: trades focus on infrastructure, pensions, new energy

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the pension system to be included in the just-passed American Rescue Plan. That must be done, and quickly.

The UBC remains committed to pushing Congress to allow our jointly managed pension funds to create new plan designs – including hybrid composite and updated variable benefit plans – that would improve the sustainability of our pensions, ensure that hard-earned benefits are available for members when they retire, and reduce or eliminate withdrawal liability for employers.

On this front, as you know, legislative efforts have been frustrated so far. Some unions, even in the construction industry, have steadfastly opposed our efforts – even when we've assured them that only plans with broad labor and management support can opt into a composite plan. But now we're close to making real progress and have Congressional leadership on our side. The Carpenters Union will continue to lead efforts to partner with our employers to modernize our industry and secure our members' benefits for the future.

**Infrastructure opportunities.** Second, thanks to President Biden's leadership and the commitment of legislators, I'm more optimistic than I have been in years for a real, bold, large investment in infrastructure. With interest rates near zero and the number of adults in the workforce falling off dramatically, this is what the country needs – and Washington knows it.

How big? How bold? How much "green" will be included? That probably depends on if it will be necessary to secure 60 votes to overcome an expected filibuster in the Senate. We'll see. We all know that a large infusion of cash into our traditional transportation infrastructure is needed. Raising the gas tax, which is the usual method of paying for roads and bridges, is unpopular on the Hill and never seems to get the support it needs. It also becomes less relevant as fuel efficiency increases and electric vehicles proliferate.

We certainly also need significant investment in other traditional infrastructure, including clean water, wastewater, airports, ports, locks and dams. We also should invest heavily in projects that are transformative for regional economies – mass transit, high-speed rail and broadband expansion. These are the types of investments that help address the affordable housing crisis and promote and encourage private economic development.

For example, in California, if we build a new high-speed rail line from Los Angeles to Lancaster, the areas around those stops will explode with construction of new apartment buildings and commercial centers. These kinds of long-term investments will create good-paying construction jobs for twenty years and we should applaud any plan that puts serious money into them.

**The New Energy Economy.** It's the "green" investments that are the most controversial in our world. Our union's carpenters, millwrights and pile drivers perform a very high percentage of the work in oil refineries, coal and gas plants. It's a huge base of our work hours and critical to our members' livelihoods in many markets.

President Biden's decision to shut down the Keystone pipeline caused thousands of union construction workers to lose jobs, including our members. We continue to advocate for the pipeline project and other forms of production and processing that make North America energy independent. We are also focused on protecting jobs in the nuclear energy field, which has never been more important. Subsidies for renewable energy have made it hard for many nuclear plants to compete.

It would be a great tragedy if these plants were forced to close because of that. We all know that nuclear is not only an incredible source of steady, reliable, carbon-free electricity, but also creates good union jobs. We should all partner with that industry to ensure they are not at a competitive disadvantage to other carbon-free energy.

While we can and should continue to fight for all of our traditional work, we must recognize that the energy economy is changing and make aggressive moves to ensure that the emerging jobs in renewable energy are also, as President Biden has promised, "good, union jobs."

While some of the work in wind and solar energy has been secured by union signatory contractors, unions and our industry partners need to aggressively expand into this space. We are engaging in a big push to ensure that renewable energy tax credits and any other subsidies for green energy are covered by the Davis-Bacon Act and other labor standards. It is possible to combat climate change and move to more renewable energy while ensuring that we don't cripple the economy and replace good working-class careers with low-wage work. We need your help to make sure that these standards are enacted into law.

As always, the UBC's legislative goals are focused on making sure that our industry partners, who invest so much in the training, leadership development and livelihoods of our members, are not placed at a competitive disadvantage when bidding on taxpayer-subsidized work.

We continue to promote our best-in-class apprenticeship and training programs, defend against the efforts of low-wage competitors to access taxpayer funds to compete with them, and modernize our benefit structures to ensure sustainability for the long term. I'm optimistic that we're going to make real progress in this Congress, and that our labor-management model of partnership will continue to pay dividends over the long term.

(From The Association of Union Constructors, *The Construction User*)

"The knowledge of the world is only to be acquired in the world, and not in a closet."  
–Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773)

"Every man is the architect of his own fortune."  
–Sallust (86 BC - 34 BC)

"Stupidity has a certain charm - ignorance does not."  
–Frank Zappa (1940 - 1993)

"skilled construction trades people were integral in retrofitting facilities – such as Pfizer's plant in Kalamazoo – that were vital in the development and manufacture of COVID-19 vaccines."

The report identified four different construction projects at Pfizer-Kalamazoo that were active between 2015 and 2020: a 2014-15 plant expansion; a 2016-17 warehouse addition; a 2016-19 plant expansion, and the 2020 COVID-19 vaccine production addition.

The study was conducted by the Institute for Construction Economic Research, a non-partisan network of academic researchers whose goal is to find pragmatic solutions to workplace and labor market issues in the construction industry. Data for the study was provided by Industrial Information Resources, a global consulting firm specializing in market data on major power, energy, and industrial infrastructure projects in the United States.

Additional key findings of the report include:

- 15 major construction projects were active in Michigan at any point during the six-year time period analyzed.

- 14 skilled Michigan craft unions contributed an estimated 906,850 labor hours to biopharmaceutical industry construction projects over the six years, earning \$25.4 million.

- Electricians, instrumentation technicians, plumbers and pipefitters, and carpenters had the highest number of labor hours among the Michigan trades.

- "We are fortunate to have these highly skilled construction and trades workers at the ready to help us develop medicines that fight deadly diseases," said Dr. Stephen Rapundalo, President and CEO, Michigan Biosciences Industry Association. "Along with battling COVID-19, Michigan's bio-industry researches and creates life-saving medicines, devices and diagnostics in the quest for treatments and cures for many challenging health conditions."

"To do that, we must rely upon the best workers at every stage of development."

The biopharmaceutical sector in Michigan, the study said, has traditionally turned to union contractors and their workers "because of their long-established and highly effective training and apprenticeship programs. Building, refurbishing, and retrofitting bio-pharmaceutical facilities to handle next-generation research and development requires an educated, skilled, and experienced labor force."

North America's Building Trades Unions spend more than \$1.6 billion a year on apprentice and education programs throughout the country without imposing a nickel of student debt or requiring a dime of taxpayer money.

### Just joking

A woman is sitting at home when a police officer knocks on her door.



The officer asks her if she is married and the woman replies, "Yes, I am."

The officer then asks her if she has a recent picture of her husband. The woman answers, "Sure, hold on a second."

The officer looks at the picture, and in a sad voice says, "I'm sorry, but it looks like your husband has been hit by a train."

The woman responds, "I know, but he has a good personality!"

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Mick and Sean had been drinking buddies for many years.

After having a couple of beers at the pub, Mick says to Sean,

"We've been buddies for years and if I should die before you, could you do me a favor? Get a bottle of good whiskey and pour it over me grave, and let it soak into the soil I'm buried under."

Sean replied, "I would be glad to do that for me old friend."

"But...would it be OK if I let it pass through me bladder first?"



**PLUMBER Joe Brooks of Local 98 sets a supply line for a second-story lavatory sink while working at the Michigan Carpenters Training Center in Detroit. He's employed by John E. Green.**



## Plumbers Local 98



Plumbers 98

### DETROIT – Membership of Plumbers Local 98.

Brothers and Sisters, Your officers, staff, and I all hope you are enjoying your summer. Our annual Golf Outing is less than a month away! Don't forget to get your tickets. It's for a great cause and always a lot of fun.

### MEETINGS & Union Hall.

The next Union Meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in person. The meeting will take place indoors at our Union Hall and any Covid restrictions still in place will be adhered to. Masks are required if you are not vaccinated. We hope you will join us before each Union Meeting during the summer months at 5:00 pm for a BBQ.

Thank you to Chef Wade Kovach and all the apprentices who helped set up and breakdown afterwards. Remember, we have returned to our previous Union Meeting requirements for Apprentices. Apprentices are required to attend TWO Union Meetings Per Quarter.

**E-Board Meetings.** E-Board meetings are the first and second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. If you need to contact or see the board, please call V.P. Jim Cools at 734-307-9841.

**Retiree Meetings.** It's been great to have the retiree meetings back up and running the last couple of months. Please note, any existing Covid-19 protocols will be adhered to. They are continuing to exercise caution so everyone can remain healthy and safe. The next Retiree meeting will be **Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 2pm** at the hall.

**SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING.** Tickets are now available for our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scholarship Golf Outing which will be held **August 14, 2021** at Marsh Oaks Golf Course. The cost is \$90 per golfer and tickets can be purchased by calling the hall. For more information on the outing please contact Financial Secretary Jon DeRoo at 248-762-9238.

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

**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 any questions or need to pay dues, please contact Kristina Lodovisi at 248-307-9800 ext. 4 or on her cell at 248-331-7232.

**WOMEN'S CAUCUS.** State Representative Lori Stone is hosting a **Women In Trades Meeting** at the Union Hall on **Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to have an open dialogue discussion with leaders in the trades. The hope is to find legislative solutions to include an adequate number of safe, sanitary, and gender specific bathrooms on construction sites. More information or to RSVP you can contact Representative Stone's office at stone.house.dems.com or (517) 373-1772.

**RETIREES.** Congratulations to Brother Paul Baker on his retirement on July 1, 2021. Plumbers Local 98 gives a heartfelt thank you to Brother Baker for his dedication to the Training Center and our apprenticeship program through the years. We wish you days of endless relaxation and happiness.

**IN MEMORIAM.** Our deepest sympathy goes out to the friends and family of our Brothers who have recently passed away. Brother Leroy Barker passed on June 11, 2021. Brother Andre Stone passed on June 14,

2021. Brother William "Tom the Bomb" McCowan passed on June 21, 2021.

**COVID-19 Information & Vaccine.** You can now enter the MI Shot to Win sweepstakes, worth up to \$2 million, if you get (or have already gotten) the Covid-19 vaccine. More information, the link to enter, and other vaccination information can be found on our website. Please visit [uolocal98.com/covid-july](http://uolocal98.com/covid-july).

**SUB APPS/OOW CHANGES/BENEFITS.** SUB pay is hit and miss as we are experiencing manpower adjustments. It is always a go for medical or COVID-related injuries. It is your responsibility to fill out a SUB App when you are laid off, you have 48 hours to report a lay-off. Call the Agent on the Books or come down to the hall to fill out a SUB App. It is your responsibility to make sure you are on the out of work list and your contact information is correct.

If you're still having unemployment issues call BAs Gary Glaser or Tom McWilliams. Both officers are administrators on the Must/Most program, contact them if you need help.

For any issues that are unresolved at BeneSys, please get the name of the person you are dealing with and contact Carlo, Jon, or the Union Hall immediately.

**GOOD/WELFARE.** 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 TRAINING CENTER NEWS.** Phone # 248-585-1435

Check out The Training Center's website [www.Plumbers98tc.org](http://www.Plumbers98tc.org)

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.

**Michigan State Plumbing License Renewal** - There is not an update required to renew the Michigan State Plumbing License this year. In order to renew your license, go to Michigan.gov/lara and click on License Renewal. \*\*Deadline was April 30<sup>th</sup>, you may be required to pay a late fee.

**Monthly Code Class** - Next class is August 24, 2021 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 exams are scheduled quarterly.** Please be sure to check your expiration date, it is now required that you complete your update class prior to your expiration. For those who are eligible, please call the Training Center to register and pre-pay by check only before the **deadline September 24, 2021.** The next scheduled recertification class is October 26 & 27 2021.

**\*OPEN WELDING\*** - Come down and check out the upgrades to the welding shop. Summer can be a busy time, but try to set aside some time to plan for the future, and get some practice toward a welding cert. Call Chris Opalka 248-585-1435 ext. 146 to reserve a

booth. Looking to try something new? Ideas for a class? We're here to help.

If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next **WELDING Tests** will be Saturday, September 11, 2021. You must call to schedule your welding tests at least 3 days prior to the class. The next **BRAZING Cert Session** will be Friday, September 10, 2021. Please note: All members must be dressed appropriately to be in the shop area. **\*\*No sessions in August\*\***

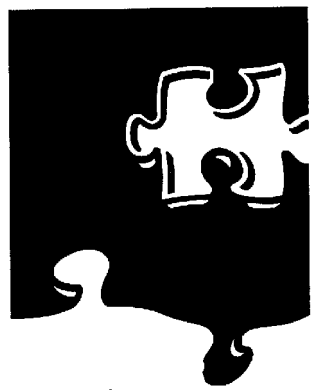
**2021 Course Hour reimbursement forms** are now available at the Training Center. You **must have 8 hours** (approved hours credited may vary from actual hours attended) of verifiable approved classes/training from January 1 - December 31, 2021 to be eligible for the \$80.00 reimbursement.

**OSHA Training** - OSHA 10, available as an online class for \$25 at [www.careersafeonline.com](http://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](http://www.mustonline.org). \*\*Be sure to take the Construction Safety courses; not the General Industry courses.

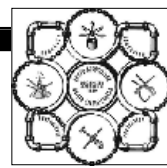
**It is each member's individual responsibility to keep all their Certifications current.**

If the person you are trying to reach at the Training Center is unavailable, please leave a message to ensure we can return your call. We attempt to return all messages by the end of the business day.

**You Are the Missing Piece.**



**Attend Your Union Meetings!**



## Local 357 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service

Plumbers, Pipefitters & HVAC Service Local 357

**KALAMAZOO – UNION MEETING:** The next regular Union Meeting is **Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm. Other meetings that day will be Finance Committee at 4:30 and Executive Board at 5:30.

**ORGANIZING:** Organizer Phil Curtis's cell number is 269-330-3267 and his email is [pcurtis@ualocal357.com](mailto:pcurtis@ualocal357.com). If you are working around someone or know someone working in our industry who is interested in membership, please contact Phil.

**MEDICAL CLAIMS ISSUES:** As a member, TIC International provides a dedicated team of member advocates to assist with the resolution of any and all medical claims issues. If at any time you experience an issue with your claims being processed and paid correctly, please contact TIC international at 1-888-281-3461. If you are not satisfied with the service you have received, please call me, Ken Willcutt, at (269) 569-3492.

**WEBSITE INFORMATION – FRINGES – TIC:** Check out the website at [www.ualocal357.com](http://www.ualocal357.com) and the **FACEBOOK** Page @ [www.facebook.com/UALocal357/](http://www.facebook.com/UALocal357/)

You should sign up for access to your fringe reporting done by TIC via the Union website. To gain access, click on the Members Access Your Information Here, then click on TIC International Corporation and then Register. This is where you will type in your Name, Email Address, UA Card # and Create your own password.

Once you have completed all the information – click on the **LARGE REGISTER** button that is surrounded by a Blue Box. Your User Access will be granted the next business day. To access your account, once it is set up, all you need to do is access the Membership Button again – type in your email address and password – and all your information will be presented. As a member via the website, you will be able to keep track of all your hours and receive an e-mail when hours are posted to your account. **This is very important as it is up to you to keep up to date on the hours being paid on your behalf by ANY CONTRACTORS.**

**CHANGE OF STATUS:** If you have a change of status for example: married, divorced, remarried, birth, death, workers comp, address change, etc., please call TIC at the phone number above and Lori at the Union Hall. It is very important that we keep all our records up to date.

**There seems to be a continuing problem regarding notification of divorces. Note that you, the member, will be responsible for any bills incurred and paid on claims of an ex-spouse or dependents. (See Pages 6 and 27 in the Summary Plan Description Booklet for clarification)** Time limits apply for

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to the family of Scott Randall on the birth of a baby girl, Ariadne. Congratulations to Benjamin Merritt on his recent marriage. Congratulations to Dan Harding on his recent retirement.

**CONDOLENCES:** Condolences to Kirk and Ryan LaPine on the recent passing of their father & grandfather.



## Local 370 Plumbers & Pipe Fitters

Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Local 370

FLINT – The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 7:00pm.**

**Please note** that your monthly work hour statements from TIC now show your Health Care banked hours and Benny card dollar bank.

Per our **By-Laws Article XV**, *The Building Tradesman* is hereby adopted and subscribed to as our Labor paper for all members of Local 370. Said paper to be used for all official notification of membership.

### Committee and Board meetings are as follows:

Examining Board – Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 4:00pm  
FMR Committee – Tuesday August 10, 2021, at 4:00pm  
PAC committee – Tuesday August 10, 2021, at 5:00pm  
Executive Board – Tuesday August 10, 2021, at 5:00pm  
Building Committee – Tuesday August 10, 2021, at 6:00pm  
Finance Committee – Tuesday August 10, 2021, at 6:15pm  
JATC Committee – Tuesday September 28, 2021, at 3:30pm

**ALL GM Worksites and others require Must Safety and Drug Testing:** MUST safety modules are only valid for 4 years. Call the hall to sign up for the MUSTSAFE.com website and complete all 18 safety modules. Members will not be eligible to work at any job site requiring them until all 18 modules are complete and are current on their drug test. If your drug test is expired, you must take one before you can be dispatched to any GM work. Drug tests are only valid for 1 year. Call The hall and we will print you a drug test authorization form

Local 370 office hours 7:30am – 4:30pm.

Sub/Sick checks will be processed 8:00am – 11:30 am and 1:30pm – 4:15pm daily.

**Sub Pay** – Remember to qualify for sub pay when you are laid off, you must sign the out of work list. You can also collect when you are on Jury Duty and miss work. If you are traveling, call Karla to see if you need to make sub-fund self-payments. All members were sent a Sub-Pay manual in 2018. If you did not receive one, please call TIC at (517) 321-7502 and ask for the 370 Sub Pay Fund Summary Plan Description (SPD)

**Attendance award** drawing for membership meeting information. Member's present must have dues paid to date to claim award. Monthly award is \$150.

**Attention All Active Members in Good Standing.** The Joint Apprentice and Training Committee voted to reimburse any active member of Local 370 that takes and passes any training, testing or certification that may be required to perform their work. This includes Rigging, Med-Gas, Back flow or any work-related training or certification expense. Members will be reimbursed after successful completion and verification of the cost. Lost wages will not be covered by the JATC. Plumbing license renewal is still the responsibility of the member. If you have any questions, please contact local 370 JATC.

**Mobile App.** Our mobile app is now available for download on you cell phone. Go to the app store and search **UA Local 370**. Download the app and sign in. You can read the latest Building Trades article, see upcoming meeting dates, or pay your dues. This is a work in progress, and we will add more content to the site as we move forward.

**Our web site is up and running.** Check it out at [ualocal370.org](http://ualocal370.org). We are now able to accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express for window dues. If you want to take advantage of this service there will be a \$1.00 per month charge added to the monthly window dues fee and a 3% fee for all other transactions.

Plumbing, Mechanical and Residential Code Books are now available at the hall. The books are \$75.00 each.

Remember to keep your dues current. Any member failing to pay for 3 months shall stand suspended, unable to vote for a period of 1 year or run for office for a period of 2 years and subject to a \$50.00 reinstatement fee. Dues must be paid in 3-month increments according to our bylaws. Dues will be accepted up to 6:45 on union meeting nights.

Members wishing to take the U.A. welding certification test contact business agent, Dan Gaudet for application and testing dates.

Local 370 ball caps and winter fleece caps are available at the union offices. Ball caps \$10.00 and fleece caps \$5.00. Pocket Tee shirts are available for \$10 dollars each. Hooded sweat shirts and long sleeve pocket tee shirts are available. The sweat shirts are \$30 and the long sleeve tee shirts are \$15. Golf polo and golf wind shirts are available for \$25.

If you shop on the internet, **SHOP UNION MADE**, log on to [www.shopunionmade.com](http://www.shopunionmade.com).

T.I.C. fringe administrators' toll free number is 1-888-797-5862.

*"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."*

–John Stuart Mill (1806 - 1873)

*"Under all speech that is good for anything there lies a silence that is better. Silence is deep as Eternity; speech is shallow as Time."*

–Thomas Carlyle (1795 - 1881)

*"Hope is a good breakfast, but it is a bad supper."*

–Sir Francis Bacon (1561 - 1626)

*"Be wiser than other people, if you can, but do not tell them so."*

–Lord Chesterfield (1694 - 1773)

*"An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought."*

–Simon Cameron (1799 - 1889)

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**PLUMBER** apprentice Curtis Cowan of Local 98 sets water pipe for a hose bib while working in the upper reaches of the high-bay area of the Carpenters Training Center in Detroit. He's employed by John E. Green.



## Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters & Service Trades Local 174

**COOPERSVILLE** – Meeting Notice: **Our next meeting will be August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the Assembly Hall. All pertinent CDC and MDHHS guidelines will be followed. The front office will remain open until 7pm.**

**Attention:** This paper is to serve as the official notice to the membership.

**Retiree Breakfast:** The next retiree breakfast will be Thursday, Aug. 5 at 9am at New Beginnings in Coopersville. We will follow restaurant and CDC rules.

**Member Update:** Business Manager Ryan Bennett will host a member update on the Facebook members group on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Brother Bennett will provide a recap of the Union meeting and answer questions.

**COVID Vaccine Incentive:** Local #174 Health Fund will provide a \$50 Visa gift card for any member who gets their COVID vaccine or provides a doctor's letter saying they cannot get the COVID vaccine. This is for working participants only, not family members. Please provide that information to Cami in person or via email to cburris@ua174.org. Cami will submit a list weekly to TIC and TIC will mail out the gift cards.

**Student Council:** Local 174's Apprenticeship Student Council will be hosting a river clean-up day in Fallasburg park from 9am to 1pm on July 31st. We will be walking the shallow water of the river and the riverbanks picking up trash and removing fallen trees from the river. Plan on being in the river so bring appropriate clothing, water shoes and a towel. After the clean-up is done we will grill up some burgers and brats. Sign up with Cami, Jason or Nate

**Dave Reynolds Memorial Golf Outing:** The Local 174 Golf Outing will take place on **Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Falls at Barber Creek. The format will be a four person scramble. Each team must have two Local #174 members. Registration at 8am and shotgun start at 8:30am. The cost is \$65 per person. Contact Cami to sign up. Money must be paid by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**DHE Plumbing and Mechanical:** We would like to talk to DHE's workers. If you know of a jobsite where they're working please contact Chris Pelton.

**Contact Information:** If you have a change in contact information PLEASE CONTACT CAMI so we can keep our system up to date.

**TIC, Aetna, Labor First:** If you have issues with any of our fund service providers please contact Ryan Bennett at rbennett@ua174.org. Please try to remember who you spoke with, this will help the company fix the problem.

**PAC Cards:** Since the elimination of prevailing wage, the race to the bottom on wages and benefits for publicly funded projects has begun. Our political focus over the years to come will be electing people who support prevailing wage and wage standards in general. To do that we need to raise our PAC card participation. We currently have less than half of the local contributing to our PAC. Your PAC contribution DOES NOT COME OFF YOUR CHECK. When you sign the PAC card it allows us to move money from your working dues over to our PAC. Please call Cami today and find out if you have current PAC card on file.

**Medicare Retirees:** Effective Jan. 1, 2021 your insurance

premiums will be reduced by approximately 12.5%. New rates are as follows:

Single Medicare \$262.55  
Retiree and Spouse Medicare \$525.09

Retiree and Non-Medicare Spouse \$677.55

**Short Term Disability:** The Local #174 Board of Trustees recently voted to increase the short-term disability amount from \$300 per week to \$400 per week. This increase will be effective September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Dispatch:** We will be splitting up the dispatch responsibilities between the business agent and the assistant business manager positions. Each person will be on dispatch for 2 weeks. There is a dispatch email: dispatch@ua174.org which both offices have access to. There is a dispatch phone extension that will switch between the two offices depending on who is on dispatch.

**New insurance carriers:** Active and NON Medicare Retirees  
Aetna: (888) 290-7241  
Save-Rx: (800) 228-3108  
Medicare Retirees Labor First: (616) 345-0788

**Organizing Update:** Please contact Chris Pelton if you know of any jobsites with a non-union plumbing or mechanical contractor or if you are interested in actively assisting with our organizing efforts. There are plenty of opportunities available, ranging from a one-day ride-along with a Business Agent or Organizer all the way up to full blown salting.

**Dues:** Please keep your monthly window dues current. You can find your dues balance on the website or by calling the Union office. Remember that if you are expelled from the UA that you are no longer eligible to attend Local Union events, such as meetings, picnics, awards banquets, and Christmas parties.

**Jurisdiction:** Remember to always call into the local you are traveling to. Do not rely on anyone else to call in for you. They will not get into trouble. It is the member who is working in another local who has not checked in that gets into trouble. Please contact Ryan Bennett if you see another local's contractors/members working in our jurisdiction.

**Contact Info:** Please make sure we have your updated contact information. Check your info on the website or by calling Cami at the Union office.

**Metal Trades, Helpers, and Trainees:** Please remember that if you are working as a Metal Trades, Helper, or Trainee your raises are based on the day you were first dispatched to work at that classification. If you are not sure of your dispatch date, please contact the Union office. **It is up to you to let the Union office know.**

**Labor Councils:** - Kent Ionia - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month / Labor Temple 918 Benjamin / 5:30pm

Lakeshore - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month / CIO Hall 490 Western / 6pm

All members are encouraged to become active in our area Labor Councils. Please contact a Union Officer for details.

**FRINGE PLAN THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR:** (TIC). West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local No. 174 Fringe Benefit Funds, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-9275

(517) 321-7502 Phone  
(855) 40-PLUMB Toll Free  
(517) 321-7508 Fax

**BENEFITS WEBSITE:**

[westmichiganplumbers.org](http://westmichiganplumbers.org) is the TIC website where you can check your contributions and benefit information. Click on benefit inquiry. Your username is your social security number. The password for first time users is K4GHB39 (case sensitive). You will then be prompted to create a permanent password.

**Forms:** The forms for Dollar Bank Reimbursement and Sub Pay are on the [www.ua174.org](http://www.ua174.org) website under the Members Only section and Forms and Links tab.

**Contract Requirements:** Please remember Section 5.7 of our collective bargaining agreement states, "Persons called from the unemployed list will report to work with a UA/WMMCA issued drug card." Section 18.5 states, "...employees...shall be required to maintain the following Safety Training Certifications: First Aid/CPR, Bloodborne Pathogens and OSHA 10." Please make sure you follow our agreement.

**Out of work list:** Please remember to call extension 17 when you are laid off. You must call line 17 to be put on the available to work list. When you leave a message, please speak clearly. Any member who goes to work without a referral is in violation of our Collective Bargaining Agreement and Article XXXI of our Constitution and By-Laws. Please contact the Union Hall to find out your position on the out of work list.

**Union Hall extension numbers:** Ryan Bennett Business Manager ext. 12, Nathan Phillips Assistant Business Manager ext. 13, Jason Finch Business Agent ext. 14, Chris Pelton Organizer ext. 15, Lisa Johnson Accounting Manager 11, Cami Burris Administrative Assistant ext. 10, Training Dept: Jeff Rumsey ext. 16, Nicole Shumaker ext. 30.

**Training News.**  
**FIRST AID:** First Aid/CPR/BBP class will be the second Thursday of the month, from 5:00p-9:00p. The next classes will be held August 12 and September 9, 2021.

The Training Center will be closed the week of August 9 for UA School/Instructor Training Program.

Night classes will be added to the schedule based on student demand and instructor availability.

If you have a certification that has expired in the last few months and have questions regarding recertification, please contact the Training Office. Many certifications have extended grace periods on expiration dates.

Please contact Jeff or Nicole if you have questions. Call the Training Office @ (616) 837-0222 x16 (Jeff)/Nicole @ (616) 837-0222 x30.

Or via text Jeff (231) 923-8140 / Nicole (231) 206-4213.

*"I was always looking outside myself for strength and confidence, but it comes from within. It is there all the time."*

—Anna Freud (1895 - 1982)

*"You don't get to choose how you're going to die. Or when. You can only decide how you're going to live. Now."*

—Joan Baez (1941 - )

*"The United States does not have a choice as to whether or not it will or will not play a great part in the world. Fate has made that choice for us. The only question is whether we will play the part well or badly."*

—Theodore Roosevelt (1858 - 1919)



## Local 190 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters, Service Technicians, Gas Distribution

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 190

**ANN ARBOR – UNION MEETING (AUGUST):** A monthly union meeting will be held on Monday, August 9th and will start 6:00 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI. Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

**FUSING CLASS:** Anyone interested in registering for the fusing class, please contact Business Agent Pat Duffy at (734) 368-4423 or Roy Musgrove at (734) 369-1432.

**GAS DISTRIBUTION MICHIGAN MEMBERS - MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Information will be sent out via text message on how to join the virtual meeting. Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings. We are sending out Robo calls (caller ID "Oklahoma City, OK") to keep you updated and informed, if you are NOT receiving these messages it means we do not have a current phone number on file for you, please contact the hall to update.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE – UNION HALL HOURS:** Effective Monday, April 5th the office will resume normal business hours. The office will be open on Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 (the office will be closed for lunch from Noon to 1:00 p.m.)

Currently Local 190 is not accepting any apprenticeship applications. A note will be put in the paper when this current status changes.

**ROBO CALLS:** We are sending out Robo calls to keep you updated and informed, if you are NOT receiving these messages it means we do not have a current phone number on file for you, please contact the hall to update.

**TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE - 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:** Our annual golf outing will be held on Saturday, July 31st. Our event will be held at Whitmore Lake Golf Links, Whitmore Lake. Mark your calendar for this special event. The prices are as follows: \$80.00 union member, \$60.00 retiree union member and \$100.00 for non-union. **Please purchase your tickets no later than Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions please contact Karen at (734) 424-0962 Ext. 210

**MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION JOURNEYMAN WELDERS:** Remember it is very important to keep your continuity forms up to date.

**MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION - E-Mail address:** Please contact the union hall 734-424-0962 or Pat Duffy 734-368-4423 to make sure we have a current e-mail address.

**MICHIGAN LICENSE RENEWAL:** Plumbing license renewals are done online **ONLY!!!** For detailed instructions and requirements, please visit: [www.michigan.gov/bcc](http://www.michigan.gov/bcc). Feel free to stop into the Union hall and pick up a copy of the instructions.

**UA LOCAL 190 WEBSITE:** [www.ua190.org](http://www.ua190.org) Current members will be able to log into the "Members Only" section using your last name and UA card number. **NEW ON THE WEBSITE\*\*\*:** Members can now view and sign up for job calls. The same procedure will be used as the call-in line. If you are laid off or go back to work, there are forms available to fill out on the website that will inform the hall.

**CREDIT CARD MACHINE:** You now have the ability to pay your union dues or purchase merchandise by credit card or debit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A surcharge of 3.99% is added to your card on the transaction amount. We will then mail you your dues receipt and credit charge slip.

**LAID OFF OR BACK TO WORK – IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:** All members who get laid off or report back to work **please immediately contact Karen (734) 424-0962 Ext. #210**, to report the last day in which you worked or to report the day you went back to work. **PLEASE NOTE:** Members can now go to the website under "members only" and fill out a "back to work" form or "laid off" form.

**INFORMATION - FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:**  
**NEW VISION PROGRAM – DAVIS VISION:** Please be advised of the January 1, 2021 change to your vision benefits. Effective January 1, 2021, your vision benefits are now being offered through Davis Vision. Welcome letters and cards, detailing your new benefits, were mailed during the month of December 2020. If you have not received this information, please contact the Fund office at #888-390-7473. You can also go to the Local 190 website [www.ua190.org](http://www.ua190.org) and go to the benefit section for more information.

**NEW BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD APP FOR YOUR SMART DEVICE:** Attention all members you can download the free Blue Cross Blue Shield APP on your smart device. This will allow you to see a copy of your BCBS card, review your claims, explanation of benefits and much more. **Download: BCBSM**

**ARE REPRESENTATIVE FROM FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE WILL BE AT THE UNION HALL:** A representative will be at the union hall **each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.** Members will be able to meet with Bernadette from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. You can reach the benefits office Monday through Friday by calling 888-390-7473.

**MEDICARE:** When you become eligible for Medicare, please contact Bernadette Maus at our Fringe Benefit office 1-888-390-7473.

The Training Center is open to members wishing to update any certifications, licenses, or qualifications. We are following CDC, OSHA, MIOSHA, MDHHS, and Washtenaw County Health Dept. guidelines. **Check your Certifications to make sure that you are current!**

**Lead/Asbestos/Blood-borne Pathogens Training (4 hrs):** 2021 Schedule - All on Mondays - **July 19, 2021 @ 5:00pm, and Oct 4, 2021 @ 5 pm. Call Retha to be put on the list for the day you choose.**

**First Aid/CPR Training (4 hrs):** 2021 Schedule - All on Mondays - **July 26, 2021 @ 5:00pm, and Oct 18, 2021 @ 5:00pm. Call Retha to be put on the list for the day you choose.**

**Welding Lab:** *Welding lab is closed for the summer. Open welding lab will resume the week of September 6, 2021.*

**ASSE Backflow Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class, to become an ASSE Certified Backflow Tester (5110). Class will begin Tuesday, Sept. 14 and run Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 5 weeks, from 5pm - 9pm.

**ASSE Backflow Re-Certification (8hrs):** Re-certification for the ASSE Backflow Tester (5110) will be Tuesday, Oct 19th and Wednesday, Oct 20th. Please contact Retha before Monday, Sept 13th, to order the tests.

**Med Gas Installer and Brazer Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class to be Med Gas certified. Must have a minimum of 4 years, documented experience in the plumbing and/or piping industry. Class will start Aug 18 and run Wednesdays and Thursdays for 5 weeks from 5pm - 9pm. Call Retha to be put on the list for this class.

**Med Gas Installer Up-Date (8hrs):** This class will be Wednesday, Sept. 22 and Thursday, Sept. 23 from 5pm - 9pm. If we exceed class size, we will schedule another class. Those wishing to update their Med Gas installer certification should call Retha to be put into the next class, no later than Wednesday, Sept 1st, to order tests.

**EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class, to become Certified in Rigging and Crane Signaling. Must have 5 years of experience or have went through Rigging Technologies (Apprenticeship Rigging). Call Retha to sign up for this class. Once we have enough to put it on, we will reschedule it.

**EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Re-certification (8hrs):** This rigging re-certification will now include the EPRI Signal person certification. Class will be 2 days and then the written exam. Thursday, July 29, Tuesday, Aug 3, and Wednesday, Aug 4. You must be on the list no later than July 20, to order the test. Call Retha to sign up for this class.

**ICRA Certification (16hrs):** *Looking to put on another ICRA certification class. Class is limited to 12 participants. Call Training Center to get put on the list for the next class.*

**RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Michael Riley. Mike initiated on Aug. 27, 1991 and retired on July 1. We all wish you good health, good luck and great success in your retirement.

**RETIREE MEETINGS – \*\*SPADES and BREAKFAST MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE BUILDING TRADESMAN PAPER:** Please contact Karen Spearin at the union hall, (734) 424-0962 Ext #210, if you would like to put a special notification in the paper.



Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 671

**MONROE** – The next Regular Union meeting is scheduled for **August 5, 2021 at 7 p.m. The Executive Board will also meet in person on August 5th at 5:00 p.m. If any Member wishes to see them, please contact the Hall prior to the meeting.**

**ATTENTION:** This paper is to serve as official notice to the membership.

**Allocation:** Results from our special order of business held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the allocation of our raise of \$1.70 is as follows:

\$1.20 on the check  
\$0.30 Health & Welfare  
\$0.10 Dues check off for Target fund

\$0.10 Apprentice fund

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 your new base wage is \$40.00 per hour and your total taxable wage is \$43.21. Make sure your check is right and if you have any questions, please call the hall.

**Retirees:** Recently you may have received a phone call from our new insurance United Health Care to conduct a home visit. This is not mandatory and is only conducted if you grant permission. If you have any questions on home visits and why they are conducted feel free to contact Carly or Mike at the union hall.

**Insurance:** We have recently experienced issues with a couple of pharmacies and Express Scripts. Please avoid CVS or Rite Aid as they do NOT accept Express Scripts, try using Meijer, Kroger, or Walgreens as potential options instead.

**Golf Outing:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Local 671 Scholarship Golf Outing was a huge success. The weather was excellent and everyone had a great time, all while raising money for our Scholarship Fund. Thank you very much to all of our sponsors and volunteers who made the event a success!

**Picnic:** We have decided to have a Picnic on September 11<sup>th</sup> of this year, but it has to look different to insure everyone's safety. It will be held under a tent outside, and the Hall will only be open to use the restrooms. We are already looking forward to seeing everyone again, but also please understand, these changes need to be in place this year.

**Condolences:** Our condolences go out to Retiree Pat Linkes on the recent passing of his Wife Corrine (Corkey). Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.

**Union Promotion:** We now have Hi-Vis long sleeve shirts in Orange and Yellow at the Hall for \$20.00 if anyone is interested.

**Work Opportunities:** We continue to fill calls for Local work. If you are currently traveling, listen to the job line for any upcoming auctions.

**Mobile App:** Our Mobile App titled "UA Local 671" is available in the App Store for iPhone or Android. The Username for Local 671 Members is your last name and your book number (UA Card Number). The Password is just your book number.

We recently have sent Push Notifications out with important information such as Covid-19 updates and Informational Meeting notices. This mobile app is a great tool to stay current with all the latest information from the Union Hall. **PLEASE DOWNLOAD THIS APP SO YOU CAN KEEP UP ON CURRENT INFORMATION THAT THE HALL NEEDS TO GET OUT.** The App is available in the Google Play Store or on iTunes.

**In Closing:** We have a tremendous work going on right now. Let's watch after and train our new Apprentices like we always have done. Please remember to be safe on and off the job, while still taking breaks or vacations as needed to stay rested mentally and physically.

Mike Jewell: Cell (419) 262-8503 email: [mike@ualocal671.com](mailto:mike@ualocal671.com)  
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## Local 636

Pipe Fitters, Steam Fitters, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Service

Pipe Fitters 636

DETROIT – The Next Union Meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2020, it will be held at St. Georges Romanian Culture Center located @ 18405 W. Nine Mile Rd. Southfield MI 48075. It will start at 7pm. MASKS or FACE COVERINGS are optional, but temps will still be taken at the door.

The Pipefitters Local 636 Annual Picnic HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2021... ALL OTHER DETAILS STILL APPLY. Picnic will be from 11am-4pm at The Lower Huron Metroparks, Washago Pond Picnic Shelter. Food, Drinks, and Prizes will be available! Bring the whole family to enjoy a day of fun with the Pipefitters.

Pipefitters 636 would like to extend our condolences to the family of Life Member Retiree Robert Schy who passed away on May 12, 2021.

Financial Advisor Jason May with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management has a new contact number, 248-655-4048.

Pipefitters 636 would like to inform the Local 636 members of the current Office Administrative Changes they are as follows (please notice the changes in the SUB FUND correspondence):

**Receptionist/Dues/Address Changes/General Inquiries:** Craig Harmon email: charmon@pipefitters636.org

**Sub Fund Office:** Kristina Springer: Please send all SUB Fund Requests to email: kspringer@pipefitters636.org 248-538-7065

**Account Management/Death Notice:** Margaret April, email: mapril@pipefitters636.org 248-538-6636 extension 102

The Hall is now open to all foot traffic. Masks are OPTIONAL. Dues payments or SUB transactions can still be done via email or by phone. SUB email is kspringer@pipefitters636.org

CJ Harrison would like all our members to know that she is still available by phone during these uncertain times, she is working from home doing phone conferences which is still beneficial to all our members and their families. You can contact her @ 313-580-6887

**The Retiree Association Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.** The election has also been postponed until further notice. – President David Evans

UA password good thru June 30, 2021: CERTIFIED APRENTICESHIPS

Any member that is Retiring contact Benesys @ 248-813-9800 for your Retirement paperwork or if you want to meet with the Financial Secretary Treasurer, please give him a 7-to-10-day notice so that he can get all of your paperwork in order.

**Dues:** If you do not pay your Dues by the end of each quarter. After 2 quarters go unpaid you will then be Expelled and have to be Re-Initiated and pay a \$200 Re-Initiation fee.

**Defined Contribution Pension Plan:** For those members who use the Voice Response Unit, VRU to obtain balance information and transfers funds in your Defined Contribution Pension, the number has changed. The new number for the VRU is 877-410-9984. Plan provider number is 7526.

You can now login to your Defined Contribution account on the Local's website. Just click on the "Defined Contribution login here tab" and it will take you to the BeneSys login page. The Defined Contribution website is www.yourplanaccess.com/benesys. All inquiries.

**Are you "Work Ready"?** Have any of your safety modules expired? Is your Drug Test current? Check your report card at mustbunsafe.org and if it is time for renewal call the Training Center (Continued next column)



John McEwan

## Local 636, retiree, former River Rouge Mayor John McEwan dies

A memorial mass is set for Saturday, July 17 for John McEwan, a Pipe Fitters Local 636 retiree who was a longtime mayor of the City of River Rouge.

A 65-year member of the Pipe Fitters union, Mr. McEwan was a 1940 graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School in River Rouge. He attended various universities, earning certifications in a number of fields. He was one of only a thousand people who earned the title of Certified Energy Manager (CEM).

John was also employed by Riverview School District as a superintendent to all building systems. He also held various other public offices for more than 20 years. While serving as Mayor, John championed ground-breaking international air pollution control initiatives and served the Downriver International Pollution Control Association as its first chairman and retired as chairman emeritus. He managed clean water initiatives for the City of River Rouge.

Before he was mayor, John was at the forefront of civil rights and brotherhood initiatives. He was active in many organizations, including St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wyandotte, Knights of Columbus, International Energy Manager and River Rouge Men's Club.

Mr. McEwan passed away Nov. 18, 2020 at age 99. He was the husband of the late Virginia, and father of Kathleen "Kate" (James), Jane "Janie" and John Jr. (Galina). He is also survived by many grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and one great great-grandson.

A memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 344 Elm St., Wyandotte, MI 48192.

## Pipe Fitters 636 continued

248-585-0636 and they will register you. Be "ready" when the calls come in. Safety modules and drug tests are paid for by the Contractors Association.

**WHEN YOU STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR SAFETY MODULES, DRUG TEST AND FIRST AID, YOU WILL QUALIFY FOR FUTURE BONUS PAYMENTS.**

**Recovery Support Group:** Pipe Dreamers, a Peer Support Recovery group for ongoing recovery from substance abuse and addiction meets the **second and fourth Tuesday** of each month at **4:30pm** at the office of "Work Life Strategies" 26789 Woodward Avenue, Suite 3105, Huntingwood Woods 48070. Call 248-545-8301 for details or any questions you may have.

Also, a Relations/Divorce Support Group meet on the **second and fourth Thursday** of the month at **6pm**.

**Worker Assistance Program:** Work Life Strategies, LLC are available to our members and their families to provide personal counseling services and when needed, referral to other professionals. Call 248-545-8301 to talk to a counselor for issues relating to grief, alcohol and or drug addiction, bankruptcy, financial management, marital, depression, legal and family counseling.

Consultations with Work Life Strategies are a service paid for by the Insurance Fund. Referrals to outside professionals, if needed, will be paid for according to the current health care plan benefits.

"Successful people in this world are those who get up and look for circumstances they want. If they can't find them, they make them."

—George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)



Plumbers and Steamfitters 85 SAGINAW – Union Meetings will be Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Meetings will be held at the Union Hall located at 3535 Bay Road and start at 7:00 PM.

The next **Northern Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm at BJ's in Gaylord.

Seeking licensed plumbers to work in Alpena, if interested please call Clint Steele at (231) 499-7330.

Please note: Our **new mailing address** for all correspondences has changed to 3535 Bay Rd. Saginaw, MI 48603.

**ALL NON-CRITICAL INTERACTIONS** are cancelled until further notice. Please utilize email and phone calls whenever possible.

Justin Pomerville, Business Manager (989) 799-5261 x 8513 jpomerville@ualocal85.org

Jamie Badour, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8515 jbadour@ualocal85.org

Tim Danielak, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8514 tdanielak@ualocal85.org

Clint Steele, Business Agent (231) 499-7330, csteele@ualocal85.org

Bobby Anderson, Organizer (989) 799-5261 x 8512, rjanderson@ualocal85.org

Kristin Tuthill, Office Professional (989) 799-5261 x 8511 ktuthill@ualocal85.org

Monica Zanotti, Office Professional (989) 799-5261 x 8510 mzanotti@ualocal85.org

Please check the ualocal85.org or our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

The **new website** is up and running. Please check out www.ualocal85.org. Click on Local 85 Members to access members only information. Login information is username: first initial with full last name. Password is 00 with your UA Card Number. If you should have any difficulties logging in, please call Kristin at (989) 799-5261 ext. 8511.

The **new Facebook** page is live. If you are currently on the Local Eighty-Five Facebook account, invites were sent to have you join the new site. UA Local 85 page is our public Facebook account. UA Local 85 Members Group is our new members only Facebook. On this page, we will have important messages and reminders specific to our membership. Please like both and let us know what you think.

**GOD BLESS ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT!**

**SUB Fund:**

**Print Unemployment Payment History** located underneath the Certification Tab when logged into your MiWAM account. Deadline for submittals is Noon on Thursday in order to receive a check that Friday. Checks will be mailed out on Friday. No in-person pickups allowed. If a holiday falls on a Friday, checks will be issued on Thursday and deadline will be moved up to Wednesday by noon.

**Where to submit documents:** Address: UA Local Union 85 SUB, 3535 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48603 Fax: (989) 791-3468 Email: SUB@ualocal85.org

**SUB Application for Benefits:** Must be on file in order to receive SUB Check. Available at the Hall.

**90-Day Rule:** The weeks you are claiming must be submitted within 90 days of the first Monday following the week in which you are eligible to receive a State benefit per the Plan Documents.

**Taxes:** There are no taxes taken out of SUB Fund Checks, however they are taxable wages and you will receive a W-2 at the end of the year. If you want taxes withheld from your SUB Fund Check, please indicate the dollar amount for Federal and State on each SUB submittal.

**NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS: Address & Phone Update:** Please call the Union Hall to update any address or phone number changes at (989) 799-5261.

**Beneficiary Cards:** Please call the Union Hall for any changes in beneficiary information at (989) 799-5261.

**Website Address:** Please (Continued next column)



Sprinkler Fitters Local 704

DETROIT – The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 P.M. at the Union Hall. The Executive Board will meet the same evening at 4:30 P.M.

Sprinkler Fitters Local 704 Training Center is accepting resumes for two part-time instructors. Please submit your resume to the Training Center. The cut-off date is July 30<sup>th</sup>. All journeyman members are welcome to submit their resumes.

Mark your calendars for Sprinkler Fitters Local 704's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The date for the event will be Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at Motor City Casino. R.S.V.P.s will be sent out later this summer with event and hotel information.

Reminder: Article V, Section 13 of Local 704's Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order. Any project that falls into the jurisdiction of Local 704 shall be manned by not less than two members. Any member violating this By-Law shall be brought before the Executive Board for a trial and be subject to a fine.

Article IX, Section 4 of Local 704's Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order states: Members shall report all job starts to its local union office.

NFPA All Access is available for all 704 members. Please contact the Local 704 Training Center for username and password.

**Phone numbers to remember:** NASI is 1-800-638-2603 for information regarding Health and Welfare or Pension fund questions.

TIC International: 248-645-6550 for D.C. Fund distribution questions.

Jason May (Merrill Lynch): 248-655-4048 for D.C. Fund Investment questions.

Continuing education classes are being formed. Please reach out to the training center for further information or future classes you would like to see added.

Congratulations to Retired Brother Ken Bentley on achieving his 50-year status with the UA and Local 704. Thank you for your years of service.

Please keep your information updated with the union hall.

A speedy recovery to all of our sick and injured members.



## Local 85, con't

visit www.ualocal85.org.

**Insurance:** When you are working out of another Local's jurisdiction it may take up to 90 days for your Insurance and Pension to be reciprocated back to Local 85, which may cause problems with your Health Insurance.

**ALWAYS SAVE YOUR CHECK STUBS** and fax them in to the hall at 989-791-3468 with the local you are working out of indicated. We will fax them down to BeneSys to keep your Insurance up to date.

**RETIREE LUNCHEON:** All retiree luncheons are postponed until further notice. Please check the ualocal85.org or Facebook for all up to date information.

**Condolences:** Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of George Such II who passed away July 6, 2021.

Remember you all are essential to me.

Justin M. Pomerville  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary  
Local Union 85



Local 333

Plumbers & Pipe Fitters



Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 333

LANSING – August's union meeting will be held August 18, 2021 at 7:30pm, at the JATC Lansing Training Center, 16180 National Parkway, Lansing, MI. 48906.

September's union meeting will be held September 15, 2021, at 7:30pm at the JATC Lansing Training Center, 16180 National Parkway, Lansing, MI. 48906.

If you are interested in signing up for classes please go to our website at www.ua333.org or call the Training Center (517) 323-0333.

**PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL CERTIFICATIONS:** Per the UA, as of January 2019, all Braze and Weld Certifications shall be updated within 120 days of their expiration date, or you will lose your certifications. Check the date(s) of your Certifications, if they have expired please contact Diana at 517.323.0333. Though we send out everyone's continuities to be renewed; between changes in addresses and the Post Office, there is plenty of room for error. **Ultimately it's the member's responsibility to make sure their certification(s) are current and updated.**

If your Med-Gas Installer is going to expire within the next few months please sign up on our website to take the renewal class.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please contact your region's office to update your address or phone number if you have moved or changed your phone number.

**BENEFICIARIES:** If you have recently gotten married, divorced, had children, etc., please make sure you update your beneficiary paperwork. Forms are available at all three halls.

Sincere condolences to Mrs. Betty Bennett on the loss of her husband, Raymond "Joe-Baptist" Bennett, who passed away July 7, 2021. Ray was from the Battle Creek region, he retired in October of 2001. There will be a pot luncheon on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the St. Phillips Church, 112 NE Capital Ave. Battle Creek, MI. 49017, in their cafeteria from 1pm to 5pm. Any and all members are welcome. If they would like to bring something, please contact Richard Henry Funeral Home at (269) 962-5191.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our Lansing member Dave Wheeler whose father William Wheeler passed away June 29, 2021 at the age of 82. We are so very sorry for your loss.



## Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service Local 111

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 111

UPPER PENINSULA – The next Union Meeting will be in **Marquette on July 29<sup>th</sup>**, @ 7:30 p.m. EST.

**Condolences:** To the family of Local #111 member Perry St. Cyr who passed away on 6-21-2021. And to the family of Howard Wareham who passed away on June 26, 2021.

**Reminder:** Check your records and contact the hall with *any changes* to the following: **E-Mail, home address, phone number, a new birth, marriage, divorce, or death.** Please call April or Ann to have your information updated.

**Reminder:** It is your responsibility to call the hall as soon as you get laid off, the day you call

"We still do not know one-thousandth of one percent of what nature has revealed to us."  
–Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

"I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts."  
–John Locke (1632 - 1704)

Fishing gives you a sense of where you fit in the scheme of things - Your place in the universe...I, mean, here I am, one small guy with a fishing pole on this vast beach and out there in the blue expanse of ocean are these hundreds of millions of fish...laughing at me."  
–Unknown

"I know nothing except the fact of my ignorance."  
–Socrates (469 BC - 399 BC),

"Nothing is as irritating as the fellow who chats pleasantly while he's overcharging you."  
–Kin Hubbard (1868 - 1930)

"I have a simple philosophy. Fill what's empty. Empty what's full. And scratch where it itches."  
–Alice Roosevelt Longworth (1884 - 1980)

"A technical objection is the first refuge of a scoundrel."  
–Heywood Broun (1888 - 1939)

"We judge ourselves by what we are capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done."  
–Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807 - 1882)

"Be brief, for no discourse can please when too long."  
–Miguel de Cervantes (1547 - 1616)

"If we take in our hand any volume; of divinity or school metaphysics, for instance; let us ask, "Does it contain any abstract reasoning concerning quantity or number?" No. "Does it contain any experimental reasoning concerning matter of fact and existence?" No. Commit it then to the flames: for it can contain nothing but sophistry and illusion."  
–David Hume (1711 - 1776)

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## Local 25 Iron Workers

### Iron Workers Local 25

**NOVI – In-person Union Meeting Monday, July 26, 2021** at all Union Halls. After 16 months of Covid precautions, we will have our first in-person Union Meeting again. Please join us for some much-needed camaraderie & socialization. **Zoom still available if you cannot make it.**

Ironworkers Local 25 APP - Sign up for our emails via our website ([www.ironworkers-25.org](http://www.ironworkers-25.org)). We continue to communicate through the **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS** - Please download the APP if you haven't done so yet-again, via our website!

**Blue Water Building Trades** invites members & their families to participate in the **Rotary International Day Parade**, Port Huron, Wednesday July 21, 2021. Staging on Pine Grove Ave. between Erie St. and Glenwood St. Just look for the Trades Vehicles - they will be hard to miss. 5:00 pm Families assemble at the staging area & the Parade begins at 6:30 pm.

**The International Iron Worker Festival** will take place August 13-15, 2021 at Mackinaw City MI. Find a room at [www.mackinawcity.com](http://www.mackinawcity.com). For more information contact Mike Christensen 989-751-5082.

**Iron Workers Local 25 Annual Picnic** will take place this year on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at the Training Center 50490 W. Pontiac Trail, Wixom MI 48393. More details to follow; Mark your calendar!

**Pay union dues with personal check or money order** and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 - P.O. Box 965 - Novi, MI 48376-0965. PLEASE include your book number on the face of the check/money order. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall (M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash). After hours, use the outdoor-dues-collection box.

**CREDIT/DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues:** Comerica has changed the processing platform in compliance with new banking regulatory rules. The new platform now requires all new and existing users to authenticate themselves. Anyone who has used the prior system will need to set up brand new payment information AND will need to create a new log-in and password the first time you log in. The link is available on our website, [www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org) and cell phone APP. **The NEW phone number is 866-635-2826.**

**Organizer's Minute:** "If any man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar." - Abraham Lincoln. The (rat) owners of the nonunion contractors I face use lies and intimidation as their favorite tools. Last year the owners of American Steel Construction told their Ironworkers that talking about union activity is a fireable offense, but the law is clear.

In the United States of America, EVERY employee has the right to speak freely about organizing. That's why the National Labor Relations Board, along with the Ironworkers at ASC, filed 13 Unfair Labor Practice Charges against the owner and his management. If you would like to know more about organizing, to have a more educated perspective when the conversation comes up, please give me a call. "Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pain to bring it to light." - George Washington

**In Solidarity, Your Organizer Hank Kiluk #1252798 Cell: (313) 600-8242.**

**MANDATORY TO WEAR A FACE MASK IF YOU ARE STILL NOT VACCINATED & VISIT ANY UNION OFFICE OR UNION HALL.**

**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).** A birth certificate will be required.

**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).** A Marriage certificate will be required.

**Steward meeting(s): The Flint meeting is Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 5:30 pm. The Saginaw meeting is Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The Lansing meeting is Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm. All members 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](http://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. 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.

**THE TRAINING CENTER WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK OF JULY 19-23, 2021 FOR THE ANNUAL INSTRUCTOR TRAINING.**

Also, to clarify a rumor: **WE ARE NOT DOING OPEN INTERVIEWS FOR THE APPRENTICESHIP APPLICANTS.**

**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 on a regular basis; we now email your annual MUST drug screen paperwork and your pay raise slips.**

**To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School,** please go to the [ironworkers25.org](http://ironworkers25.org) to view the block schedule; we are practicing social distancing protocols, etc. Due to the high volume of apprentices doing their make-up days, we are limiting the number to 10 per day. Please call the school to make up days .... **Do not just show up and expect to be allowed to stay.**

The Novi retiree meeting will be Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 10:00 am. The Novi retirees Board of Directors will meet on **Wednesday, August 4, 2021 in Novi at 9:00 am.** Watch for updates at ([www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org)) or the Local 25 app that you can download by searching "Iron Workers Local 25" to stay informed on union matters.

Jim Hamric started up breakfast on the last Friday of each month at Mom's Restaurant 9:00 am. Located 2691 Fort St, Trenton, MI 48183. All are welcome!

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (07/12/2021 12:00 pm E.S.T.).



## Local 8 Iron Workers

### Iron Workers Local 8

Tim Roman  
Business Representative

**UPPER PENINSULA - WELD CERTIFICATIONS:** Weld certifications are being held on an as-needed basis. Please contact Rich Hanson at the Apprenticeship office for more information. 414-476-9372.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Iron Workers Local #8 in-person Membership Meeting will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. CST. Local #8 will stay in compliance with governmental guidance of social distancing and capacity limits.

Due to this limitation, our plan is to continue a virtual broadcast of the meeting in conjunction with in-person attendance.

Members can gain access to the meeting at <https://meeting.iw8.org> on the afternoon of the meeting.

**MINE SAFETY TRAINING:** The next MSHA Refresher Class will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. To sign up for this class, and provide your email address, please contact Ann Lakenen at Pipefitters #111 -906-226-6511.

**If you sign up for MSHA classes and do not attend or cancel, you will be charged a fee of \$30.00 and will be suspended from any further Mine Safety classes until the fee is paid.**

**IRON WORKERS LOCAL #8 ONLINE STORE:** Check out Local #8's swag at the online store at [iw8.org](http://iw8.org).

**INTERNATIONAL IRON WORKER FESTIVAL - 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** The International Iron Worker Festival will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in Mackinaw City, Michigan.

Events on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021: 3:00 p.m. - Walk of Iron Ceremony, North Huron Avenue - Noon - 5:00 p.m. - Registration and Booth Set-up. 6:00 p.m. - Live Band/Dancing.

Events on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021: 10:00 a.m. - Parade, 11:00 a.m. - Kid's Events - 12:00 Noon - Registration closes. 12:00 Noon - Skilled Events - 6:00 p.m. - Live Band/Dancing.

Events on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. - Old Timer's Events - Followed by World Champion Column Climb - Awards Ceremony - Approximately 2:00 p.m.

**RETIREE & ACTIVE MEMBER UPDATES:**

**Cal Prout:** A Celebration of Cal's Life, a 62 year, Retired Member of our Union will be held on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Elks Club in Negaunee, Michigan.

Sis Prout and Family welcome all of Cal's Iron Worker friends and family members to this (casual) Remembrance of Cal's Life, as an Iron Worker and Officer of our Union. Cal passed away on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the age of 82.

Let's attend and extend our condolences to Sis and Cal's Family.

**Jim St. Peter:** Retired Member and Vietnam-era Veteran, Jim St. Peter, is currently residing in the Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

Arrangements to visit Jim can be made by calling the Home at 906-226-3576, ask to talk to Amy.

Visits can be arranged to see Jim outside the Home, if requested. Jim would like to see some of his Iron Worker Brothers from the Escanaba and Marquette areas.



**SPRAYING A NICE COAT OF white to the underside of a ceiling at the Michigan Regional Carpenters and Millwrights Training Center in Detroit is Justin Tackett of Michigan Painters District Council Local 2353. He's employed by Detroit Spectrum Painting.**



## Glaziers & Glassworkers Local 357

### Glaziers & Glassworkers 357

**WARREN -** Our next regular scheduled union meeting will be on Monday August 2, 2021 at 6pm.

We will continue to have extremely warm weather coming up over the next few months. Be your brothers and sisters keeper. Look after each other, and make sure you stay hydrated. If you need a break from the sun, take it. Heat exhaustion is easy to get. Be safe! School work has begun, and is in full swing. We will continue to remain busy throughout the summer.

Keep your working status current; this helps protect your benefits. If you have a mailing address and/or telephone number change, please notify the Union and Fund Offices of the changes.

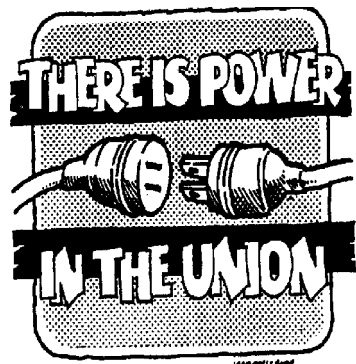
Dues payments may be mailed to the Union Office at 14587 Barber Avenue, Warren, MI 48088. Make checks payable to: **DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M** in care of Glassworkers #357.

When traveling to work out of town, all members are reminded that they must check in with the local that you are working in as per the International Constitution and our local C.B.A.

The Fund Office address is Michigan Glass and Glazing Joint Funds, P.O. Box 966, Troy, MI 48098-0666; phone number: 248-641-4957; fax 248-813-9898.

If you are in need of safety modules, please contact your employer if you are employed or the union office @ 586-552-4478, if you're not. Any questions call the hall or call the Council @ 586-552-4474. Participation is very important to keep your union strong, so try to make it to a meeting.

-Business Rep- Don Stepp



"The knowledge of the world is only to be acquired in the world, and not in the closet."  
- Lord Chesterfield (1694 - 1773)

"We can learn much from wise words, little from wise-cracks, and less from wise guys."  
- William Arthur Ward



### District Council 1M

**Business Manager:** Robert Gonzalez

**Meeting date:** 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., with the Executive Board meeting at 6 p.m. **Place:** 14587 Barber Ave, Warren MI 48088 & 419 S. Washington Ave, Lansing MI 48933

### Local Union 312

**Business Rep:** Tim Schwerin **Meeting date:** 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. **Place:** 1473 N. 30th St., Galesburg, MI 49053

### Local Union 514

**Business Rep:** Scott Mikulen **Meeting dates:** 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. **Place:** 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI.

**Web site:** [www.iupat-local514.org](http://www.iupat-local514.org)

### Local Union 826

**Business Rep:** Rocky Ackerman **Meeting date:** 2nd Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. **Place:** 3115 Joyce St. Burton, MI 48529

### Local Union 845

**Business Rep -** Fred Frederickson **Meeting date:** 1st Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. **Place:** 419 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

### Local Union 1052

**Business Rep -** Jake Fluty **Meeting date:** The Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. **Place:** 3115 Joyce St., Burton MI 48529

### Local Union 1803

**Business Rep:** Josh Ovall **Meeting date:** 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. **Place:** 7677 Midland Road, Freeland, MI 48623.

### Local Union 2352

**Business Rep:** Jeremy Haviland **Meeting Date:** 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. **Place:** District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave., Warren, MI.

### Local Union 2353

**Business Rep:** Keith Anderson **Meeting date:** 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. **Place:** District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave, Warren, MI.



### Sign Pictorial & Display 591

**WARREN -** The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept, 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Trustees and union stewards meet at 6:20 p.m. The August meeting has been cancelled following yearly tradition

Members must be in good standing (dues up to date) with District Council 1 app or receipt of paid dues to attend meeting  
Anyone possessing a union



## Local 1M

### Painters District Council 1M

**WARREN -** Dear Members, **DCIM WEBSITE:** [www.iupatdc1michigan.org](http://www.iupatdc1michigan.org)

**DCIM FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/iupat1m](http://www.facebook.com/iupat1m)

### DCIM UNION CARDS\*

Any questions regarding a lost, damaged Union card, or if you have dues inquiries or have not received a card please contact the DCIM offices at:

Warren Office: (586)552-4474 extension 100

Freeland Office: (989) 695-6888

### PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M SMARTPHONE APP

Painters District Council 1M is pleased to announce its' all new APP.

•For IPHONE go to IOS store,

•For ANDROID go to Google Playstore

Search for "Painters and Allied Trades" download APP

Username: your member id#

Password: painters

With this APP you can access training classes, Local Union meeting times and dates, receive alerts, and communications from your Union, etc.

### GET INVOLVED AND PARTICIPATE IN YOUR UNION!

**OUT OF WORK/BACK TO WORK:** To keep work placement efficient, please notify the office when you are laid off or going back to work.

Warren office# is 586-552-4474 or Freeland office# is 989-695-6888.

New job starts should be reported to the Union office, please do so

Get involved. Work smart. Work safe.



### membership and willingly works at a nonunion shop doing union work can have charges preferred against them under Sec. 16.4, and 19.8 of the District Council By-laws.

Any questions on local union issues, please call Jeremy Haviland at 586-899-0183, or Keith Anderson at 586-899-7958, your Business Representatives.

Questions pertaining to Local 591 Pension Fund issues call 248-645-6550 and/or Health Care issues call 248-358-3340 or 800-482-8736 which will then be answered directly through fund office.

**OUT OF WORK: BACK TO WORK:** procedure for out of and back to work: When laid off or going back to work, call the office. 586-552-4474

## BLS: new claims for jobless aid fewest in 15 months

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (PAI) -** The number of workers filing new claims for jobless benefits, as an after-effect of the Coronavirus pandemic, hit its lowest level in 15 months, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. But that still left more than 14 million people getting checks - and millions of those were cut off by Independence Day.

That's because 26 Republican governors have yanked their states out of special federal aid by July 3, the National Employment Law Project (NELP) reports.

Those governors maintain that the extended federal jobless assistance is keeping jobless workers on the sidelines, while there are numerous "help wanted" signs put out by busi-

nesses across the nation.

Those \$300 weekly checks go to workers who don't qualify for regular state-run jobless benefits - such as Uber and Lyft drivers, "independent contractors" and "gig economy" workers - or to workers who exhausted their regular state benefits.

NELP reported the \$300 federal checks cover 74.7 percent of the jobless in the GOP-run states. Nationally, NELP calculated, the cutoffs will leave some 4.7 million jobless workers without any aid at all after July 3. And all the other jobless will lose those checks just after Labor Day, unless Congress extends the program.

Nationally, the states and the federal government sent out a combined 14,659,761 jobless aid

checks the week of June 12, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. That's equivalent to 10.5 percent of the entire U.S. workforce.

Meanwhile, 474,397 other workers filed claims for aid in the week ending June 26. That's down from 509,770 the week of June 19. Both weekly figures are the lowest since the pandemic was officially declared March 13, 2020.

"Although states do not report demographic information on recipients of" the \$300 weekly checks, "over 46 percent of unemployment insurance recipients in the states ending the programs early are people of color. We can reasonably assume they make up a disproportionate share of those

receiving pandemic unemployment benefits," the federal checks.

In nine of the 26 states, more than half of the workers who have lost or will lose the \$300 checks by July 3 are workers of color, NELP added.

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## Heat and Frost Insulators Local 25

**Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25**  
SOUTHFIELD – UNION MEETING: Due to a power outage at the Union Hall, the July 8, 2021 Membership Meeting was unable to take place. Therefore, our first regularly scheduled Membership meeting will take place Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall.



**CURT MCGLONE**

ANNUAL PICNIC: The Annual Picnic will take place on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Stony Creek Metropark. A mailing will be going out soon with all the details. Anyone wishing to help with the picnic should please contact the Union Office.

**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 get 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. 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 \$50 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.

*"Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth and Knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the Gods."*

—Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

*"Not being able to govern events, I govern myself."*

—Michel de Montaigne (1533-1592)



## Local 47 Heat and Frost Insulators

**Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47**

LANSING – The next Regular Union Meeting will be held on Friday, August 13, 2021. The meeting will be held at the J.A.T.C. Training center located at 906 Terminal Rd., Lansing, MI 48933.

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.

Anyone interested in joining the newly formed Breath Of Life Committee is asked to please call the Local Union Office.

We have received our Breath of Life Gun Raffle Tickets, if you interested to purchase any tickets please call the Union Office or you can get a hold of someone on the job site who is selling them.

Breath of Life Gun Raffle Drawing will be held on Friday, July 30, 2021. If you have not yet purchased your ticket do so soon. This is your last chance to purchase your tickets.

**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 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.

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## Abatement Workers Local 207

**Abatement Workers Local 207**

TAYLOR – There are a lot of upcoming projects slated for Summer so be prepared for work. When you do return to work, follow all required Covid guidelines that may be in place for certain sites. Remember to call in if you are **unemployed** for help with future placement. **Workers** are needed **Immediately** all over the Detroit area! It is time to get off the couch and get back to work! Remember if you go more than a year without hours the system will Lapse you automatically and you will lose your membership.



**KEVIN MEAGHER**

It is time to call in your availability and get back to some steady work for you and your family! Updated, working telephone numbers are necessary to help you with work placement. Do not get caught without the necessary current job site credentials, although several state agencies have relaxed renewal requirements due to the pandemic.

There is a major need for manpower right now in Illinois and Missouri... Most of this work falls under the Missouri rate of \$32.60 per hour as well as **overtime** on some of these projects and **hotel** on a per contractor per job basis. Some of the work is ASAP and some of the projects are 2 weeks out. If you have a Illinois or MO License please contact **Wade Edwards** as soon as possible for details at **314-581-2254**. With most state agencies working from home during this pandemic filling out on-line renewals is the way to go. They are processing much quicker than traditional mail in applications.

If you have any questions about on-line applications or what states you may want to get a license for do not hesitate to call the office or my cell. We are looking at scheduling a new initial class for Late March so please if you can recommend anyone that you know can handle this work have them call the office to get an application filled out and sent in so we can get them into the next class.

**UPCOMING ASBESTOS TRAINING CLASSES:** Asbestos Initial August 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 6<sup>th</sup> still spots open. Asbestos Refresher Aug. 28.

**Check with the Office to ensure the classes will occur as scheduled.**

—All classes will be held at Local 207's office @ 26453 Northline in Taylor.

—Classes begin promptly at 8AM and end at 4PM, followed by a Lead Awareness Update.

If you are due to expire and need one of these refreshers now, please call the Taylor Office (1-800-207-5622) to register.

—Class sizes are being limited due to state guidelines currently in place.

**BE SAFE, WEAR YOUR MASKS, & FOLLOW THE SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES!**

## Local 47 cont'd

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](http://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 injured members.



AT WORK AT THE DETROIT Carpenters Training Center project are (l-r) Gilbert Ortiz of Laborers Local 1191 and Dave Shuff of Carpenters Local 687. They're employed by Acoustic Ceiling & Partition.



## LiUNA! LOCAL 1191

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Laborers 1191

**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), the next membership meeting will on the August, 6<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

**Retirees:** The 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 in Detroit.

**Union Dues For 2021:** Effective January 1, 2021 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](http://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 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 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](http://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](http://www.mltai.org) to schedule 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 5<sup>th</sup> your name will be removed from the list.

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

**Telephone: (877) 645-2267**

**Fax: (517) 321-7508**

**Website: [www.michiganlaborers.org](http://www.michiganlaborers.org)**

**Delta Dental: (800) 524-0149**

**Metropolitan Detroit Laborers' (Pension)**

**Telephone: (248) 641-4942**

**Fax: (248) 813-9898**

**Metropolitan Detroit Laborers' (Healthcare)**

**Telephone: (800) 228 0048**

**Metropolitan Detroit Laborers' (Vacation)**

**Telephone: (877) 645-2267**

**Web Site: [www.metrodetroitlaborers.org](http://www.metrodetroitlaborers.org)**

**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](http://www.unionplus.org)

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Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

**Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi** have 55 years combined experience

representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear themselves at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

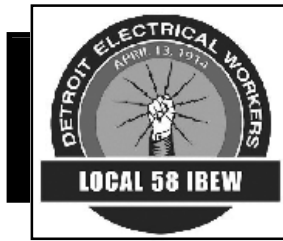
In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won**. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. They maintain offices in Sterling Heights, Livonia, Southgate and Novi. Call them at **1-800-331-3530** for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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# IBEW LOCAL 58



## IBEW 58

DETROIT – The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm.

**Electrical Industry Training Center** is offering Continuing Education classes. Please check them out at <http://www.detroitetc.org/continuing-education/>. We will start to cancel classes if they don't meet the minimum enrollment requirements, or more hopefully we will order books for those of you who've signed up. Members on the Storm Book must secure their training through the Continuing Education Program offered by the school. If you need assistance in registering for a class, please call the Training Center at 586-751-6600.

**Blood Drive:** Our next Blood Drive will be Sept. 6, 2021, Labor Day, 6:30 AM-12:30 PM at the Union Hall. Please schedule your appointment today at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code [ibew58](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS, (1-800-733-2767). Appointments honored, walk-ins are welcome but it is highly recommended to make an appointment. Volunteers are needed to help with the blood drive. Please email Beth at [beth.frahm@redcross.org](mailto:beth.frahm@redcross.org) if you are interested.

**NEW BENEFIT ALERT. SWORD Health – Virtual Physical Therapy services – Effective July 1, 2021.** Start your journey to living pain-free at home with SWORD, virtual physical care for back, joint, and muscle pain which are proven to work better than in-person physical therapy.

SWORD virtual physical care matches you with a physical therapist who learns about you over a video call and designs a customized program. You'll then get a tablet and motion sensors to track your exercise progress, give feedback and help correct your form in real-time. Your physical therapist supports you every step of the way and even adjusts the program as your needs change, so you get better, faster.

Best of all, with SWORD no referral is needed, there's no copay so it's free to you and eligible family members as part of your health plan benefits. Get started today – join [www.swordhealth.com/ewe/register](http://www.swordhealth.com/ewe/register) – Effective July 1, 2021. To view videos on how SWORD works – go to [www.ewjbt.org](http://www.ewjbt.org): Click on Documents - Health Care -Insurance Updates. If you have questions, please contact the Benefit Office at 586-575-9200.

An employer-sponsored employee assistance program (EAP) is a work-based intervention program designed to identify and assist employees in resolving personal problems that may be adversely affecting their performance at work, such as marital, financial or emotional problems; family issues; or substance or alcohol abuse.

**Local 58 Dues Information:** Go to Apple/Google Play and download the IBEW 58 APP, we must have a current email address on file for you. In the APP go to My Profile, My Member Tools, Pay Dues. Please follow all instructions. You can also pay by phone with credit/debit or mail a check/money order

**Local 58 Motorcycle Group:** The next meeting will be Aug. 18, 2021 at the Union Hall starting at 5:30. For more information contact Anthony Anderanin at [aanderanin@gmail.com](mailto:aanderanin@gmail.com) or Grace Trudell 313-244-2268 for more info.

**Local No. 58 Benevolent Fund:** The next meeting will be 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3.

**Members of the Community Service Committee:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 10, 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. We are asking volunteers to show up at the hall at 8 am to help with the Wobbly Kitchen program. To get involved with future community service projects contact Mike Conflitti or Rob Z at the union hall. Local 58 is very active with community service in the Metro Detroit area and has a variety of upcoming projects that require the help of volunteers and helping hands. Contact the Union Hall (313)963.2130 for further information to volunteer or participate.

**Local 58 Community Service Committee** thank our members and their families for volun-

teering at the Wobbly Kitchen every 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. The volunteers donate 3-4 hours of their Sunday mornings to help prepare, distribute food and various personal items to those less fortunate at Cass Park.

Thanks to Lori & Paul Castelli, Chris Cleveland, Mike Conflitti, Wyatt Dailey, Bob Eddy, Andy Folgmann, Charles Herze, Norm Jaworski, Bryan Jones, Ray Kujawski, Jim LaBroski, Dan Lombardo, Mike Melville, Rick Moroni, Latansia Poole, Colin Steed, Joseph Spoonhour, Paul VanOss, Felicia Wiseman and Kody Wright. We also thank members Chris Cooper and Jason Williams who volunteered at Bill Helwig's service change project and were not mentioned in the previous column. To help out and other community service activities, contact Mike Conflitti or Rob Z at the union hall.

**Members of the Entertainment Committee:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 10, following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 pm.

**The Annual IBEW 58 Family Picnic** is returning this year with the lifting of restrictions on outdoor gatherings. The Picnic will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7, at Camp Dearborn, Milford MI starting 11 am. 10 camp sites have been reserved near the picnic site. When you call Camp, Dearborn let them know you are from IBEW 58 and would like to rent one of the sites.

**EWMC of Southeastern MI** – The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 19, at 6pm. Please bring any suggestions that you have for EWMC involvement and engagement. What can we safely participate in that continues to promote the IBEW in the community? Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Toiletry and Sock Drive to benefit the Detroit Public Schools Community District Office of Homeless and Foster Care. We will be delivering the items to them by the end of the month. We are scheduled to start work on the Malcolm X house in Inkster. A notification will be sent out and you can contact Brother Andre Crook if you have any questions.

Thank you to those who continue to attend our Zoom meetings. As we transition back to in person meetings, we will keep this option available for those who need it. Please make sure your cell phone no. and your email address are up to date. The meeting information will be sent out as soon as available. If you are not receiving the notices, please make sure that your information is updated here at the hall. **Please continue to stay safe at work, home, and in the community. #ibewstrong**

**The RENEW Committee meeting** will be on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

**The Safety Committee meeting** will be on Monday, August 9, 2021 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). PAC contributions can be made through the APP, and at the Union Hall. You can contribute more than the \$4 that is suggested on your quarterly dues, but you cannot exceed \$175 per calendar year. The loss of our deduction cut our resources in half, and we would like to assist local candidates and our members looking to run for office.

**Local 58's Women's Softball team, The Live Wires** will be celebrating its 20th year anniversary this year and welcomes new players. We play single recreational games, USA Softball rules, Monday nights at Claude Allison Park in Redford on Beech Daly Rd. All skill levels welcome to join the camaraderie and solidarity. If you or someone you know would like more info, please contact Grace Trudell at 313-244-2268.

**Local 58's Women's Committee.** Our next regular meeting is Thursday, July 22 at the hall. We will still also run-on zoom for the meeting. Please watch your emails for the meeting information. We are looking forward to being face to face again! Can't wait to see you! ARC Scholarship and nominations are closed for 2021. We have decided to post-

pone the ARC Awards dinner for this year. It is our hope that we can return next year and celebrate our members as was intended with our dinners in the past. You can Email us at: [58womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org](mailto:58womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org), or call committee chairs Angela Panicucci (586) 291-8014 or Kayla Pauli with any questions or suggestions, we look forward to hearing from you. Follow us on Instagram @ibewwomen58; Check us out on Facebook Local 58 Women's Committee.

**Local 58 Senior Softball Team** - We now have a senior 55 and over team. Games are played Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am or 12:00 pm in Shelby twp. at two locations. Main diamonds at Ford Field on 23 mile rd. west of Van Dyke and second at Mae Stecker park on 24 mile rd. east of Van Dyke. Those who can come on out to cheer on your team. If you would like more info, please contact Gerry Cassani at 586-804-8026 or Joe Schraufnagel at 586-255-1205.

**IBEW Local 58 Retirees Association:** Summer is here, and along with the season change comes the opening of the Union Hall. We are starting to resume some of our canceled activities, one of which is monthly board meetings, that will take place the second Wednesday of the month, our first one being July 14 at 10 a.m. in the "Bill Rushford Room" in the basement of the hall.

The Board will begin to do the work to get luncheons underway, and perhaps we will be able to pull together a picnic in September, as there isn't enough time to plan one for August. Of course, with the re-opening of the State, sports venues, and businesses we all need to remain diligent about our health and that of those around us. Masks are still necessary if you aren't vaccinated, and of course we want to remember to wash our hands regularly and keep those clean hands out of our faces. Unclean hands are one of the most common ways that colds and viruses are spread.

If you still have outstanding dues for 2021, (\$8 per year, per person) make your checks payable to "The Retirees Association," and mail them to Ray Owen, 428 Welch Rd., Northville, 48167. Let's continue to check up on one another via a phone call, a note, an email, text or a visit in person. We are looking forward to seeing one another in the very near future. Stay safe and take good care! Happy Summer!

**Be sure to keep the Union Hall updated** with any changes to your phone no., address, and email.

**As of 03/31/2021, the following members have lapsed membership:** Kirby, Philip D.; Anthony, Lawrence E.; Attard, Jonathon M.; Burmeister, Daril A.; Covington II, Joseph; Crump, Scott M.; Dickson, John R.; Dietrich, Paul J.; Drayton, Brendon B.; Dunn, Michael E.; Durnen, Alex J.; Edmonds, Darold M.; Elias, Anis B.; Engram, Janae S.; Fann, Anthony C.; Grewe, Adam J.; Hannah, Jonathan T.; Johnson, Stephen R.; Kozel, Joseph M.; Leggett, Clarence J.; Liebetreu, Matthew R.; Logan Sr, Tinell D.; Looney, Carl; Marsh, John P.; Maynard, Daniel P.; Mc Nett, Matthew P.; Mearnic, Nicholas P. Moring, Regal C.; Muhammad, Abdul R.; Neville, Scott A.; Nikprelaj, Valentino; Obear, Michael T.; Oliver, Jayson A.; Reed Sr, Jermaine L.; Reynolds, Robert A.; Scaife, Anthony L.; Schweiger, James K.; Seabrooks, Ralph L.; Stockard, Matthew J.; Van Dyke, Andrew S.; West, Bradley L.; Wheeler, Jeffrey R.; Williams Jr, Nathaniel M.; Wilson, Robert W.; Yokom, David C.

**IBEW Pension:** Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension: Larry Wasalaski.

**Members that have Passed Away-** Erwin Bottrell, pension member, 60 year IBEW membership; Darnel Bowman, pension member, 54 IBEW membership; Richard E. Rau, Technician I, Father to JIW Dennis M. Heuwagen, Brother-in-law to the late JIW Rocco Minghini, & Pension member John Cuc, Uncle to JIW's Orlando Minghini & Colin Kohair, Nephew to Pension member William Sproul & the late JIW Charles Sproul; Ralph Woessner, pension member, 61 year IBEW membership. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss.



SETTING LIGHT FIXTURES for an IT room at the Michigan Regional Carpenters Council Detroit Training Center is Ed Baczewski of IBEW Local 58. He's employed by Hatzel & Buehler.



**ANN ARBOR – LAST CHANCE FOR CONTRACTOR PREP CLASS:** We will be hosting Pro-Union Consulting to assist IBEW Local 252 members in becoming profitable union electrical/renewable energy contractors. Dates for class are **August 5th, 6th, and 7th, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Please call the Union Hall to sign up. We need a minimum of 20 people for the class.

**BESURE TO KEEP BENEFICIARY FORM UPDATED:** A friendly reminder that beneficiary forms are available at the fund office AND at the hall for anyone that may need to update beneficiary information. If your information needs to be updated it needs to be updated at BOTH.

**TRAINING CLASSES 2021: ALL CLASSES START AT 5:00 P.M.**

**1. CPR/FIRST AID:** Tuesdays, June 8th & 15th, September 21st & 28th

**2. Photovoltaic Class:** Mondays, August 2nd thru October 11th, (10 weeks)

**3. Journeyman License Prep:** Tuesdays, August 31st thru November 9th, (6 classes every other week)

**4. Conduit Bending Class:** Thursdays, September 23rd thru November 9th, (8 weeks)

**5. Instrumentation Part A:** Mondays, October 18th thru December 20th, (10 weeks)

**6. EVITP Electric Vehicle:** Mondays, August 30th, September 13th, September 27th, October 11th, October 25th & November 8th.

**7. Osha 30:** Mondays, September 13th thru November 8th. Worth 30 BICSI CEC's.

There is a \$50 fee to hold a spot in all classes except First Aid/CPR. You must register one week prior to class start date. Call the Training Center at (734) 475-1180 to register. Masks must be worn at all times in the school.

**JATC Instructor:** The Ann Arbor Electrical JATC is seeking a full-time instructor. If you are interested please drop off a resume to the school at 13400 Luick Drive Chelsea, Michigan 48119 before July 30, 2021.

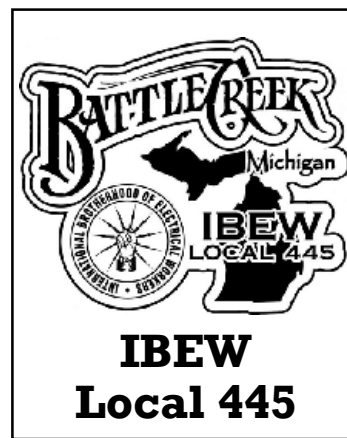
**Local 252 Website & App:** The Local's website [www.ibew252.org](http://www.ibew252.org) is up and running. There is also a Local 252 App available to download. Search "IBEW 252" in the app store. You must create a new login and password to access the Members Only section. Your login for the old website is no longer valid.

**M.U.S.T DRUG TESTING:** Please make sure your MUST drug testing is current as you cannot work on a U of M project or several other projects in the jurisdiction without being current. Local 252 has a zero tolerance for alcohol or drug use.

**ERTS:** Please make sure that you are signed up in the Electronic Reciprocity Transfer System. You must be signed up in ERTS before working outside of Local 252's jurisdiction or your benefits will not be transferred back.

**Aflac Insurance:** Aflac has teamed up with the IBEW to offer its members Aflac benefits at a reduced rate. Contact Representative Lisa Enerson for information about Accident, Cancer, Critical Care, Dental and Vision insurance from Aflac. Phone number: (517) 306-0144.

**AT&T Discount:** Union members can save up to 15% on the monthly service charges of qualified wireless plans, or unlimited calling for \$15/mo. for AT&T Wireless Home Phone plans. Visit [www.att.com](http://www.att.com) (Continued next column)



## IBEW Local 445

**BATTLE CREEK – The Annual IBEW 445 Picnic** has been rescheduled for July 31, 2021. Please watch your mailboxes for the up-to-date flyer with the information to claim your tickets. Please pass the word on to your Local 445 Brothers and Sisters on your jobsites of the new date!

**The Retiree Breakfast:** The Retiree monthly breakfast at 9am at Lux Café at 2587 Capital Ave SW. Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month to attend.

**The Annual IBEW 445 Golf Outing** is scheduled for July 17, 2021.

**The General Membership Meeting** is the second Monday of each month and starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Hall. The new First Year Apprentices will be sworn in at the August 9, 2021 meeting.

**The Executive Board** meets the fourth Monday of each month starting at 4:30 p.m.

**Initial Sign and Daybook:** Effective June 1, 2021, with the suspension of the NDERA, normal initial sign to Book 2, dings and the Daybook procedures will return to normal business as usual. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Hall.

**PLEASE HELP! –** The Hall is asking for each member to verify their address, phone number and email address that we have on file. We are looking into a texting and email service, and if you would like to be included in those correspondences, we need your current information. Thank you!

**Local Website -** Please check the Local 445 website for the latest information, including job postings. The Local 445 web address is [IBEW445.com](http://IBEW445.com).



## IBEW Local 948

**FLINT –** Our August Union Meeting will be held on Monday, August 9th, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Our July Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 26th, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

The Retiree Club Meetings will meet again starting August 3rd, 2021 at 9:00am.

Do not forget to check our website for new content. Be sure to log in to see all the new content. [www.local948.com](http://www.local948.com).

You can pay over the phone with debit or credit card. You can also stop by the Hall during business hours (7am-noon/ 1-4pm) and pay by cash, check, debit or credit card.

**Do not wait till you owe a reinstatement fee (4 months behind).**

2021 – Monthly Dues – Journeyman \$43.70 a month – Apprentices, CE, Sound Tech \$40.70 a month

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If you are unfamiliar with our referral procedure, please refer to our website @ [http://local948.org/job\\_referrals/](http://local948.org/job_referrals/)

**Gregory Remington Business Manager**

**E-mail and Re-signs:** If the Hall does not have your e-mail address it would be a good idea to send us an e-mail to [jwallace@local948.org](mailto:jwallace@local948.org) so we can add you to the e-mail list. This is a great way to keep up with the latest information on job calls and other information sent from the Hall.

*"Magnificent promises are always to be suspected."*

–Theodore Parker (1810 - 1860)

## IBEW 252, continued

UnionPlus.org/ATT with discount code 4924966.

**Retirees' Breakfast:** The Retirees' Breakfast will resume on April 14, 2021 and will take place the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 160 South Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. There is parking and entrances in both the front and rear of the restaurant.

**Union 4 Life Golf Outing:** The 2021 golf outing has been scheduled for Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Stonebridge Golf Club, 1825 Clubhouse Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a tee-off at 9 a.m. To complete your team or individual registration, visit [www.union4lifecharity.com](http://www.union4lifecharity.com). Registration is \$100 for individuals, \$400 for a 4 person team.

**Local 252 Picnic:** The Local's picnic will be held on Saturday, August 21st at 12:00 noon at the UAW Hall on M-52 in Chelsea. This year's picnic will not be a potluck as it has been in the past, instead it will be a catered event. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Union Hall at (734) 424-0978 or Mic Brough at (734) 678-0992.

**Retiring Soon?:** The NEBF and IBEW Pension Benefit Fund applications can take 3 months to process, but can be filled out as early as 6 months before your planned retirement effective date. If you are nearing retirement, please contact Alana at the Union Hall to start your paperwork at least 3 months before your planned retirement date.

**Condolences:** The Local sends our sincere condolences to the family of Jesse M. Petty, who passed away on July 7, 2021. Jesse was brother to Christen Vincent, and was the son of Jesse E. Petty.

**NOTICE TO RETIREES:** If your 50-year commemorative watch stops working for any reason please contact the hall.

**CREDIT CARDS:** The Local is now accepting credit cards to pay union dues. We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover. There is a fee of 3.5% to use your card.

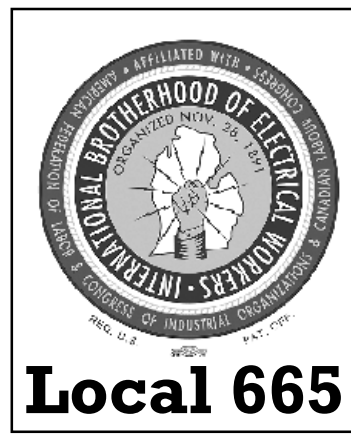
**UNION DUES FOR 2021:** Effective January 1, 2021 union dues for "A" members will remain \$119.25 per quarter. Union dues for "BA" members will remain \$61.80 per quarter.

**DUES PAYMENTS –** Please look at your dues receipt. If your dues paid through date shows 6/2021, your dues are not current. "A" members pay \$119.25 per quarter for 2021. "BA" members pay \$61.80 per quarter for 2021. Please mail your check to 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Your third quarter dues (July through Sept.) are due now.

**Payments for third quarter dues will be accepted no later than 11:30 A.M. on Thursday, September 30, 2021.**



GETTING MATERIALS in the administrative lobby of the Michigan Carpenters Training Center in Detroit are (l-r) Rod Owens and Brian Engleman of IBEW Local 58. They're employed by Bluestone Communications.



**IBEW Local 665**  
**LANSING – HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY:** From all of us at the hall we hope you enjoyed your holiday weekend! President Smith and a rockstar group of apprentices got our float retooled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Portland MI. We had a great turnout for the parade and a great time for those who participated in the parade. If any member has an event that they would like to see our IBEW float, please contact the hall.

**IBEW665'S 95<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY:** After the next general membership meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we will be having our first quarterly party since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. There will be a tent, BBQ and all the fixings. We are excited to celebrate this milestone and looking forward to the next one.

**WORK OUTLOOK:** Local 665 continues to be very steady.

For our travelling brothers and sisters, Local 665 is still accepting initial sign by fax or email from the member's home local.

**OSHA 30 CLASSES:** We have an upcoming in-person OSHA 30 Class scheduled for August to October 2021.

Please register with the JATC at [sara@lejatc.org](mailto:sara@lejatc.org) or 517-483-9688 to reserve your spot.

Class size will be limited to 40 participants. Classes in 2021 will be held at the Union Hall from 5 pm to 8:30 pm on the dates listed below: Tuesday Aug. 31, Thursday Sept. 2, Tuesday Sept. 7, Thursday Sept. 9, Thursday Sept. 16, Tuesday Sept. 21, Thursday Sept. 23, Tuesday Sept. 28, Tuesday Oct. 5, Thursday Oct. 7.

Please keep in mind that you must attend all class sessions for OSHA 30 to receive the card.

**FIRST AID/CPR CLASSES:** We have an upcoming First Aid / CPR Class scheduled for Wednesday July 21, 2021 from 5-7 pm at the Union Hall.

Please register with the JATC at [sara@lejatc.org](mailto:sara@lejatc.org) or 517-483-9688 to reserve your spot.

Class size will be limited to 40 participants.

**APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS:** We often get calls or emails on how and/or where to apply to Local 665's apprenticeship program.

To apply, go to [www.lejatc.org](http://www.lejatc.org) and navigate to the application page on the website.

Applications are accepted on the first Monday of each month.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Our general membership meeting is on the third Monday of each month and starts at 6:30 pm at the Hall.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The Executive Board meets the second and third Monday of each month starting at 5:00 p.m.

**PAC MEETING:** First Monday of every month. Call the hall for details.

**RENEW MEETING:** RENEW meeting last Thursday of every month. This month's meeting is on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. Discussion will be about the future of the committee and what direction the committee would like to go. Contact the hall for details.

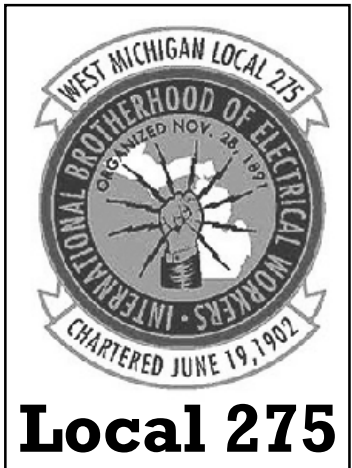
**DUES AND DEATH BENEFITS:** Please verify you have paid your dues; Death Benefit count is 321.

**IN REMEMBRANCE:** May the souls of these faithful brothers rest in peace. Richard McCrackin 07/07/2021 Jack Highfill 06/11/2021 Thomas Dwyer 06/14/2021 Horace Hull 06/04/2021

517-321-7508  
 MEEPP (MI Pension) 1-517-321-7502

(New address Michigan Pension and Health Plan), TIC International Corp., 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917  
 NEBF 1-301-556-4300  
 NEAP 1-301-556-4300  
 IO Pension 1-202-833-7000  
 DUES RATES, Jan 1, 2021 – No increase. Still remains \$140.10/Quarter

**Info Updates** – Any member with a new address, phone number, email address, etc. should contact Local 498 with these changes.



**IBEW Local 275**  
**COOPERSVILLE** – Dear Brothers and Sisters, Our next regularly scheduled union meeting will be held July 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the Hall in Coopersville. With the restrictions on public gatherings being lifted, we have the option of holding the meeting indoors once again. Depending on weather, we may do that. If you are not fully vaccinated, you will need to wear a mask.

As work picks up in the jurisdiction, you may be contacted by the Hall if you are traveling to man your work at home. Please seriously consider returning to Local 275 projects if you are asked.

The annual picnic is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4:00 p.m. You may RSVP you and your guests by calling Geoff or Sue at the Hall or online @ [www.ibew275.org](http://www.ibew275.org)

At the time of this writing, the following members are three or more months behind in dues: Robert Akers, Andrew Howard, Brandon Kiander, Kevin Koon and Jeremy Rinehart.

From now on, all resign request will be sent to [gyonkers@ibew275.org](mailto:gyonkers@ibew275.org). The procedures are still the same.

Regular meetings for the EWMC and RENEW committees are every month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 6:00pm at the Union Hall in Coopersville and/or via zoom. Both of these are great ways to get involved with the local as well as the community.

Dues for the year 2021 are \$42.90 per month. Please make adjustments when making payments through mail and automatic bank payments.



**IBEW Local 498**  
**TRAVERSE CITY – Meetings.**

**Regular E Board-** The next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting is set for Friday, Aug. 13, 2021 @ 6pm.

**Regular Meeting** – Schedule is 7pm Friday, Aug. 13, 2021. We will continue the Solidarity Picnic before the Regular meeting at 6:30pm.

**Email** – Please get an email address to the hall so we can get info out easier and faster, thanks. You can email your address to the hall at [ibew@local498.net](mailto:ibew@local498.net). Please put your name in the subject.

**Property Company** – A Property Company Meeting will be held prior to the Regular Monthly meeting on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021.

**Contracts** – We have updated Inside Wireman Contracts available at the hall.

**Dues 2021** – There is no Union Dues increase for 2021.

Effective January 2021 the rate will remain \$140.10 per quarter.

**Resale Items** – We have Local 498 Beanie Hats for resale and T-shirts. Stop in to get yours today! Proud Union Home signs are in and available at the hall. Free to members in good standing.

**Scholarship** – Past charter member Brother Bob Dost has a scholarship "Robert Paul Dost Scholarship Endowment" for High (Continued next column)



**IBEW Local 557**  
**SAGINAW – Union News** - Glad to see everyone had a safe and happy holiday! Some news to keep in the back of your mind – there was a special meeting with the Saginaw County Commissioners on June 28<sup>th</sup>. This meeting was in regards to Granger and their adaptation of "Responsible contractor language" for one of their upcoming projects for the county. It was a shame to see only a few members of the board pushing for enforcement of the use of local sub-contractors. Granger insisted they have similar language already when they hire, and the majority of the board proceeded to side with Granger.

Our local recently donated to the new Saginaw Urban Youth Tennis Center. Great chance for youth development and bringing more opportunities to Saginaw. We are proud to announce two of our local contractors are working on it. **As of July 1st, all meetings are mandatory for apprentices.** All attendance and Service Learning policies are back in full affect for Apprentices.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS-** Thank you to all the members who helped make our Brotherhood Bash Meeting on the 12th a success! We had local food truck and music and a great time was had by all. Thank you so much to the members who took the time to attend. Our next scheduled meeting will take place on August 3rd at 5:30, at our Union Hall.

**MICHIGAN INITIATIVE-** The Michigan Initiative has a new organizer. **Please contact Brother Gus Voisine for any organizing issues you see or have.** If our members have any questions or work tips they can reach out to him on his cell: 989-941-8046.

**UNION HALL OPERATIONS-** The Union Hall is now back and running like a well-oiled machine! The State has lifted restrictions and we will comply and lift restrictions in the Hall as well. Our Business Hours are M-F 7-4:30pm.

**BOOK SIGNING-** With the termination of the NDERA agreement on June 1st, **book signing will now be in person.** During the last year and a half, book signing and out of work list operations have been different than in the past. Beginning July 1st, when a member is laid off, they must come to the hall to place themselves back on Book 1 and turn in their termination slip. This was previously done over the phone or via e-mail, but with restrictions lifted, its back to pre-pandemic operations. Many Locals throughout the State of Michigan will continue to accept fax/email initial book signings, if you are interested in this reciprocated benefit and would like to be on some out-of-town Books, please call the hall to arrange this.

**WORK OUTLOOK-** The wind farm is slowly manning up, along with the Caro Mental Hospital with Master Electric. Mary Free Bed is still in need of extra hands. Their remains steady with the credit union and other projects.

**HEALTH CARE-** The Michigan Electrical Employee's Health Plan continues to cover 100% of the costs related to testing for COVID-19. During this pandemic, remote care is encouraged and Blue Cross members can call the 24-Hour Nurse Line at 800-117-BLUE. You may also want to inquire if your primary care provider offers telemedicine. The Health plan continues to meet regularly via teleconferences to stay on top of the pandemic and update coverage as necessary.

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. Registering on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield website is highly recommended. Please take the time to visit [www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com). Upon registering you can take the Free Health Assessment test and find instant results that can lead to living a healthy lifestyle.

**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. Benefits to utilizing the app include: instant access to EOB's, a virtual ID card on your phone, information on deductibles, explanations of coverage and other helpful tips related to your Health Care coverage. EOB's can be downloaded to smart phones or computers and used to substantiate WEX receipt requests.

**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, barcode scanning for covered items, other helpful services. This is a great tool to accompany your Health Care benefits.

**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. IF YOU ARE SEEKING WORK don't forget to CALL 989-781-0516, option 3.

**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. The credit card service can accept payments for dues, merchandise, apprentice book payments and other purchases. There is a convenience fee to use either service. Both payment methods to pay dues can also be accomplished over the phone to ensure you are current.

**CONTACT NUMBERS-** Michigan Electrical Employee Pension fund and Michigan Health Plan (517) 321-7502 or (855) 633-4584. Fax (517) 321-7508, website [mielectricalhealth.org](http://mielectricalhealth.org)  
**In Solidarity, Breanna DePottey, Press Secretary**

**IBEW 498, continued**

School seniors in the 5-county area around Traverse City. To access it go to [www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/](http://www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/). Local 498 Union members' children get preference to the endowment. A huge thank you in Memory of Bob Dost for his generosity and being a great union member.

**Made in America Websites** – [www.theunionbootpro.com](http://www.theunionbootpro.com) - 100% American made/union made. American member discounts 27% off. Use this code when ordering. Be0498mD or order toll

free 1-800-723-5384.

**Email Addresses** - Any member that would like to have Local 498 forward communication to them from the International, Local 498, AFL-CIO or the Building Trades, to help stay informed to current events, politics, contracts, work, etc. Please call or email your current email address to Local 498 at [ibew@local498.net](mailto:ibew@local498.net) Important numbers for you to write in your address book:

MEEHP (Health) 1-855-633-4584 or 1-517-321-7502 Fax# 1-



**IBEW Local 692**  
**BAY CITY – Union Meeting.** The August monthly membership meeting will be held outside at 6:00 P.M on **Monday, August 2.**  
**Executive Board Meeting.** The July Executive Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, July 19.

**Message from the Business Manager.** Please remember it is our responsibility to always have our dues slip current and on our persons at all times. This is our "Ticket" to the middle class. If asked, it is our responsibility to show it.

Commodity prices continue to have a dramatic impact on our work outlook. In partnership with our signatory contractors, we continue to be low on a significant percentage of projects as of late only to find that the project has gone over budget due to material prices. The good news is these commodity prices are beginning to trend in the right way. Hopefully we will see those prices reflected at the supply house soon.

**Contract Negotiations.** Please note that all members should have received a raise to their paychecks effective with the work week starting May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. If you did not see an increase in your hourly wage, please contact the hall for representation immediately.

**Work Report.** Master Electric has secured the new Meijer in West Branch as well as the new Isabella County Jail located in Mt. Pleasant. The Meijer project will begin this month. The new jail is seeing some delays, we will keep you posted. Ted's Electric has been awarded some of the work at Midland Public Schools with Barton Malow serving as GC. Ted's was also awarded the Bay County lift station project. Alpena Schools have been awarded to Zone II contractor John's Electric. John's has also been awarded the Alpena library project and a large marijuana grow facility located in Harrisville along with a new maintenance contract at DPI. Clements Electric is continuing work on the Monitor Township Fire Department, Bay-Arenac ISD bus garage, multiple marijuana dispensaries and the new Drift in Bay City.

Countyline Power has secured Midland/Gladwin County dam work, the Mackinaw City lift station and the Roscommon Airport. Countyline is also low on a very nice project at the Cheboygan Wastewater Plant. Consumers Energy work for the summer includes Karn 1&2 utility separation, and also work on the generator at Alcona Dam. Northern Valley Electrical has the LaFarge PLC upgrade and also JoBurg Schools. There are also a large number of solar projects that are slated for our jurisdiction. We are currently working on a timeline for all solar work. Rest assured both organizers and myself are working very diligently to secure whatever work is being bid in our jurisdiction for our membership. Work remains very good in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, and Lansing. Please contact the hall if you would like to sign any books.

**Ryan Charney**  
**Business Manager / Financial Secretary**

**Organizers Report/ 692's** Organizing team will continue to speak with unrepresented workers in our jurisdiction about the benefits of joining the IBEW. Jobsite visits are occurring more regularly as state-wide COVID restrictions are relaxed. We are actively recruiting JIWs as well as accelerated apprentices to help man the work we anticipate our contractors will secure in the upcoming months. Apprenticeship interviews for 2021 have concluded for the time being, and a new class of successful applicants should be announced soon. Engaging with young people to encourage them to consider a career in the skilled trades has been a consistent focus as we've attended and presented at multiple career day events in the past month. It is important to recognize the fact that apprentices alone will not replace those brothers and sisters leaving the workforce for retirement. We need to actively recruit and organize non-union electricians to keep pace with attrition and strengthen our membership.

Recent school board decisions to award bond projects to non-signatory contractors should strengthen our resolve to support candidates who see the value in local labor and appreciate the efforts made by our membership to strengthen our community. Although we have seen some recent success turning school jobs around to our contractors in lieu of a lowball bid, it is important that we keep the pressure on and continually educate trustees on the benefits of partnering with NECA and the IBEW. If any members are interested in receiving some talking points that will be helpful when discussing with their local elected officials the importance of hiring local professionals to work on taxpayer-funded projects, please contact the hall and we will supply you with that information. Educating people in positions of power is one way we can ensure that our contractors continue to secure work for our members.

Brian Klele 989.252.9225 Brendon Baranek 989.327.4131

**Union Dues.** Dues can be paid via phone, on-line, by mail or automatic withdrawal from your bank account. *Please note when using a credit card for payments there will be a 2% charge applied.*

2021 Dues. Monthly \$41.20; Quarterly \$123.60; 6 months \$247.20 Yearly \$494.40

*To avoid a reinstatement fee, please remember to keep your dues current.*

**Death Benefits.** We understand that losing a loved one is a very difficult time. As a reminder, it is important that you notify the hall in the event of your spouses' death. We will contact the health and pension offices on your behalf to ensure your benefits are being taken care of.

**State IBEW Golf Outing.** The 2021 State IBEW Golf Outing has been cancelled this year.

**Local 692 Retirement Party.** The retirement party originally scheduled for May 2021 has been postponed to **March 11, 2022.** It will be located at the DoubleTree in Bay City. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this great event to honor our retirees!

**Retirees Lunch.** All retirees' lunches have been postponed.

**Fringe Benefits. REMINDER:** If you have recently gotten married, divorced, had children, etc. make sure your beneficiaries have been updated accordingly. Beneficiary forms can be obtained from the hall.

**REMINDER:** If you contact the Health Plan Office about going on short term disability, it is important for you to notify the Hall as well. A copy of your paperwork will need to be submitted to the Hall for your file. This will also freeze your position on the out of work list.

**Important links & numbers:**  
 Michigan Pension Fund, 517-321-7502, [www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org). First time logging in, use your Social Security No. in the "ID Box"

Health Plan, 517-321-7502, [www.mielectricalhealth.org](http://www.mielectricalhealth.org)  
 IBEW Local 692, 989-684-4510, [www.ibew692.org](http://www.ibew692.org)  
 NEBF/NEAP: 301-556-4300  
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## Local 514 Cement Masons & Plasterers

### Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Local 514

DETROIT – The next membership meeting scheduled for July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. will be in-person. We will practice social distancing for everybody's safety. Masks will be required.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the retirees that you all are safe and well.

Please welcome Parrish Hill our new Business Representative! His number is 313-220-7840 and he can be reached by email: parrishhill514@yahoo.com.

Our deepest condolences go out to Bro. Fred McHaney and family. His wife Pastor Janice E. McHaney passed away on July 5, 2021. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

It is important for all members to keep the Local updated on addresses, email and phone numbers. If you need to change an address or add an email and phone number please call the Local at (248) 548-0800.

Lawrence Nemeth is the Apprenticeship Coordinator; he can be reached at (313) 350-0389.

**Attention all Apprentices,** now you will need to go to the website: [www.micementplasterertraining.com](http://www.micementplasterertraining.com) to enter your work hours. When you go to the website click the link "About" and then click on "Apprentice monthly work form instructions." You will be able to put in your hours so Larry can keep track for your raises. Any questions please feel free to contact Larry with any questions you might have.

If you are a Military Veteran please contact the Local so we can update our records. Please call (248) 548-0800.

The Local's website is: [www.opcmiami.org](http://www.opcmiami.org).

O.P.C.M.I.A. Local 514 has a satellite office in Flint, Michigan. We welcome Member and Contractors in the Flint area to handle their business transactions at: 2630 Grand Traverse, Flint, MI 48503. Appointments may be made by contacting Business Agent Mike Stanfield at (517) 719-2316, or the Business Manager Henry Williams at (313) 215-5063.

Members working for non-signatory commercial contractors are having a negative impact on our market share. The work forecast this year looks better than last. Members working non-union will be brought up on charges and fines will be enforced. Let's work together to secure our future!!

We must stay vigilant in our effort to promote our trade. If you are working in a crew of 5 or more an Apprentice must be on the crew. Help out! Call the Local at (248) 548-0800. Training is the key to our future!!

Please make sure your modules and drug test are up to date, there are some plant jobs that do require the MUST modules. You can go online at: [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org) Call the Local if you need a drug form sent out.

Please make sure that we have all of your current contact information, address and phone number so we can keep the fund offices updated for your health care and pension and also if you are having your vacation checks mailed out. If you have moved please contact the Local and we will change your addresses with all of the fund offices.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PLASTERERS AND DETROIT COMMERCIAL CEMENT MASONS:** You can track your annuity fund status at the Wells Fargo website. You may do so by logging on to: [www.retirement.wellsfargo.com](http://www.retirement.wellsfargo.com) or call (866) 640-5138, you can also call the fund office at (248) 645-6550 with any related questions.

**PLASTERERS AND CEMENT MASONS** It is your responsibility to fill out reciprocity forms if you plan on working out of the local 514 area. This will ensure that your hours are sent back to your home fund. If you have any questions, or need any forms, please contact the Local. Please make sure your beneficiary information is up to date. Any changes to your beneficiaries can be made at the Local.

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## Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

WARREN/LANSING – JULY 2021 CHAPTER MEETINGS.  
**MARQUETTE CHAPTER:** Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM, 119 S Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855.

**SAGINAW CHAPTER:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM, 1300 W. Thomas Street, Bay City, MI 48706.

**TRAVERSE CITY CHAPTER:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM, 1231 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI 49686



**CHUCK  
KUKAWKA**

All Regular August Chapter Meetings are canceled, except for the UP Marquette Chapter meeting, due to the Semi-Annual meeting, which will also be our **NOMINATION MEETING**, for the purpose of nominating President, Secretary Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson and At-Large Executive Committee Members of Local 2, will be held on Saturday August 7, 2021 starting at 10 am. If an election is necessary it shall be conducted by mail referendum. This meeting will be held at Local 2's office: 3321 Remy Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

**AUGUST 2021 CHAPTER MEETINGS.**

**MARQUETTE CHAPTER:** Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7 PM, 119 S Front St., Marquette, MI 49855

**DEATHS REPORTED:** Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Charles Betke** (Bricklayer) who passed away on 06/03/2021. Brother Betke had been a member for 75 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Henry Elden** (Bricklayer) who passed away on 06/11/2021. Brother Elden had been a member for 66 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Norman Jacques** (Bricklayer) who passed away on 06/13/2021. Brother Jacques had been a member for 66 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Carlo Martina** (Bricklayer & Cement Mason) who passed away on 03/06/2021. Brother Martina had been a member for 73 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Kenneth Parker** (Bricklayer) who passed away on 05/23/2019. Brother Parker had been a member for 73 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Arvid Rasanen** (Bricklayer & Stone Mason) who passed away on 09/28/2019. Brother Rasanen had been a member for 73 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Robert Sloan** (Bricklayer & Cement Mason) who passed away on 06/08/2021. Brother Sloan had been a member for 55 years.

**GOLF OUTING:** Local 2's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 at Hawk Meadows Golf Course in Howell. If you are interested in golfing with your fellow Union members, the registration form is next to this article!

**CRAFTWORKERS NEEDED:** We need Skilled Bricklayers and Restoration workers and Caulkers in Metro Detroit. If you are available for work, or know anyone who is skilled in our crafts, contact your Field Representative on their cell phone. You can also have those who are interested call either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781.

**SIGNING BONUS FOR SKILLED CRAFTWORKERS:** Local 2 will pay up to \$2,000 as a **Signing Bonus** for skilled Journey Level craftworkers who come to work for one of our Union Contractors for a month. Also, Local 2 members working with the tools and non-supervisory members can get the same amount as a **Finders Referral Bonus** for each new skilled craftworker who they refer, if they work for at least a month for our Union Contractors. For more details and information, call your Field Representative or either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781. You can view the full Signing Bonus policy on our website.

**A SPEEDY RECOVERY:** A speedy recovery is wished to all those who have been sick or injured. Let's keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

**\*IMPORTANT CHANGE Regarding Union Dues\*** All Local 2 Members are now eligible for a Union Dues discount, regardless of what month you are paid through currently. This offer is a great way to catch up on your monthly window dues by taking advantage of this annual dues discount.

We are making available to ALL Local 2 members the opportunity to pay for 6 months of union dues and receive credit for 12 months. An entire year for half the price!!

**UPDATE - BAC LOCAL 2'S TRAINING CENTERS.** Both Local 2 Training Centers are open to our members. Please contact our Training Centers at the numbers listed below for an appointment for annual RESPIRATOR FIT TESTS and other services.

**DETROIT IMI TRAINING CENTER:** To schedule appointments at the Metro Detroit Training Center, please contact Tom Ward directly at (734) 552-7066.

**METRODETROIT APPRENTICE WORKSHEETS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD:** Turning in monthly worksheets is a requirement of your apprenticeship. Metro Detroit Apprentice Worksheets are available for download at [http://bit.ly/Apprentice\\_Worksheets](http://bit.ly/Apprentice_Worksheets). If you do not have a printer, you can pick them up during our monthly meeting or contact Tom Ward at (586) 757-6668 to request them by mail. For more information on the Detroit Training Center visit: [detroitroweltrades.org](http://detroitroweltrades.org)

**LANSING TRAINING CENTER:** To make your appointment for your annual RESPIRATOR FIT TEST or for other scheduled appointments at the Lansing Training Center, please contact Howard Hipes directly at (517) 749-1102.

Go to <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org> to view the Lansing Apprenticeship and Training website and register future 2020 online training classes.

**MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE:** During this COVID-19 pandemic, the IUBAC Member Assistance Program has a number of services available for free or at a discounted rate to BAC members and their families. These confidential services can be seen at <http://bit.ly/MAP-BAC> and are also available via telephone at (888) 880-8222 and ask for membership assistance Monday-Friday 8 am-8 pm. These services were established and are intended to help get us through difficult life situations.

**FACEBOOK:** "Like" Local 2 on Facebook "Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Union, Local 2 of Michigan."

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Local #2 wants to use every means possible to communicate with you. Sometimes we have time sensitive information (such as job openings, picket lines, funeral arrangements and other such communications) that would be most efficiently done via e-mail. Please submit your address by sending an e-mail to [information@bricklayers.org](mailto:information@bricklayers.org) and in the subject line place "Local #2 e-mail address" then type your name, phone number and e-mail address in the body of the communication. We appreciate your time and effort in helping us accomplish this task.

**BAC 2 MI Texting Program.** We have been communicating by text message more frequently with our membership lately. We encourage our members to sign up to receive our text messages by • texting 2MI to 877877

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## Cement Masons Local 514 continued

If you have questions concerning your pension benefits, **ROAD BUILDERS** can call: Toll Free at 1-877-876-9357 or (517) 321-7502. **PLASTERERS AND COMMERCIAL CEMENT MASONS** can call: (248) 645-6550 for pension and annuity, and Toll Free 1-877-876-9357. All **Plasterers and Cement Masons** can contact (517) 321-7502 for health & welfare information now through Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan. **For the INTERNATIONAL PENSION** Call 1-888-880-8222 Toll Free or (202) 638-1996.



SETTING A CAPSTONE of "Castle Stone" to decorate a pier in front of the Carpenters Training Center in Detroit are (l-r) C.J. King and Shawn Fox. The Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2 members are employed by Leidel and Hart.



A FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM's tile is installed at the Michigan Carpenters Training Center in Detroit by (l-r) Tony Ramirez and John Lipka of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2. They're employed by Master Craft Tile.



THE HIGH-BAY AREA for training at the Michigan Regional Carpenters Council Training Center under construction in Detroit.

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## BAC Local 2, continued

- You'll receive a confirmation text asking for your member number (IU#)
  - Respond with your six-digit IU number and you will receive Local 2 Text Messages going forward!
- PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION:**  
Bricklayers Metro Detroit Local Pension Fund (248) 641-4954 (dvtt.org)  
Detroit & Vicinity Health Insurance & BAC Holiday Fund (800) 435-4080 or (248) 828-6000 (dvtt.org)  
MI BAC Health & Welfare & MI BAC Pension (800) 531-2244 (outstate funds, michiganbac.org).  
Cement Pension & Holiday Funds (248) 645-6550 (detroitcementmasons.org)  
CALL-A-DOC (800) 835-2362 (D&V Health Fund)  
International Pension/Annuity Fund for Metro Detroit Brick, Cement and TMT (888) 880-8222 or (202) 638-1996 (bacbenefits.org)



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## Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 80

**SOUTHFIELD**— This paper serves as official notice for all meetings and elections.

**\*\*REMINDER\*\*** Meetings are no longer held at the Plumbers Hall and are now held at Local 80's Union Hall.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The next general membership meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield, 48076.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The next executive board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Executive Board meetings are held at the Local 80 Hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Southfield, MI



**TIM MULLIGAN**

**OPEN ORGANIZER POSITION:** The hall is now accepting resumes for the open organizer position. If you are interested please email your resume to brittany@smw80.org by August 13, 2021. Interviews will take place the week of August 16, 2021.

**UNION HALL REGULAR HOURS** Monday through Friday 7:30 – 4:00, unless otherwise indicated in holiday hours.

**RETIREE MEETING SCHEDULE:** Membership meetings have been reinstated. All membership meetings will be held at the Local 80 hall. Please enter the hall through the ramp entrance. The remaining 2021 meetings will be held on Mondays, August 16, 2021, October 18, 2021 (Annual Party) and December 20, 2021. All meetings will start at 12:30 pm. Any questions regarding joining the Retirees Association please contact Steve Murzen at 248-652-0593.

**PICNIC:** Unfortunately due to COVID this year's picnic is cancelled. We hope to be able to resume next year.

**SUB CHANGES:** As of May 1, 2021 the sub fund has been raised to \$250 per credit for building trades journeyman. Bereavement & Jury Duty is now \$500 but you must be off 2 days.

**Effective immediately** you will need to start sending your unemployment proof to smw80subfund@gmail.com or fax it to 248-557-0297. Your unemployment proof needs to be in by 2pm on Tuesdays to be paid on that Friday. Local 80 will be handling all of your proof now. If you have any questions please call us at 248-557-7575.

**THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES A YEAR IN ADVANCE:** Duane Nadeau, Matthew Bates, Michael Haf, Ed Rowley, Christian Hedlund, Michael Pilon, Nick Delfavero, Lee Astruckas & Richard Altizer.

**DUES PAYMENTS: YOUR DUES PAYMENTS ARE DUE PRIOR TO THE FIRST OF THE MONTH.** The books will close at the end of the business day on the last day of the month. **Payments made on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month are considered late for that month. There will be no exception, once the books are closed it cannot be undone.** Members will receive a text message dues reminder prior to the end of the month. If you are not receiving our text messaging please call the hall. **REMINDER:** We ONLY take Visa, Master Card & Discover and do not accept American Express.

**BENEFICIARY REMINDER:** Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice on all of your Local 80 and international benefits. The law requires that in the event of an untimely death your benefits go to your spouse first and if there is no spouse to your children UNLESS you designate otherwise in writing with each specific benefit. Depending on your classification you could have benefits due to your heirs from Local 80 pension, insurance, annuity and from international and SASMI. Each individual benefit needs to have a designated beneficiary unless you want it to go to your spouse or children. As always seek the advice of an attorney.

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** If you have a new address please make sure to let the hall know. We will take care of your account with the union hall which includes the Tradesman paper. You will need to call Benesys at 800-400-7710 and update your address with them as well, that is not done through the hall.

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION:** Members who have their dues paid in advance (prior to the month of the accident) are eligible for accidental death and dismemberment benefits up to \$7,500.00. This benefit comes as a dues paying member of SMART International.

**WEEKEND WORK ASSIGNMENTS:** Saturday and Sunday work assignments. Please remember that when performing work on a Saturday or Sunday the steward must report it to the hall, give each members name and obtain a form for signatures. Each member must sign the form along with the number of hours they worked. The completed form must be sent back to by hall by the end of the day on the following Monday. Weekend work assignments must be called or emailed into the hall prior to 3:00 pm on Friday.

**WORK ASSIGNMENTS: Everyone must obtain a work assignment prior to starting work.** If you fail to do so you could be written up on charges.

**LAY-OFFS:** All members must report to the Union Hall immediately upon lay-off, even if you only work one day. These are the By-Law rules for the Out-of-Work List. Your name will be removed from the list 14 days after receiving an assignment. It is very important to report to the union hall immediately after your layoff. Members get confused because the S.U.B. Fund allows you a period of up to seven days to apply for S.U.B. benefits after lay-off.

**LAY-OFF SLIPS/TERMINATION NOTICES: Lay off slips must accompany all applications for sub pay.** Without lay off slips you cannot collect sub pay. It is the member's responsibility to make sure they get one from the contractor when laid off. Your application cannot be submitted without one. It is the contractor's responsibility to issue one in accordance with our contract.

**S.U.B. BENEFITS:** Report to the hall promptly upon layoff. You must complete a S.U.B. Application within seven days from your layoff date or you will forfeit S.U.B. benefits. Lay-off slips must accompany the application to be eligible. Proof of UIA benefit payments must be submitted within 21 days of when you were paid in order to receive SUB benefits. Do not submit your sub applications directly to the fund office. Your application must be signed by the hall or you will not collect benefits.

**OUT-OF-WORK LIST:** You must be on the out-of-work list to collect S.U.B. benefits or SASMI. Members must re-register bi-annually: March 1 through March 20 and September 1 through September 20. If you fail to re-register you will be removed from the list.

**SHORT WORK WEEK SUB PAY:** If you work 16 hours or less in a week or have a short work week due to weather you may collect sub for that week but only if it is at the beginning or the end of a layoff. You may NOT collect if you are not laid off. You must complete a sub application at the hall, provide a pay stub for that week and the hall will submit it to the fund office. If you are not laid off and it is due to weather the company MUST provide written documentation that it was weather related.

**MEMBERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** If you are experiencing problems in your family, marriage or relationships, stress or emotional difficulties, grief or loss issues or problems with alcohol and drug use please contact our assistance program. Ulliance is there to help you with your needs. They can also help you with legal issues, financial concerns, elder care referrals and child care resources. Contact them at 1-800-448-8326 or www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com.

**Make sure you mention Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 when calling and not the contractor you are working for.**

**NOTARY:** We have a notary public available at the hall at no charge. Please call to confirm availability.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Local 80 Picnic: August 7, 2021 \*Cancelled\*

**Training Center News.** The next Sheet Metal Workers' Local 80 Apprenticeship Entrance Exam is scheduled for the fourth week (Continued next column)



## Local 7 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 7

**LANSING**— NOTICE: This Newspaper Article shall serve as Official Notice of ALL meetings for Local 7!

The next Statewide Meeting will be, August 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 1- September 9<sup>th</sup> -6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 2 –July 20<sup>th</sup> -6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 3- (Saginaw) September 8<sup>th</sup> -6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 3- (Traverse City) September 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 4- September 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 5 –August 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.

**2021 "SPECIAL" Called Meeting for Zone 3 Area 6 (Traverse City) Business Agent (x1/position). Nominations will take place on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Nominations will begin at 6:00 p.m.** located at the Lansing Union Hall (4931 Contec Drive/Lansing, MI). The Official Election mailing has been sent out to your last known address on file along with posted on the website www.sheetmetal7

**SAM FULLER**

@smw7.org.

**2021 – GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS:**

**Business Manager/FST:** Sam Fuller

**Business Representatives – Zone 1:** Eric Farrington & James Callahan

**Zone 2:** Mike Adams

**Zone 3 (Saginaw):** Joe Dotson

**Zone 3 (Traverse City):** Vacant until election

**Zone 4:** Larry Kinzie

**Zone 5:** Greg Faust.

**Executive Board Members Zone 1:** Adam Shipley & Dirk Kosloski, **Zone 2:** Tate Brown, **Zone 3:** Jeff Keeler, **Zone 4:** Steve Bator, **Zone 5:** Dave Janofski, **Area 6:** Earl Charbonneau.

**President:** Nick Bradley

**Vice-President:** Chris McFarland

**Recording-Secretary:** Gregg Johnson

**Trustees:** Mike Carpenter, Vance Saunders, Kevin Pegley.

**Please register on our website at www.sheetmetal7.org for the most up to date information on meeting schedules for 2021. Once you are registered it must be approved in order to be able to log on. Please contact your representative if you are having issues registering.**

**SMART Union Labels:** Make the union label work for you! The new and modernized SMART Labels are an essential part to wage equalization, which means more money and work for you. Make sure that you are scanning labels in order to equalize pay and eliminate the incentive to subcontract outside of your area. For more information visit the official website at www.labelitscanitreport.com and download the official app by texting "SMART" to 90975.

**ZONE 1 Info:** Work in the Zone 1 Area continues to remain strong and looks to stay this way. Please remember to inform James or Eric of your employment status if you become laid off. Apprentices please remember to inform Kevin at the Zone 1 Training Center of your employment status as well. If you are experiencing any problems with unemployment or health insurance, please contact James or Eric for further assistance. Any Journeyman interested in upgrade classes, please contact Kevin Dowdy at the Zone 1 Training Center (269) 781-7183 (class availability depends on the level of interest).

**ZONE 1 Retiree monthly meetings:**

1st Wednesday 8:30 am at Bob Evans 1725 N W Ave, Jackson, MI 49202.

2nd Tuesday 1:00 pm at Rocky Top 1900 Lansing Ave, Jackson, MI 49202.

**In Solidarity, James Callahan and Eric Farrington.**

**ZONE 2 Info:** Work in Zone 2 remains good, please contact me if your employment status changes. Remember to make sure your dues are paid on time, by the first of every month. Also note the office phone will be shut off in August for the move to the new office, please contact me by cell phone 616-299-3752. **Thank You, Mike Adams**

**ZONE 3 Info: (Saginaw)** Work in the Saginaw area is very busy and should stay that way through the summer. If anyone knows of a member not working, have them please contact me at 989-225-0095. Congratulations to Wayne Stover and Dave Rutz on their retirement. The next retirees' meeting is Sept. 28th in Bay City at the Ponderosa. **Thank You Joe Dotson**

**ZONE 4 Info:** Work in Zone 4 is good, we only have a few members available to work, which will change in a few weeks when all the school work cuts loose. If anyone is interested in travel work there is plenty of opportunities out there call me if interested. Work safe and enjoy summer. **Your Brother, Larry Kinzie**

**ZONE 5 Info:** Congratulations to all the newly elected officials in Local 7. Work all across the U.P. is very busy so if you are off and would like to travel contact your local B.A. **Respectfully Greg Faust**

**SASMI Information – Zone 3 and 5: Underemployment –** Filing for period 2020-B is from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Eligible members who worked less than 750 hours from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 may receive an underemployment benefit. Health and welfare benefits paid on your behalf will be deducted from your benefit. **NOTE:** Members who received an Emergency Advance Benefit must file for Underemployment to receive the remainder of that benefit for the stabilization period.

In addition, you must provide copies of all W-2 forms for the entire year of 2020.

**Dues Department: \*Online dues payment is now available\*** Dues of all members of local unions shall be paid monthly or quarterly, but always in advance. To better serve our membership, we accept Credit Card Payments in lieu of your monthly dues. If you would like to take advantage of the Credit Card Service, a finance charge will be applied – Please call the Lansing office during regular business hours at 517-882-4064 to make your payment.

**Address/Telephone Changes: Article 8, Section 1** of Local 7 Work Rules: **Address Changes:** All members are required to keep the Financial Secretary informed of their correct address. A notice mailed to the last address shall be sufficient and legal. If you have moved or changed your telephone number, please contact the union hall to update your records.

**BENEFITS:** For Benefit questions please contact the area office. Zone 1 – BeneSys 866-822-7037, Zone 2 – TIC 866-887-4338, Zone 3 – BeneSys 800-451-5733, Zone 4 – BeneSys 800-842-2690 and Zone 5 – Wisconsin H & B Fund 800-654-2329.

**DEATH CERTIFICATES:** Please submit to the Union Hall a copy of a Death Certificate for deceased members. Additional benefits from the International may be available.

**CONTACT US:** 4931 Contec Drive, Lansing, MI 48910–517-882-4064

Local 7 Officers:

**Samual Fuller** (Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer) 517-882-4064

**Eric Farrington** (Agent-Lansing/Jackson) 517-242-3223

**James Callahan** (Agent-Battle Creek/Kalamazoo) 269-342-8842

**Mike Adams** (Agent-Grand Rapids/Muskegon) 616-458-2313

**Joe Dotson** (Saginaw) 989-692-0002

(Traverse City) 231-943-5150

**Larry Kinzie** (Agent-Flint) 810-785-6831

**Greg Faust** (Agent-Upper Peninsula) 906-372-9288

## Local 80, continued

of July, 2021. The deadline to apply is July 23. Requirements include a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver's license and applicants must be 18 years old by October 1, 2021. Applications must be submitted in person and are accepted by appointment only.

Appointments to apply can be scheduled by calling the Local 80 Training Center @ (586) 979-5190.



## Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 292

**TROY**— **MEETING NOTICE:** The next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **August 11, 2021.**

Member meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at The Knights of Columbus in Clawson. Check out the calendar tab at [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com) for the location and date.

The **E-Board/Stewards** meeting is scheduled for **July 27, 2021** at 6:00 pm at the Union Hall.

**2021 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:** The 2021 Annual Charity Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday, August 22, 2021, at Fox Hills in Plymouth, MI. 18 holes of golf, Cart, Dinner and Prizes all included for a Donation of \$100 per golfer. Reservations must be received on or before July 26th at the Union Hall or online at [www.eventregisterpro.com/smartlocal292](http://www.eventregisterpro.com/smartlocal292). All proceeds benefit the Local 292 Children's Charity and the Diabetes Foundation. Please make all donations payable to Local 292 Charity Fund. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at the union hall or through your shop steward.

**2021 LABOR DAY PARADE:** The 2021 Labor Day Parade has been cancelled for this year per the Building Trades. Looking forward to next year's parade.

**RETIREES NOTICE:** The retirees luncheon will be held **Thursdays** at Tavern on the Main, 235 S Main, Clawson MI 48017. (248) 588-1696. It is located 3 blocks south of 14 Mile on the east side of the street. Looking forward to seeing all retirees, new and old!!

Next luncheon: **August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021** at 12:30 pm

**2021 luncheon** dates are as follows: **August 5th, October 7th** and **December 2nd.**

Please contact Gary Simon at [jsimon49@comcast.net](mailto:jsimon49@comcast.net) if you would like to be added to the retiree email list.

**NEW PRESCRIPTION CHANGES:** The Board of Trustees of the Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 Health Fund (the Fund) is introducing a new prescription drug benefits program effective January 1, 2021. The new program will be administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (replacing EnvisionRx). Since Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan already administers our Simply Blue PPO Medical Plan, your medical and prescription drugs will be integrated and coordinated, which should make it easier for you and lead to better care. The new card will be used for both medical and prescription drug coverage.

You should have already received your new Blue Cross cards in the mail. If you have not received the new cards, please contact BeneSys immediately to request one. You can also download the Blue Cross Blue Shield app (BCBSM) to any smart phone. The app provides tools and features to help you access information pertinent to your account.

These changes are for active members and pre-65 retired members only.

**CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL:** The Constitution and Ritual of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SMART General Convention is now available online. Go to [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com), click on the Constitution/Ritual tab located at the top of the home page. The Union Hall will also has hard copies for members who want one.

**SAFETY MODS AND DRUG TESTS:** To access your MUST account, please go to [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org) or access it through the "links" tab at [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com). Members, please note that if you cannot access the MUST site to complete your safety mods you need to contact Laura or Lee Ann at the Union Hall.

**MEMBER ASSISTANCE:** Local 292 is now partnering with Ulliance, an employee assistance program designed to assist active members and their eligible family members who may be struggling with emotional, domestic or substance abuse issues, as well as legal and financial referrals. If you and/or a family member feel this may benefit you, contact Ulliance at 1-800-448-8326 or [www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com](http://www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com) for completely confidential assistance. Ulliance is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Services are of no cost to active members and their dependents.

**SUBSTANTIATION REQUEST:** Many members have been receiving Substantiation Request letters from the Local 292 Benefit Fund office. IRS regulations require that every use of the Benny Card be substantiated or validated as an eligible covered expense under the Plan. This validation is required by the IRS, the Fund cannot make exceptions. It is the member's responsibility to ensure all requested documentation be returned to the Fund office in a timely manner. By not responding to the Substantiation Request letter, your Benny Card may be suspended until all requested documentation has been received. If you have any questions, contact BeneSys at 248.641.4992 or the Union Hall.

**DUES:** Membership dues are required to be paid in advance of the month for which they are due. The union hall is not open on Saturday or Sunday, therefore, if you pay dues on either of those days, it will not be processed until Monday. If you are on suspension warning, your dues are 60 days late. To avoid suspension, dues must be paid online or at the union hall by 4:00 p.m. on the last business day of the month. Payments received after 4:00 p.m. on the last business day of the month will not be processed and you WILL go suspended. All members are responsible for making sure any required fees, i.e. late fees or service fees, are included if paying online ([sheetmetal292.com](http://sheetmetal292.com)).

**UNION HALL HOURS:** Hall office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Monday through Friday.**

**OUT OF WORK:** If you become laid off, you **Must** complete an Out of Work List Registration/SUB form. SUB forms are available at the Union Hall and also through all shop stewards. This is the only way your name will be added to the Out of Work List.

**TEXT BLAST NOTIFICATION:** We have recently updated the text blast contact list. All members have been added. If you haven't been receiving texts and would like to be added or wish to opt out of text blast, please contact the Union hall and we will make the change.

**FACEBOOK & TWITTER:** Be sure to check our website – [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com); Facebook page - Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 and Twitter - @SMW292, for updates and information.

**NOTARY PUBLIC:** For your convenience, we now have a Notary Public on site at the union hall. Notary services are free of charge to our members.

**THE 4 PLUS MEMBER PROGRAM:** The "4-plus" member program is for any Local 292 member who has achieved four (or more) welding certifications. These certifications can be in any welding process. Members who qualify will receive a shirt (one shirt for every four certs) with the 4 Plus logo, along with hard hat stickers and bragging rights. If you would like to be a "4-plus" member contact your Local 292 Training Center at: 313-623-9390 (Dave) or Quintin 248.495.6764.

**Attention all Welders!** We are looking for any member interested in a Saturday welding classes July 24, 31 and August 14, 21 and 28.

These classes would be for members that are ready to try and obtain an AWS welding certification, learn how to weld, or just need to practice welding.

**Note:** Anyone that signs up for a class, must pay a \$40.00 registration fee that will be refunded on the completion of the class. These deposits are **NON-Refundable** if you do not show up for the classes. You can drop off the deposit between the hours of 7:00 and 3:00 at the Apprentice school.

Call the Apprentice School at 248-589-3237, Dave's cell 313-623-9390 or Quintin's cell 248-495-6764 to reserve a spot. Remember we must have the deposit before you will be scheduled in the class.

**"Do good and don't worry to whom."**  
–Mexican Proverb



AT THE GRAPHICS PACKAGING expansion project in Kalamazoo, welding stack sections together is Boilermakers Local 169 member Sean Mckellip. He's employed by Barton Malow.



ASSEMBLING THE ECONOMIZER for the boiler at Graphics Packaging in Kalamazoo are Superintendent Russ Lewis, Foreman Sean Mckellip and Steve Toman and Jeremy Seaman. The Boilermakers Local 169 members are employed by Barton Malow.

### Boilermakers Local 169 members work to upgrade Graphics Packaging

WHEN WE FEATURED THE Graphics Packaging expansion in May, members of Boilermakers Local 169 were long-gone from the site, but their work was vital to the project. The Boilermakers and the rest of the building trades have helped erect a \$600 million expansion of Graphics Packaging's plant in Kalamazoo, which will yield a new "K-2" mill, a massive new coated recycled board machine which is expected to have an annual capacity of approximately 500,000 tons – which represents 44 percent of North American production of the product. It will make the Kalamazoo facility the largest producer of recycled paperboard in North America. Our thanks to Jeff Kerr for providing these photos.



UNLOADING A SECTION of the the economizer at the Graphics Packaging project in Kalamazoo is work done by Capital City Crane's Local 324 operator and Boilermakers working for Barton Malow Co.



WELDING THE BURNER BOX to the boiler at Graphics Packaging in Kalamazoo is a cramped Tyler Karoly of Boilermakers Local 169. He's employed by Barton Malow.



## Local 169 Boilermakers

### Boilermakers Local 169

ALLEN PARK – The next Union meeting will be on Friday, August 20, 2021, at 8pm in Area One – 1755 Fairlane Dr, Allen Park, MI 48101.



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The Area One Picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 12pm at C a m p Dearborn. We are currently looking for volunteers for the Entertainment Committee in Area One to help with the picnic. In order for a safe and healthy event, more volunteers will be needed than previous picnics. Please call Jamie at the union hall if you are interested.

The Area Two Picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 12PM at Heritage Landing 1050 7th Street, Muskegon 49440.

The Area Three picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 12PM at the Lake of Dreams Campground - 1000 S. Fenmore Rd, Merrill, MI 48637.

Union dues for 2021 are \$49.85 per month. The union hall accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. Payments can be made both at the hall and over the phone.

OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 safety training can now be taken online. Please visit our website – [www.boilermakerslocal169.com](http://www.boilermakerslocal169.com) - for more information.

**Journeyman:** MSHA, EPRI, Boilermakers Code, and Rigging classes have all been scheduled in Area One the week of August 16<sup>th</sup> and some during the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in attending any of these classes, please contact Mike Card (989) 662-6491.

**Training Center:** Journeyman wanting to obtain welding

certifications are encouraged to attend training in Allen Park, in preparation for the Common Arc test currently scheduled for this August. The training center in Allen Park is currently open from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

**Apprentices:** Mandatory summer training has been scheduled for August. Please watch for a letter with your summer training dates and hotel information (if applicable).

**Retirees:** Retiree luncheons have resumed. The Area One Retiree Luncheon is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am at the Brown Derby Bar, 10661 West Jefferson, River Rouge, MI.

Any member interested in participating in a Local 169 Motorcycle Ride is encouraged to contact the Union Hall. Please leave your name and cell phone number with Ashley. Once a database of those interested has been collected, you will be informed of any plans for a group ride. Nothing specific has been planned but due to the continued interest in this activity, we are proceeding accordingly. This is open to all journeymen, apprentices, and retirees.

Hoodies have been restocked and are available in sizes ranging from medium through 3XL. Cost is \$40.00. Payments can be made with cash, check, or credit. If you live out of the area and would like to order one, please call the hall. Additional shipping charges will be added. Baseball caps are also available. Varsity jackets are available by special order. Please contact the union hall for details.



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Elevator Constructors

Local 36



AT WORK IN his Volvo excavator "office" is Christopher Smith of Operating Engineers Local 324, working at the Michigan Carpenters Training Center in Detroit. He's employed by Blaze.

Construction dips with nonresidential struggles; + supply, cost, worker issues

Construction employment declined by 7,000 between May and June as the industry still employs 238,000 fewer people than before the pandemic, according to an analysis released July 2 by the Associated General Contractors of America.

Association officials said that job losses in the nonresidential construction sector offset modest monthly gains in residential construction as many firms struggle with worker shortages, supply chain disruptions and rising materials prices.

"It is hard for the industry to expand when it can't find qualified workers, key building materials are scarce, and the prices for them keep climbing," said Stephen E. Sandherr, the AGC's chief executive officer. "June's job declines seem less about a lack of demand for projects and a lot more about a lack of supplies to use and workers to employ."

Construction employment in June totaled 7,410,000, dropping 7,000 from the revised May total. The total in June remained 238,000 or 3.1 percent below February 2020, the high point before the pandemic drove construction employment down. The number of former construction workers who were unemployed in June, 730,000, dropped a quarter from a year ago and the sector's unemployment rate fell from 10.1 percent in June 2020 to 7.5 percent this June.

Residential and nonresidential construction sectors have differed sharply in their recovery since the pre-pandemic peak in February 2020. Residential construction firms – contractors working on new housing, additions, and remodeling – gained 15,200 employees during the month and have added 51,000 workers or 1.7 percent over 16 months. The nonresidential sector – comprising nonresidential building, specialty trades, and heavy and civil engineering contractors – shed 22,600 jobs in June and employed 289,000 fewer workers (Continued next column)



Elevator Constructors 36

DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED that our next regular Membership Meeting is planned for Monday, July 26, 2021, at 5:30 pm. As of this printing we are having an in-person meeting, also we will have the radio station going for any health and space concerns. Keep watching your email for possible changes!

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 are a probationary, OJT forms must be filled out and turned into the Hall. This is a requirement of the Department of Labor. Do not put your apprenticeship in jeopardy by failing to fulfill your responsibility. Reminder to All that the NEIEP website is available to All interested in Reviewing and Continuing Education.

We have been informed by NEIEP that school will be in-person for the next semester starting in August. Go to the NEIEP website for the status of your apprenticeship, also watch your NEIEP and personal emails for further information, this is a responsibility of your apprenticeship. The 11th of August will be the Mandatory Orientation Meeting with in-school classes starting the following week.

Attention all Members: Check your pay stubs regularly, there have been multiple issues with several Companies with Pay and Rates due. The hours you are paid should match hours toward vacation, benefits and expenses

Construction dips

or 6.2 percent less than in February 2020. Sandherr noted that many firms report key materials are backlogged or rationed, while also reporting frequent increases in the amount they pay for those materials. In addition, many firms report they are having a hard time finding workers to hire despite the relatively high number of



OUTSIDE THE CAB they're installing on the first floor of the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights Training Center in Detroit are (l-r) Justin Mckoan and Jud Burns of Elevators Constructors Local 36. They're employed by TK Elevator.

submitted. All may request a copy of the time you submit, according to the NEBA Agreement, Article XI, Par 2. Any changes made to your time are to be documented and given to you, NEBA Agreement, Article XI, Par. 1.

All Testing must be done according to Code and your Company's 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.

people currently out of work. He added these factors are contributing to rising costs for many contractors, which are details in the association's updated Construction Inflation Alert.

AGC officials said they were taking steps to recruit more people into the construction industry. "The good news is there are large numbers of qualified workers available to hire who are on the sidelines until schools re-

All Members, Local 36, Local 85 and the EIWP 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 trying to compile a list of members to have a code book layout session, call the hall if interested.

Maintenance Control Programs (MCP) reference the Codes, are you being Code compliant?

open and the federal unemployment supplements expire," said Stephen E. Sandherr, the association's chief executive officer. "Our message to these workers is clear, there are high-paying construction careers available when they are ready."

The AGC said the most recent government numbers show that overall U.S. construction spending also declined in May compared to the prior month

Know what the MCP is referencing for you the Licensed Journeyman. If anyone is interested in a class for QEI training, 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.

Keep the hall informed of starting all jobs and employment status changes as we may inform the International's fund office for records. 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. Remember to always follow COVID-19 guidelines for your safety and those around you.

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## Outdoors

### Tracking a DNR pioneer



By Casey Warner  
Michigan Department of  
Natural Resources

Although he would spend much of his 50-year career with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources focusing on upland game birds like wild turkeys and grouse, it was grizzly bears that first sparked Al Stewart's interest in working with wildlife.

As a boy, Stewart saw a popular 1960s National Geographic television special featuring the Craighead brothers, researchers known for their groundbreaking study of grizzly bears in Yellowstone National Park.

"That really caught my interest," Stewart said. "I thought I wanted to be a wildlife veterinarian, and that's what I thought the Craigheads were because they caught these big grizzly bears and used large culvert traps and gave a drug and put neck collars on them and followed them around, so that was pretty exciting and that's what I thought I wanted to do. That was before Animal Planet."

**Beginnings.** The DNR celebrates its centennial this year, and Stewart—who recently retired—was there for half of that 100 years. He shared some reflections on the department's story and his role in it. Stewart's introduction to working with the DNR came while he was a student at Michigan State University in 1970, when MSU provided some funding for him to help with wildlife research at the Rose Lake Wildlife Pathology Lab in Clinton Co.

In 1972, after graduating from the MSU animal technology program, he was hired to work for the DNR as a student assistant at the Rose Lake Wildlife Pathology Lab. As he learned more about the field of wildlife biology, he realized that's the career he wanted and continued his studies in that field, earning a degree in 1975.

Describing his time at Rose Lake, Stewart said, "While I was at the lab, I got to work on a lot of really outstanding projects that helped shape my interests."



**WILD TURKEYS** from Iowa are released in Clinton County as part of the southern Michigan wild turkey restoration program in the 1980s. Pictured are DNR legend Al Stewart (in green) and some of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' partners involved in the project.

For example, he worked on a project to study attributes of turkey health that involved trapping wild turkeys in the northern Lower Peninsula and taking samples from them. "I was there when the nets went over the turkeys and I said, 'boy, that's really cool, I'd really like to do this in the future.' And so that was the starting of my very strong interest in wild turkeys. In those days there weren't many wild turkeys really to speak of in Michigan, so that was a very unique experience."

In his early days with the DNR, Stewart also was involved in activities to monitor and reintroduce giant Canada geese, which were close to extinction in the 1960s, to Michigan. He called the Canada goose reintroduction effort "a great success to the point that some may say they are a nuisance. But still, Michigan is ranked as one of the top in the nation for Canada goose harvest and continues to be a leader in Canada goose management."

Another project entailed collecting loons that had died from botulism along the shores of Lake Michigan.

"I found out very rapidly that loons are pretty heavy," said Stewart, who had to walk up dunes with plastic bags of loons weighing about 100 pounds. "It was a lot more work than I expected ... I thought I was just a beachcomber ... but I loved every minute of it."

**Conservation milestones.** Stewart also was involved in the effort to recover the Kirtland's warbler, a species that was on the brink of being extinct in the early 1970s. He helped Bill Shake, USFWS biologist, on trapping brown-headed cowbirds, which helped prevent these parasitic birds from laying eggs in Kirtland's warbler nests and causing warbler parents to care for cowbird chicks instead of their own chicks. He got to participate in Kirtland's warbler singing surveys to help monitor the species' population.

Today, thanks to the work of many conservation partners including the DNR, Kirtland's warblers have made a remarkable recovery and no longer need Endangered Species Act protection. Other interesting assign-

ments while Stewart was working out of the wildlife lab included collecting bats to test for rabies and testing foxes for rabies and taking part in elk surveys and research into winter deer nutrition. "I had a hodgepodge of great experiences on the front end of my career," he said. "I was real lucky to have been able to do that."

After leaving the wildlife lab, Stewart worked as a wildlife technician in the Thumb area, where he worked on pheasant and grouse management. He then was a wildlife biologist in Pontiac, where he interacted with sportsmen's clubs in the Detroit area, did waterfowl check station work at Harsen's Island and "got to see the urban side of wildlife." Here he helped to develop some of the early programs for managing nuisance Canada geese.

He then transferred back to the Rose Lake field office, where he was responsible for Maple River State Game Area and other game areas in Clinton and Gratiot counties. At the time, the Maple River game area had become overgrown, the water pumps were malfunctioning, and there were

holes in the dikes. Stewart helped redesign the area's units, and now it features "the largest wetland complex in mid-Michigan, with a lot of waterfowl."

While working out of the Rose Lake office, he applied for a grant to create the first barrier-free blind in Michigan, a duck hunting and waterfowl observation blind at Maple River. He enlisted a huge army of volunteers to help in that effort, including at-risk youth, students at local schools, Boy Scouts and duck hunting organizations.

The project and the outreach that went into it earned Stewart the Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Award, which was presented by President George H. Bush at the White House, in 1992. "I got to have lunch with him—it was pretty cool," Stewart said.

Nearly 30 years later, making Michigan's natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities accessible to everyone is a key DNR priority.

Stewart also submitted one of the first proposals for funding from the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund, established in 1983 to help conserve and promote awareness and appreciation of Michigan's endangered, threatened and nongame wildlife. That proposal, to build a wildlife observation tower at Maple River, became the first nongame fund project ever funded.

The nongame fund also led to another project he played a big role in—reintroducing the osprey, a once-threatened bird species that's now thriving in urban areas, to southern Michigan. "I wrote the original plan for that, and now we have ospreys throughout southern Michigan, so that was really a big plus," Stewart said.

Another bird Stewart helped reintroduce to southern Michigan was the wild turkey. Ever since his work with the birds at the wildlife lab early in his career, he was "enthralled by wild turkeys" and said he always had wanted to do something to reintroduce them to southern Michigan and expand their range in Michigan.

He got that chance in 1983, when he, along with many others, brought wild turkeys to Michigan from Iowa and Missouri and established some flocks in the southern part of the state.

Stewart was in charge of teaching DNR staff how to trap offspring of those birds to then move them to other locations in the state to help expand this restoration activity.

"So today, Michigan ranks fourth in the nation for wild turkey harvest ... We've gone from extirpation of all wild turkeys in Michigan to today we have over 200,000 birds, and you can hunt turkeys in every county in the state," he said. "That's a pretty rewarding feeling to know that I was one small part of a project like this"

**More accomplishments.** After his time at the Rose Lake field office, Stewart transferred to Lansing to become the DNR's upland game bird specialist and spent over 20 years in that role. He worked on projects like creating Michigan's grouse enhanced management sites, known as GEMS, for premier bird hunting and Turkey Tracts, public hunting areas with habitat intensively managed for turkeys.

Later in his career, Stewart saw a project he started while working as a biologist at Rose Lake—where one of his responsibilities was the game area's rifle range—come to fruition. "We completely redid the whole range, moved a lot of earth around, helped make it barrier-free," he said.

Part of Stewart's role as the DNR's upland game bird specialist was studying the American woodcock, and he saw advances in woodcock research methods over the years. Michigan has a long-running woodcock banding program pioneered by his predecessor, Andy Ammann.

"We've been able to expand on that, and Michigan bands more woodcock chicks than anywhere else in the world and has the longest-running database on banded woodcock in the world, with over 34,000 birds having been banded. And there's no other program even close," he said.

"Michigan is No. 1 in the world for American woodcock harvest. Michigan is a real focal point for American woodcock harvest. Michigan is a real focal point for American woodcock harvest. Michigan is a real focal point for American woodcock harvest."

His dedication helped shape who the DNR is as it heads into the next century of caring for Michigan's natural resources.

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