

# NEWSLETTER

- OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF LOCAL UNION 347 -

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## Spotlight

### Numbers Members Care About

#### UNFILLED CALLS

*Calls are still available!*

#### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

*Classes are available now!*

#### HEALTH & WELFARE RATE (traveling)

*Maximum return is \$9.13/hr. (our rate).*

#### INSTRUCTOR POSITION AVAILABLE

*The Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship has an Instructor position available.*

## Mark your Calendars

### Saturday, April 4, 2026

Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast

### Friday, May 1, 2026

Taco Night, Union Hall Women's Committee

### Saturday, June 13, 2026

Annual Picnic, Union Labor Park

### Saturday, July 18, 2026

LU 347 Golf Outing at Terrace Hills



## We're Hiring! Apprenticeship Training Instructor

The Trustees of the Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship Training Trust announce the addition of a Full-Time Electrical Instructor position at the Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship Training Center.



### The successful candidate will:

- Have a minimum of seven years' experience in commercial electrical building construction.
- Have a current State of Iowa Electrical Journeyman or Master License.
- Have experience in all aspects of the electrical construction field including: motor control and PLCs, conduit bending, blueprint reading, structured cabling, fiber optics, AC and DC theory.
- Be proficient with the National Electrical Code.
- Be familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

This is a salaried position of 40+ hours per week and is based upon Journeyman Inside Wireman Foreman rate. This includes some evenings plus some over-night travel. Fringe benefits include two weeks of paid vacation and paid holidays. Health insurance, retirement and NEBF pension contributions are in-line with the Inside CBA. The successful candidate will be required to attend basic and advanced education and certification training. This training may require traveling out of town 2 - 6 weeks per year.

### **Interested candidates should submit a resume and letter of introduction to:**

*Director of Training  
Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship  
10700 Justin Dr.  
Urbandale, Iowa 50322*

As part of the selection process, candidates must deliver a technical presentation on a topic of their choice. Candidates will be evaluated on their ability to organize complex concepts and the effectiveness of using various instructional methods to engage the students. **The deadline to submit an application is April 15, 2026.**

## BA's Update

### Work Outlook

- Work activity across the jurisdiction is beginning to slowly pick up.
- While some projects are still in early stages, we expect calls to begin trickling in more consistently in the coming weeks.
- Members who are currently available should continue checking the referral system as opportunities begin to develop.
- Make sure you are on the books now! If you are working outside our jurisdiction you can still be signed on your home local's books.

**- SIGN THE BOOKS NOW -**



# Apprentice of the Month



Apprentice of the Month - February 26'

Andres Rodriguez



Andres was nominated by both an apprentice and a journeyman who have observed his positive his impact firsthand!

“Working with Andres is great. He was willing to share his experiences and knowledge to help solve problems and to plan out our work for the day. He is hardworking and was seamlessly added to our crew because of his ability to see what needs to be done and get to work.”

“Andres, apart from being an impressive apprentice, has shown his integrity and respectfulness time and time again on the job—whether it’s speaking with customers or building relationships with his coworkers. How he speaks about his young family makes it obvious where he pulls his motivation from. He is a very inspiring person to be around.”

Andres is the kind of apprentice who lifts the people around him and the kind of future journeyman who will strengthen our industry for years to come.

His future is bright, and we’re grateful to have him as part of our DMEA community.



Congratulations, Andres!



State Licensing Courses Available @ [DSM Electrical Apprenticeship](#)

Training and continuing education remain an important part of maintaining the skill and professionalism our contractors and customers expect from IBEW electricians.

Currently, we have more than 20 open spots across six journeyman training classes that are posted through the JATC. These classes are posted months in advance, and participation is critical to ensuring courses do not have to be cancelled due to low enrollment.

If you have been considering taking a class, I strongly encourage you to review the [schedule](#) and sign up when opportunities become available.



## Travel Reminder

*Working Outside our Jurisdiction*

While those jobs can be beneficial, it’s important to understand how your benefits are handled when working elsewhere.

- Health & Welfare contributions from other locals are sent back to our local through the ERTS system, which creates about a two-month delay before they are applied to your account.
- Only straight-time hours count toward Health & Welfare, and contributions are capped at our local’s hourly rate (currently \$9.13, subject to wage adjustments).
- Pension contributions do pyramid, meaning all hours - including overtime and double time - count toward your pension.

If you ever have questions about whether your benefits have been received or applied correctly, the easiest solution is to contact the union hall and we can verify everything for you.



## Iowa Politics

At the Iowa Capitol, the second funnel has been reached! This means that the bills that did not make it through the funnel were moved to unfinished business to be addressed at a later date or are now dead.

### Senate file 2464 and House File 2739 Tax on Health Maintenance Organizations

These bills were added the week of the second funnel, and the stated purpose was to help shore up the Medicaid shortfall. This would increase the tax on HMO from .925% to 3.5% from January 1 - September 30 2026. The concern here is that this will raise our premiums, we will be watching these bills closely.

### House File 2466 Apprenticeship bill

This bill started with several things that would benefit our apprentices, but as it works through the political process some of the good things have been taken out of the bill. Currently the largest benefit in the bill would be a funding increase.

### Speaking with Candidates

As the filing deadline has passed we are working on meeting with candidates and seeing who supports our membership. Also taking time to educate them on our issues and the issues of the labor movement.

## Legislative & Policy Watch

### PBM Transparency

Federal regulators are considering new disclosure requirements for Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). Because our Health & Welfare Plan is self-funded, this transparency could give trustees better insight into prescription pricing and help manage rising drug costs that impact union benefit plans.

### Worker Classification Rules

The Department of Labor is reviewing changes to independent contractor classification standards. Proper classification is especially important in construction, as misclassification can undermine wages, benefits, and training standards that union contractors and electricians work hard to maintain.

### Why It Matters Locally

These national policy discussions can directly impact union benefit plans and labor standards here in Iowa and across the Midwest. We will continue monitoring these developments and keep members informed.

**-Local Union Staff**



**Pro-Labor/Trades**

- HF 2466** Apprenticeship & Workforce Training Investment
- HF 2227** - Land Restoration After Utility/Transmission Construction
- HF 2283** - Grid Enhancement Study Requirements
- HF 2447** - Data Center Regulation & Cost Containment
- HF 2104** - Pipeline Landowner Protections
- HF 2543 / SF 2202** - Mental Health Care Expansion

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **April 30, 2026**.

This list was run on March 26, 2026. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

**"A" MEMBERS**

AARON	K ALEXANDER	CLINT	E RUSSELL
RONNIE	D ALLBEE	DERRICK	L SANDY
ADAM	S AMES	THOMAS	A SCHILLING
MICHAEL	C ANDERSEN	CHAD	D SCHNELL
DEREK	R BALDWIN	CHRIS	L SCHWIENEBAERT
JAY'QWON	J BRIDGES	LUKE	W SEE
ELLIS	G BRYANT	STEPHANIE	M SLIGER
DANIEL	CHAVEZ	JULIAN	L SMITH
SCOTT	E CLARK	ANDREW	A SMITH
CHARLES	J COCHLEY	CONNOR	M SPENCER
RICHARD	A COHENOUR	LUKE	A STARK
JARED	M COOMES	CHARLES	J TAYLOR
SELAH	M DIBBLE	CHRISTOPHER	TREVINO
ZANE	D ENTERLINE	NATHAN	A UTSLER
TREY	L EVANS	RICHARD	R VANDEBOE
BROCK	A FLEMING	JEREMY	D VANDER WELL
JUSTIN	L FLYNN	AGUSTIN	VILLAGOMEZ
NOAH	J GASPAR	KYLE	R VOGEL
AIDEN	M GOLDSBERRY	RYAN	J WEATHERLY
THOMAS	B GOMEZ	SCHUYLER	L WILLIER
TYSON	C GROSZ	MAX	D WISSLER
BRENDEN	R HANSEN	CHASE	A WOODS

**Last Months Job Referrals**

**114-Referrals Sent Out**  
**71-Regular Calls**  
**4-VDV Tech**  
**11-Apprentice**  
**3-CE 25-CW**

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by April 30, 2026. This list was run on March 26, 2026.

**"A" MEMBERS**

LUIS J DE LEON  
 CAEL H ECK  
 REESE E HOUTAKKER  
 GAGE C IRWIN  
 JAMES L KLOPPENBURG  
 RYAN R OSTRING  
 JOHN C SAMSON  
 DAVID K SHARON

**"BA" MEMBERS**

DALTON J ERSKIN  
 COHOVI HESSOU  
 WAWOUDOU INOUSSA  
 DYLAN R MAYFIELD  
 AYMEN MHMOUD  
 JESUS M TORRES PAUL

**"BA" MEMBERS**

SCOTT	A JORDAN	PALOMA	GALLEGOS
ALEXANDER	J LEE	QUINCY	W GREEN
CARTER	J LEEPER	NOOR	QASIM
AUSTIN	M LONG	ERIC	M WESTBERG
COOPER	R MACUMBER		
SPENCER	D MAUK		
DOMINIC	L MCCARL		
MARCUS	K MONTGOMERY		
J. BRAD	MOREN		
ZACHARY	P OWENS		
DARYL	A PATTERSON		
KYLE	M PLUMB		
AUSTIN	L PRUITT		
KYLE	J RIGGLE		
NICHOLAUS	J ROSONKE		
CHRISTOPHER	RUBIE		
EDDIE	R RUSH		



**Blair Jean Nelson**

DOB: 3/04/2026  
 Weight: 6 lbs 15 oz  
 Length: 20 inches  
 Parents: Rex and Kyli Nelson

**March 1st DROPS**

Ballagan, Ravneet K	BA
Becthold, Matthew S	A
Cleghorn, Jennifer S	A
Dullard, Brian D	A
Gruening, Carter T	A
Harden, Christopher T	A
Hawkins, David	BA
Rich, Miles DL	A
Schaff, Travis T	A
Schultz, Jared R	BA
Thiphavong, Galvin Q	BA

IBEW Local 347



# GOLF Outing

## JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2026

Shotgun Start @ 8am

FEE: \$ 30 PER PLAYER

Get a partner & sign up early!

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing!



**Deadline to Register: July 3, 2026**

**PLAYER 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYER 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYER 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYER 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 per person. Call and pay over the phone, in person, or mail this form in with a check made payable to: IBEW Local 347. Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Type: \_\_\_\_\_

# IBEW Local 347's



# Annual Picnic

## Join Us at Union Labor Park!

### June 13th 12-3pm



Amusement Rides, Bags Tournament, Ice Cream Truck, Inflatables, Face Painting, Airbrush Tattoos, Live Music, Food (grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, along with sides) & Drinks!

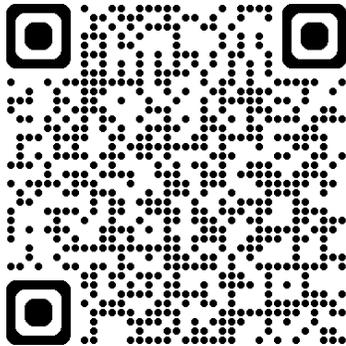
# APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Don't forget to apply for this year's <b>SCHOLARSHIPS!</b> They can be found either online on our website <a href="http://ibewlu347.org/Scholarships">ibewlu347.org/Scholarships</a> or in person here at the Union Hall.</p>			<p>1 Resi 4PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4   <b>8am</b>                      Easter Egg Hunt &amp; Breakfast</p>
<p>5                      Happy EASTER!  </p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7                      EP2 4PM</p>	<p>8  <b>Retiree Lunch Noon @ Hall</b></p>	<p>9  <b>General Membership Mtg. 5pm</b></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14                      Firestone Mtg. 12:30PM &amp; 2:30PM</p>	<p>15                      VDV Mtg. 4pm                      Women's Committee Mtg. 5pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20                      Stockman/Deliveryman Mtg. 4pm</p>	<p>21                      Keystone Mtg. after work                      KCCI Mtg 1pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23                      Fort Dodge Unit Mtg. 4:30pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28                      E-Board Mtg. 4pm                      RENEW Mtg. 5pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		



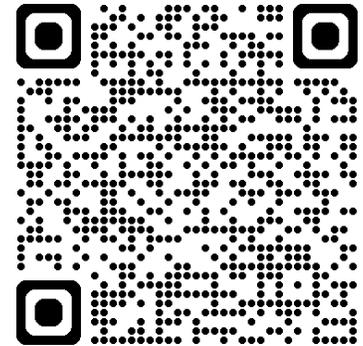
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Scan Above to See Job Calls

LOCAL UNION 347	<a href="http://www.ibewlu347.org">www.ibewlu347.org</a>	Business Office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Mon-Fri
Local #347 Benefits Website:	<a href="https://www.solxsys365.com/">https://www.solxsys365.com/</a>	Phone: (515) 243-1924
For Job Calls, call after 4:30 PM daily and all weekend long:	(515) 243-5412.	Fax #: (515) 243-8772
DES MOINES ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP	<a href="http://www.dmelejatc.org">www.dmelejatc.org</a>	Phone: (515) 224-4349
<b>LOCAL 347 HEALTH PLAN: NEW GROUP # 78-800672 NEW MEMBER ID# UL10025*****</b>		
Dollar Bank Billing & Claims Information:	Call Solxsys	Phone: (515) 644-3200
To search for a United Health Care in-network provider call:	1-866-596-8447 OR go to <a href="http://www.uhc.com">www.uhc.com</a> and click on Choice Plus.	Local #347 Benefits Website: <a href="https://www.solxsys365.com/">https://www.solxsys365.com/</a>
SAV-RX: BIN# 006558 GROUP# IBEW347	<a href="http://www.savrx.com">www.savrx.com</a>	Phone: (402) 753-2800
DELTA DENTAL INFORMATION:	<a href="http://www.deltadental.com">www.deltadental.com</a> Member ID is your SSN.	To contact Delta Dental directly if you do not have internet access: Phone: 1-800-544-0718
V.S.P. INFORMATION (Eye Care):	<a href="http://www.vsp.com">www.vsp.com</a> Member ID is your SSN.	To search for a provider or to look at available benefits go to <a href="http://www.vsp.com">www.vsp.com</a> and click on member benefits. Phone: 1-800-877-7195
To contact V.S.P. directly if you do not have internet access:		
LOCAL 347 RETIREMENT & 401K #43-1329	<a href="http://www.principal.com">www.principal.com</a> Principal Financial:	Phone: 1-800-547-7754
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