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Spotlight

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT & SUMMER PREP HOT BENEFITS FOR THE SUMMER

Make the most of the benefits you've earned.

COOL TOOLS FOR BUSY FAMILIES

Resources designed to make life easier.

SUMMER SUPPORT STARTS HERE

Support for members and their families.

SAFETY NEVER TAKES A VACATION

Stay alert, hydrated, and jobsite-ready.

WORK SMART THIS SUMMER

Protect yourself from heat, fatigue & burnout.

Mark your Calendars

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

Annual Picnic, Union Labor Park

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

Taco Night, Women's Committee @ Hall, RSVP

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

LU347 Golf Outing, Terrace Hills Golf Course

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

Fort Dodge Wellness Event, RSVP

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

Des Moines Wellness Event, RSVP



Report

SUMMER WORK IS HEATING UP

Summer always brings long days, demanding schedules, and increased pressure on jobsites — but it also highlights the professionalism, skill, and work ethic of our membership. Whether you're on a large commercial project, service work, or traveling for work opportunities, this is the time of year where we all need to stay focused and look out for one another.

STAY SAFE IN THE HEAT

High temperatures and long hours can take a toll quickly. Hydration, rest, and paying attention to the warning signs of heat exhaustion are critical during the summer months. Don't ignore fatigue, dizziness, or dehydration — and don't let your Brothers and Sisters push through unsafe conditions alone. **Safety never takes a summer break.**

UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Summer is also a good reminder to review your beneficiary information. Life changes quickly — marriages, divorces, children, and other family changes can affect your wishes and benefits. Taking a few minutes now to ensure your information is current can make a major difference for your loved ones later.

If you need assistance reviewing or updating your information, please contact Nichole at the Hall.

YOUR BENEFITS MATTER

One of the greatest strengths of union membership extends far beyond wages and retirement. Our benefits exist to support members and their families both on and off the jobsite. We encourage everyone to take time to review the resources available to you — including our **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** through **LifeMatters**, telehealth services through **Doctor On Demand**, and additional member discounts available through **UnionPlus.org**.

Many of these programs are underutilized simply because members don't realize what is available until a problem becomes overwhelming. Don't wait until a difficult situation occurs before asking questions or seeking support.

- Local Union Staff



Summer Prep

- Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate!
- Heat Exhaustion Warning Signs:
 - Dizziness, Nausea, Muscle Cramps, Headaches, Heavy Sweating
- Take Breaks When Needed
- Sun Exposure & PPE Considerations:
 - Long sleeves? Some job sites will require it.
- Look Out for Apprentices & Newer Workers
 - Helpful reminders from peers go a long way!
- Importance of Stretching & Avoiding Fatigue
 - Helps to prevent injuries and keeps you working safely through long summer days.

Work Outlook

- Members currently available for work should continue monitoring the referral system as job opportunities continue to increase heading into the busy season.
- If you are not already signed on the books, now is the time to do so. Members working outside of our jurisdiction are still able to remain signed on their home local's books while traveling.

- SIGN THE BOOKS NOW -

Apprentice of the Month



April 26'
Apprentice of the Month
Johnny Nguyen



This month, we are proud to recognize Johnny Nguyen as Apprentice of the Month - an honor made even more meaningful by the fact that he was nominated by six fellow apprentices and coworkers!

Johnny consistently shows up with a positive attitude and a genuine eagerness to learn. In the classroom, he brings strong engagement, thoughtful questions, and a calm confidence that helps lift everyone around him. With a strong work ethic and a willingness to jump in wherever he's needed, Johnny sets the standard for what it means to be a successful apprentice.

What truly stands out is Johnny's commitment to others. He is always ready to help classmates work through difficult topics, the first to get up when something needs to be done, and someone who makes sure everyone feels included and supported. His classroom presence is strong, his demeanor friendly, and his leadership natural.

Johnny is a prime example of a great apprentice. Focused, capable, dependable, and an emerging leader in the program. Congratulations, Johnny, and thank you for setting a powerful example for your classmates and the trade!

Congratulations, Johnny!

Reminders

BENEFITS, BENEFITS, BENEFITS



State Licensing Courses Available @ DSM Electrical Apprenticeship

Review the [schedule](#) and sign up here.

- **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)** - Help for your *WHOLE* family. MyLifeMatters.com
 - *Free & anonymous. Nothing to do with insurance. coverage. Access Code: IBEW347A*
- **DOCTOR ON DEMAND (TELEHEALTH)** - Skip the waiting room this Summer! *on demand* By Included Health
 - *Free. Never leave home or the jobsite. *Must be an active participant on our insurance.*
- **UNION PLUS (MEMBER DISCOUNTS)** - Membership goes beyond the jobsite. UnionPlus.org

Money	Shopping & Discounts	Hardship Help	Auto & Home	Health	Insurance	Travel	Education

OTHER QUICK REMINDERS:

- **Update Beneficiaries**
- **Double Check Your Contact Information**
- **Stay Current On Dues**
- **Follow Local 347 Online**



ibewlu347.org



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If you ever have questions, the easiest solution is to contact the Union Hall and we can verify everything for you.





Industry & Legislative Updates

CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK

- Construction activity continues to grow.
- Infrastructure improvements, energy projects, manufacturing expansion & data center development create strong demands for skilled Union labor.

WORKFORCE & APPRENTICESHIP

- Iowa lawmakers continue discussing workforce development and apprenticeship expansion to address labor shortages.
- Conversations highlight the importance of maintaining strong training standards & quality apprenticeships.

SAFETY & HEAT AWARENESS

- Jobsite safety is a major focus across the construction industry.
- OSHA emphasizes hydration, rest breaks & recognizing the warning signs of heat-related illness.



PROTECTING LABOR STANDARDS

- Iowa doesn't have a state prevailing wage law- only Federal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage protections.
- Union representation remains critical in protecting fair wages, benefits, training opportunities & safe working conditions for all workers.

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Make a Plan to Vote
Primary Election Day
June 2, 2026
 VoterReady.Iowa.Gov

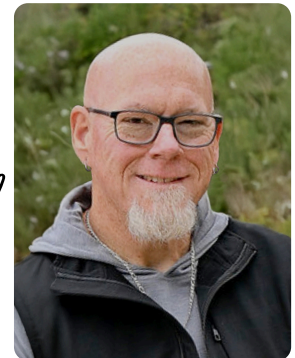


Member Milestones

Condolences



Our sincerest condolences go out to the family of Brother Fred A. Rivas. Brother Rivas passed away April 26, 2026, at the age of 79. He was a member for 49 years.



Our sincerest condolences go out to the family of Brother David Butler. Brother Butler passed away April 23, 2026, at the age of 53. He was a member for 26 years.



Newborn

Elara Thi Vorasith
 Born: 04.21.2026
 Weight: 6lbs 12oz
 Length: 20.25 inches
 Parents: Austin Jay & Katie Lynn Vorasith

Honoring a Career of Service & Dedication

At the end of April, Local 347 proudly celebrated the retirement of our Membership Development Coordinator, Organizer, and Political Registrar - **Randy Tucker** - after nearly three decades of dedicated service to our membership and Brotherhood. Over the years, he served the membership in numerous leadership roles - strengthening our Local through each member he organized, and his political involvement. His unique personality will be missed as he leaves behind a legacy of dedication, leadership, and advocacy. We thank you, and wish you well Tucker!

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

This list was run on May 20, 2026. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

"A" MEMBERS

JOSE	M	ABARCA	WESLEY	M	LOMOND
GEIR	T	ANDERSON	ASHLEY	C	LONG
ZACHARY	J	BAETSLE	KURT	D	LOVING
DOHNOVAN	D	BAILEY	KEVIN	D	LYONS
CURTIS	L	BALMER	NATHANIEL	J	MARTS
KEITH	D	BARK	ROBERT	J	MCCAULEY
LANDON	D	BEARD	SCOTT		MENTZER
JACKSON	G	BEMRICH	MATTHIAS	P	MEREDITH
ROBERT	T	BOWMAN	THOMAS	J	NIKKEL
BRANDON	M	BREGAR	MIKE	L	OH
JAMESON	J	BROWN	JESSE	L	OLSEN
LANE	D	CARSON	DEVAN	J	OLSON
ADAM	C	CASADY	ANTHONY	L	ORTIZ
NABILIYUR		CHAN	KAYDEN	L	PAGE
JONATHAN		CHAPMAN	RANDALL	R	PATRICK
RICHARD	A	COHENOUR	RANDALL	J	PECKHAM
OWEN	D	CRAWFORD	ANTHONY	T	PERRY
ROBERT	E	DAWSON	CALEB	A	PETERSEN
JARED	B	DENNY	MAXWELL		POTRATZ
LANCE	R	DIXON	ZACHARY	A	RAMSEY
KOLBY	R	DUDNEY	BEN	M	REEVES
TREY	L	EVANS	ROBERT	L	RIGHT
MICHAEL	A	GARCIA	EDDIE	R	RUSH
CALLIE	A	GILLESPIE	GRAEHAM	C	SCHOPE
THOMAS	B	GOMEZ	BRIAN	D	SLYKHUIS
JASON	B	GRANDSTAFF	JOSIAH	J	SONGER
DANIEL	J	HAGEN	JORDAN	T	ST. ARNOLD
QUINTIN	L	HARRISON	ZACHARY	D	THOMPSON
SEAN		HEAD	NATHAN	A	UTSLER
ALEXANDER		HERNANDEZ	MAXWELL	J	VAN MAANEN
JACOB	M	HINES	JESSE	D	VAN RIPER
WILLIAM	L	HOLLOWAY	AGUSTIN		VILLAGOMEZ
CHRIS	D	HOWE	HUNTER	C	VOCKINGS
KAEGAN	R	HOWELL	JOHNATHAN		WEIL
DAVID	J	HUMMEL	ADAM	L	WHISNEY
TERRY	L	HUSS	ISAIAH	J	WILDE
COLE	M	HYLER	MAX	D	WISSLER
ADAM	M	IRVING	GABRIEL	M	WYANT
JACOB	M	JAMISON			
RYAN	B	JONES	PALOMA		GALLEGOS
LANCE	K	KAHOE	BRANDON	E	GERMAN
JOSHUA	A	LANE	ELIZABETH	A	HEWITT

"BA" MEMBERS

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by June 30, 2026. This list was run on May 20, 2026.

"A" MEMBERS

- DARION DIXON
- TROY D DONOHOE
- LOGAN J FOETISCH
- MATTHEW DK KAWAHARA
- ALLAN J KENNEDY
- JOSHUA M KOVACH
- DAVID M MARLENEE
- PAUL E SLEETH
- ZAYREN H TERUKINA
- CHANCE G VEACH

"BA" MEMBERS

- MARY E BENETTI

Last Months Job Referrals

- 52-Referrals Sent Out
- 7-Regular Calls
- 5-VDV Tech
- 25-Apprentice
- 1-CE 12-CW
- 2-Installer



May 1st DROPS

LUIS J DE LEON	A
REESE E HOUTAKKER	A
GAGE C IRWIN	A
JAMES L KLOPPENBURG	A
DALTON J ERSKIN	BA
COHOVI HESSOU	BA
WAWOUDOU INOUSSA	BA
DYLAN R MAYFIELD	BA
AYMEN MHMOUD	BA
JESUS M TORRES PAUL	BA



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!



THE IBEW LU 347 WOMEN'S COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

TACO PARTY NIGHT

• Good Food • Good Friends • Good Vibes

FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Join us at the union hall for an evening of good food, fun, and socializing!
This is a family friendly event.
There will be games and door prizes.
The proceeds for this event will be used as a donation to benefit Families Forward.
Families Forward is a local shelter and resource center for families in need.

RSVP by June 23rd via the union hall:
(515)243-1924
6809 SE Bellagio Ct Ankeny IA 50021

\$10/person or \$25/family

IBEW Local 347

-FULL!

JULY 3RD 2026 Shotgun Start @ 8am

32nd Annual Golf Outing!



GET SCHEDULED TODAY



IBEW Local 347 Electrical Workers Health & Welfare Fund Hosts Annual Screening To Detect Your Risk For Stroke!!

- ✔ Saturday, August 29th FORT DODGE
- ✔ Friday, September 25th Ankeny
- ✔ Saturday, September 26th Ankeny
- ✔ Sunday, September 27th Ankeny

Call: **515-243-1924**

Electronically Sign Up: ibewlu347.org/WellnessEvent

Email: nchumbley@ibewlu347.org

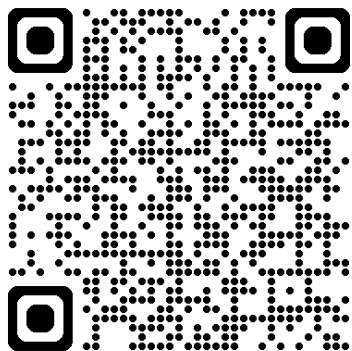
June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 EP2 4PM	3 Resi 4PM	4	5	6
7	8	9 Firestone Mtg. 12:30PM & 2:30PM	10 Retiree Lunch Noon @ Hall	11 General Membership Mtg. 5PM	12	13 Union Park 12-3pm PICNIC 
14	15 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4PM	16 Keystone Mtg. after work KCCI Mtg. 1PM	17 VDV Mtg. 4PM Women's Committee Mtg. 5PM	18	19	20
21 	22	23	24	25 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg. 4:30PM	26 Taco Party RSVP 	27
28	29	30 E-Board Mtg. 4PM RENEW Mtg. 5PM				



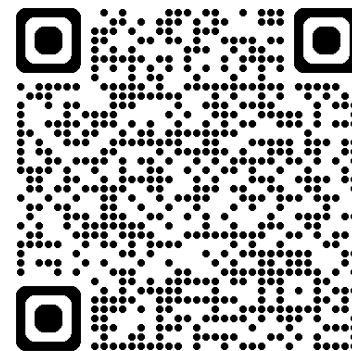
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Scan Above to See Job Calls

<p><u>LOCAL UNION 347</u> www.ibewlu347.org Business Office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Mon-Fri Local #347 Benefits Website: https://www.solxsys365.com/ Phone: (515) 243-1924 For Job Calls, call after 4:30 PM daily and all weekend long: (515) 243-5412. Fax #: (515) 243-8772</p>
<p>DES MOINES ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP www.dmelejatc.org Phone: (515) 224-4349</p>
<p><u>LOCAL 347 HEALTH PLAN:</u> NEW GROUP # 78-800672 NEW MEMBER ID# UL10025***** 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 www.uhc.com and click on Choice Plus. Local #347 Benefits Website: https://www.solxsys365.com/</p>
<p><u>SAV-RX:</u> BIN# 006558 GROUP# IBEW347 www.savrx.com Phone: (402) 753-2800</p>
<p><u>DELTA DENTAL INFORMATION:</u> www.deltadental.com Member ID is your SSN. To contact Delta Dental directly if you do not have internet access: Phone: 1-800-544-0718</p>
<p><u>V.S.P. INFORMATION (Eye Care):</u> www.vsp.com Member ID is your SSN. To search for a provider or to look at available benefits go to www.vsp.com and click on member benefits. To contact V.S.P. directly if you do not have internet access: Phone: 1-800-877-7195</p>
<p><u>LOCAL 347 RETIREMENT & 401K #43-1329</u> www.principal.com <u>Principal Financial:</u> Phone: 1-800-547-7754 Address changes: Contact the Union Hall & Morgan Flournoy w/ Solxsys Phone: (515) 644-3200</p>
<p><u>JOURNEY CREDIT UNION:</u> Phone: (515) 243-8735</p>
<p><u>RETIREE RESOURCES:</u> IBEW Retiree helpline: Phone: 1-202-728-6206 NEBF: Phone: 1-301-556-4300</p>