



# Official Publication of Local Union 347

## ~ Business Manager's Report ~

Sisters and Brothers,

March gives us the opportunity to recognize one of the most important milestones in our Local—the completion of the IBEW Local 347 Apprenticeship Program. Turning out as a Journeyman is the result of years of dedication, long hours on the job, classroom instruction, and a commitment to the standards that make union electricians the best in the industry.

The following members have successfully completed their apprenticeship programs and are turning out during the 2025–2026 year. Their achievements reflect not only their individual commitment, but also the strength of our training programs and the future of Local Union 347. (This list is not all-inclusive)

### Des Moines Inside

Albright, Mitchell	Furnal, Andrew	Mauk, Spencer	Smith, Gage
Albright, Sean	Gamble, Andrew	Meeker, Bradley	Smith, Gideon
Binder, Jason	Gaspar, Noah	Miller, Jordan	Somsavath, Patrick
Bogdanoff, Juan	Guizar, William	Nabholz, Vaughn	Sparks, Levi
Calkins, Christopher	Harem, Trenton	Olesen, Christian	Stephens, Tanner
Campo, Gabe	Hart, Cody	Phillips, Zachary	Thorpe, Welch
Christensen, Camden	Heiman, Klayton	Pierce, Trenten	Van Wyngarden, Bo
Clark, Austin	Hindley, Drake	Reichenbacker, Thomas	Vander Hart, Brian
Cooper, Anthony	Johnson, Jacob	Riffle, Devon	Villagomez, Agustin
Deets, Cody	Jones, Ryan	Rivera, Walter	Walters, Grant
Dixon, Lance	Knight, Mhikealy	Senn, Ethan	West, Andrew
Eaton, Gabriel	Kolbo, James	Simpson, Dylan	
Fellows, Hunter	Luna, Joshua	Sink, Jesse	
Fridley, Christopher	Martin, Nicholas	Smith, Conner	

### Fort Dodge Inside

Hefley, Keith  
Lundberg, Kadya

### Des Moines Telecommunication

Fisher, Robert  
Hopkey, Sadie  
Olson, Matthew

Rodriguez, Mario  
Rustan, Jacob  
Thielman, Brewer

On behalf of the officers, staff, instructors, and membership of Local 347, congratulations to each of these brothers and sisters on reaching this important milestone. Turning out marks the beginning of a new chapter—one that carries the responsibility of craftsmanship, professionalism, and active participation in our union.

We encourage all members to congratulate our new journeymen and to continue supporting them as they build long, successful union careers.

Brotherhood Strong,  
Dave L. Reid

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 7, 2026  
Pin Party & Recognition Night  
Women in the Trades @ Hall

Tuesday, March 17, 2026  
St. Patty's Day Parade

Sunday, April 5, 2026  
Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast

## POLITICAL CORNER

As federal and state lawmakers continue their work in 2026, several legislative efforts on Capitol Hill remain directly relevant to union members and working families here in Iowa. Congress is still considering the PRO Act, a bill that would strengthen workers' rights to join and organize unions and expand collective bargaining protections under the National Labor Relations Act — priorities that support organized labor and fair workplace standards for all tradespeople. At the same time, federal funding decisions for labor, health, education, and workforce programs are unfolding as part of the budget process, and the status of incentives like the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) — long used to help employers hire individuals from targeted groups — is currently in question as its authorization expired at the end of 2025.

While the Iowa Legislature isn't considering major changes to collective bargaining laws this session, I encourage you to stay informed about proposals that could affect workplace rights, training opportunities, and job quality. Changes at the federal level — whether through labor law reform or appropriations that impact workforce development — can shape opportunities for union electricians and the industries we serve. By staying engaged and understanding how these decisions affect our jobs, benefits, and standards, we help ensure that public policy strengthens, not weakens, the role of organized labor.



Our apprenticeship is continuing to offer journeyman continuing education courses throughout the year, and we strongly encourage members to take advantage of these opportunities. In an effort to improve participation and avoid cancelling classes due to low enrollment, the apprenticeship office is now emailing eligible members as soon as new courses become available. These classes are designed to keep your skills sharp, maintain licensing requirements, and ensure Local 347 remains competitive and highly trained in an evolving industry. We encourage you to watch your email for notifications and sign up early when courses are announced. A full list of currently scheduled classes can always be found at the [Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship's Website](#). Investing in your training is an investment in your future and in the strength of our Local.

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

## *2026 Local Union 347 Pin Party & Recognition Night*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026**

**COCKTAIL HOUR: 5:00 - 6:00 PM**

**DINNER SERVED: 6:00 PM**

**\$10.00 PER PERSON; MEMBER AND ONE GUEST**

**ADDITIONAL GUESTS MAY BE ACCOMMODATED-AT \$30 EACH**

**(IF SEATS ARE AVAILABLE)**

*Bishop Ballroom*

**AT PRAIRIE MEADOWS**

**(ENTER THROUGH THE MEADOWS ENTRANCE)**

**1 PRAIRIE MEADOWS DRIVE**

**ALTOONA, IA 50009 (515) 967-1000**

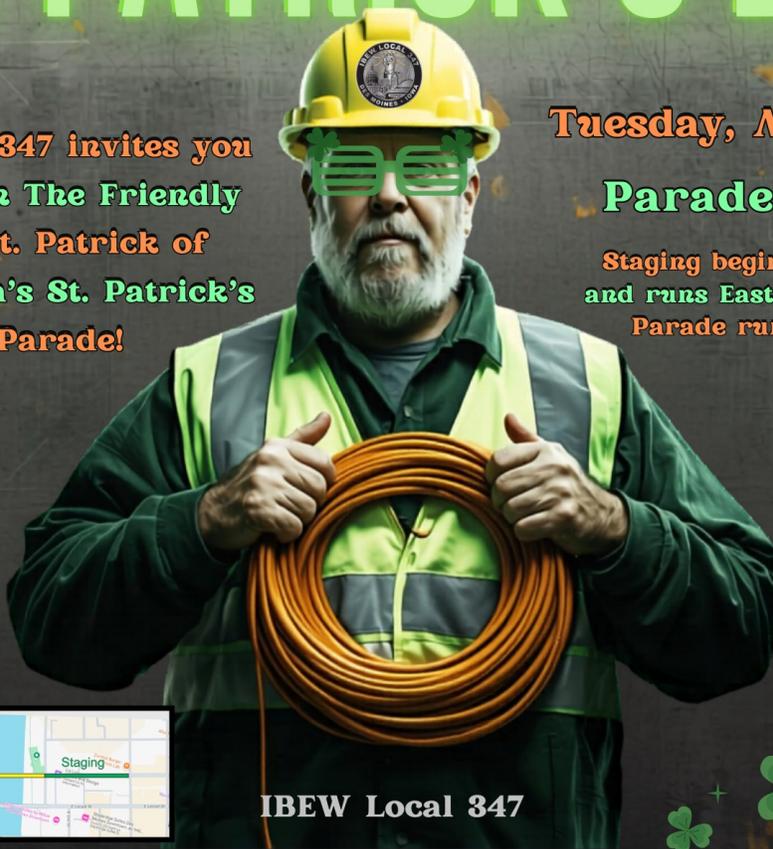
# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

IBEW Local 347 invites you to join us in The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Central Iowa's St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Tuesday, March 17th

Parade-12 PM

Staging begins at 10am on Grand and runs East from Robert Ray Dr. Parade runs West on Grand.



## Parade Route



IBEW Local 347

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## January 2026 Apprentice of the Month Julia Eberle



Julia, a 2<sup>nd</sup> year apprentice, embodies exactly what we hope to see in an apprentice - drive, enthusiasm, curiosity, and genuine care for the people around her.

Julia's friend and classmate nominated her stating, "Julia is the classmate everyone wants in their class. She asks the questions people are scared to ask. She helps others when needed, and she makes all of us laugh and feel included. She's very involved in the union and volunteers at community events, like raising money for food banks. Overall, she goes above and beyond and deserves this recognition."

Julia is an incredibly hard-working apprentice with a mindset built for success. She consistently pushes herself, keeps learning, and always finds a way forward. She steps up to support her classmates, offer guidance, and build others up along the way. Julia is a leader, a teammate, and a rising professional who represents the very best of our program.

Congratulations, Julia! 🍀

Des Moines  
**Electrical**  
Apprenticeship

Don't forget your basket!



# HAPPY Easter

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>  
Union Hall

8AM  
Pancake Breakfast

9AM  
Egg Hunt

Pictures with the  
Easter Bunny  
before & after!

EGG HUNT



**IBEW Local Union 347's Easter Egg Hunt**

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **March 31, 2026**.  
 This list was run on February 20, 2026. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

**"A" MEMBERS**

JOSHUA	R	ALLSUP	JACOB	M	HINES	TYLER	R	OZONO
BRIAN	C	ASKLAND	CALEB	J	HINZ	KAYDEN	L	PAGE
ZACHARY	O	BAKER	AARON	R	HODGES	CALEB	A	PETERSEN
LANDON	D	BEARD	NATHAN	A	HOUCK	PHILLIP	E	PETRIE
BRADLEY	R	BOGGESS	DAVID	J	HUMMEL	ROBERT	J	PIRKL
LEE	W	BOLLING	MARK	E	HUSTON	JAN	C	PONCE
JORDAN	A	BROKAW	COLE	M	HYLER	ANTHONY	W	PORTER
JOSHUA	J	BROUGHTON	JORDIS	L	ICHELSON	RYAN	C	PRAY
JARAD	J	BROWN	JACOB	M	JAMISON	ANTUAND		PRUNEDA
MICHAEL	I	BYERS	BRENTEN	J	JOHNSON	DAVID	T	RAMSELL
CLARA	J	CARPENTER	AARON	B	JOHNSTON	TRISTAN	J	RETHMEIER
MICHAEL	T	CLAYTON	RYAN	B	JONES	GARRETT	M	REYNOLDS
RICHARD	A	COHENOUR	ANTHONY	J	KAPFERER	ROBERT	L	RIGHT
ALLEN	L	COOK	MATTHEW	DK	KAWAHARA	TOMMY	L	RILEY
BRANT	C	CUNNINGHAM	MICHAEL	V	KELLEHER	KIRK	I	RUNDALL
CHAD	A	DAVIS	KEVIN	M	KELLY	WANO	N	RUSSELL
JOSHUA	D	DAVIS	ALLAN	J	KENNEDY	SCOTT	A	SCHMIDT
HUNTER	N	DAVIS	JOSHUA	M	KOVACH	MAXX	W	SCHULTZ
ROBERT	E	DAWSON	MATTHEW	T	KURTZ	TED	R	SCOGGIN
ROBERT	K	DENNIS	JACOB	S	LAUVER	ADAM	J	SCOTT
DARION		DIXON	ZACHARY	P	LEE	WESLEY	N	SEARCY
TROY	D	DONOHOE	TIMOTHY	S	LEROY	BRYCE	B	SELLERS
CONNOR	M	DUDEN	DAVID	W	LESAN	MATTHEW	J	SHOENHAIR
TYWON	J	DUDLEY	MICHAEL	J	LEWIS	CHARLES	D	SHULL
KOLBY	R	DUDNEY	NICHOLAS	D	LONG	JONATHAN	C	SHUMAKER
JEFFREY	A	ERBES	KURT	D	LOVING	PAUL	E	SLEETH
KALEB	S	EVANS	ELLIOTT	J	MANN	JOSHUA	P	SMITH
JARED	R	FEE	DAVID	M	MARLENEE	STEVEN	W	SNOW
LOGAN	J	FOETISCH	LANCER	T	MARTIN	JOSHUA	R	SODERGREN
BENJAMIN	J	FULTON	NATHANIEL	J	MARTS	JACOB	L	SPAIN
JOSE	O	GARCIA	REBECCA	A	MAY	SCOTT	B	STEELE
SHANE	M	GARR	EVA MIA		MAY MITCHELL	TODD	A	STEWART
NOAH	J	GASPAR	KEVIN	J	MCCARTY	TROY	T	STOCKDALE
CALLIE	A	GILLESPIE	LOCHLAN	B	MCINTOSH	FRED	M	STURDEVANT
DANIEL	J	GISVOLD	SETH	W	MCKINESS	SEAN	R	SULLIVAN
CORY	R	GLEICH	JACOB	T	MCKNIGHT	JOSH	M	TAHA
BEN	D	GOODRICH	PATRICK	E	MERRICK	RYAN	M	TAYLOR
ANDREW	V	GRAHAM	JORDAN	D	MILLER	ZAYREN	H	TERUKINA
NICHOLAS	R	GRAHAM	CODY		MILLIGAN	ZACHARY	D	THOMPSON
JACOB	O	GRANDQUIST	MICHAEL	J	MOUW	BLAKE	E	TICE-TAYLOR
DAVID	A	GRAY	DENISE	L	MURPHY	JOSHUA	D	VAN MAANEN
BRANDON	L	HAUS	TONY	C	NESSELROAD	JESSE	D	VAN RIPER
SEBASTIAN	T	HEBERT	PHI	V	NGUYEN	COLBY	D	VANARKEL
KEITH	D	HEFLEY	THOMAS	J	NIKKEL	CHANCE	G	VEACH
ERIC	J	HEISTAND	DRAKE	Z	NOBLE	RYAN	R	WALKER
SAMUEL	A	HENDERSON	GREGORY	M	NORDSTROM	HALSEY	C	WASSON
DAVID	L	HENRY	TYLER	C	NOWELL	COLBY	R	WATERS

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CHANDLER K WELLS  
 AARON E WEPPLER  
 TYLER J WILLIAMSON  
 ERIC L WILSON  
 STEVEN E WORKMAN  
 MARY E BENETTI  
 PALOMA GALLEGOS

**"BA" MEMBERS**

MARY E BENETTI  
 PALOMA GALLEGOS

**February 1<sup>st</sup> DROPS**

Castillo, Erick J	A
French, Chayton M	A
Griffith, Edward J	A
Gronseth, Preston M	A
Harris, Samuel J	A
Hartpence, Dillan T	A
Hyler, Christopher D	A
Johnston, Malakai Y	A
Paxson, Casey J	A
Sargent, Brody R	A
Toe, Toe	BA
Wahdat, Hedayatullah	BA

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**"A" Members**

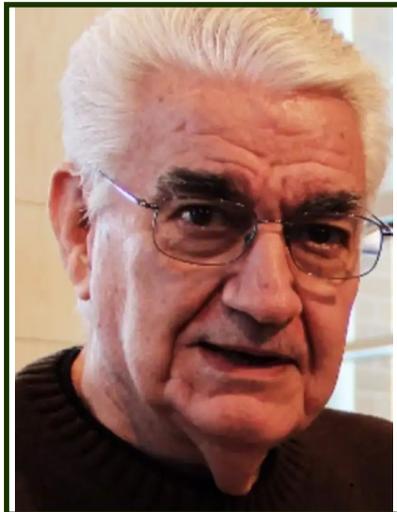
ZACHARY J BAETSLE  
 JOSEPH A BERNARDINO  
 AUSTIN L COOK  
 CHARLIE L FOX  
 TY W FRAZIER  
 CLINT J GARDNER  
 TY'CAMERON J HARVEY  
 ZEBULON Z HATFIELD  
 ALAN P NEWELL  
 BRIAN K SCHMIDT  
 GRAEHAM C SCHOPE  
 MATTHEW J THOMPSON

**"BA" Members**

KASONGO CHRISPIN  
 VERNON A CURTIS  
 STEVEN C KHAWL  
 YVONNE REYES RODRIGUEZ

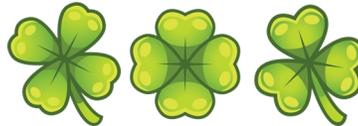
**Don't forget to apply for this year's SCHOLARSHIPS! They can be found either online on our website [ibewlu347.org/Scholarships](http://ibewlu347.org/Scholarships) or in person here at the Union Hall.**

Our sincerest condolences go out to the family of Brother Jimmy Lewis. Brother Lewis passed away January 16, 2026 at the age of 86. He was a member for 63 years.

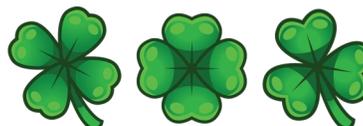


**Last Months Job Referrals**

139-Referrals Sent Out 93-Regular Calls  
 2-VDV Tech 19-Apprentice  
 2-VDV Installer 23-CW



If you would like to receive the Local 347 Newsletter via email as an alternative to an actual mailing, please email your request to Nichole at [nchumbley@ibewlu347.org](mailto:nchumbley@ibewlu347.org).



**NEWBORNS**

Tilly Sue Wissler  
 Born: 01.22.2026  
 Weight: 7lbs 4oz  
 Length: 20 inches  
 Parents: Max & Katy Wissler

Waylen Eugene Sparks  
 Born: 02.03.2026  
 Weight: 7lbs 14.3oz  
 Length: 19.25 inches  
 Parents: Levi & Sophia Sparks

# March 2026



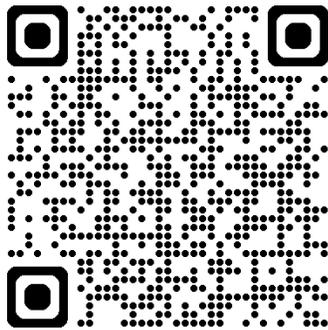
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 EP2 4PM	4	5	6	7 LU 347 PIN PARTY @ Prairie Meadows 5-11pm
8	9	10 Firestone Mtg. 12:30PM & 2:30PM	11 Retiree Lunch Noon @ Hall	12 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 5PM	13	14
15	16 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4:00 PM	17  Keystone after work KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM	18 VDV Mtg. 4:00 PM  Women's Committee Mtg 5:30pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg. 4:30 PM	27	28
29	30	31 E-Board Mtg. 4 PM  RENEW Mtg 5pm				

Please RSVP for the Retiree Lunch by calling Nichole at the Union Hall at 515-243-1924.



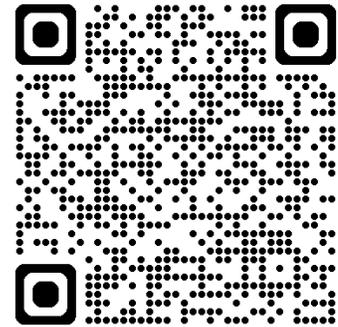
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Local #347 Benefits Website: <a href="https://www.solxsys365.com/">https://www.solxsys365.com/</a>	Phone: (515) 243-1924
For Job Calls, call after 4:30 PM daily and all weekend long: (515) 243-5412.	Fax #: (515) 243-8772
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