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Spotlight

Numbers Members Care About

INCREASED TRANSPARENCY

New updates improving transparency for our members.

DUES → TIED TO YOUR DEATH BENEFIT

Find out how & find out a way to make sure you never fall behind!

SUPPORTING OUR PAC

Voluntary \$0.05 contribution to support efforts protecting our industry/families.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Tis the season. Now is a good time to make sure you are registered to vote.

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

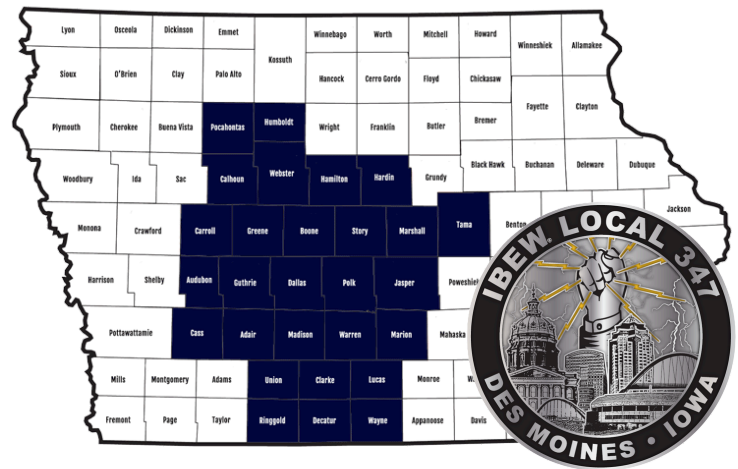
LU347 Golf Outing, Terrace Hills Golf Course

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

Fort Dodge Wellness Event, RSVP

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

Des Moines Wellness Event, RSVP



BA's Report

Brothers & Sisters,

As healthcare costs continue to rise, it is essential that we collectively exercise thoughtful and responsible use of our benefits to help maintain the long-term sustainability of our plan.

Our **Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)** is a valuable benefit that assists in covering eligible medical expenses. However, **not all expenses qualify under the plan.** Prior to making any purchases that may be considered questionable or unclear, members are strongly encouraged to contact Solxsys to verify eligibility. Taking this step in advance can help prevent denied claims and ensure proper use of available funds per IRS guidelines.

Solxsys: (515) 644-3200

Claims/HRA: Opt #1
Eligibility: Opt#2
Pension: Opt#3 (Principal 401(k))
ERTS: Opt#4

In addition, members are encouraged to utilize **Doctor on Demand** whenever appropriate. This service provides access to licensed healthcare professionals in a convenient and cost-effective manner. Choosing telehealth options when suitable helps reduce overall healthcare expenditures and is **free for all participants.**

Upcoming Steward Training Opportunity. A steward training class is scheduled for **May 20th.** This training is a valuable opportunity for those interested in strengthening their knowledge and involvement. Members who would like to participate or learn more are encouraged to reach out to any of the hall staff for additional details.

Your cooperation and attention to these matters are appreciated and play an important role in preserving the strength of our benefits for all members.

In solidarity,
Dave L. Reid

Work Outlook

- Work activity across the jurisdiction is continuing to pick up.
- Some projects are still in early stages.
- Calls continue to trickle in, more consistently.
- 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

Milwaukee
Nothing but **HEAVY DUTY.**

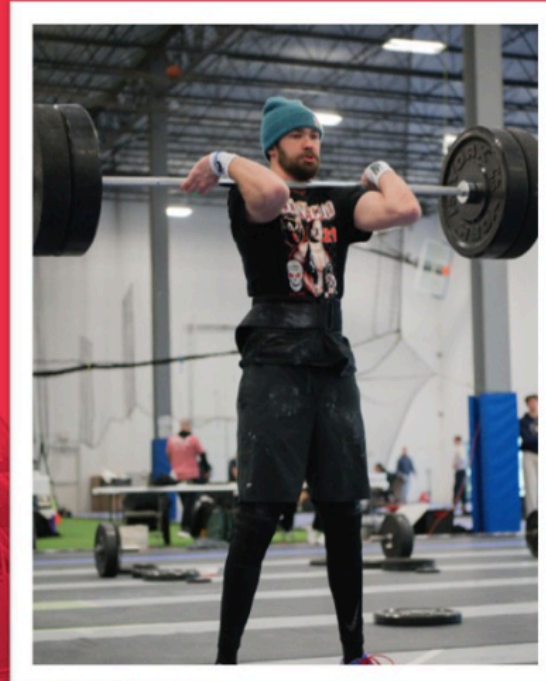
Apprentice of the Month - March 26' Paxton Blow

Paxton was nominated by two of his peers who see his work ethic and character firsthand every day. Paxton works hard every day and consistently puts up quality work on the jobsite. He is always on time, dependable, and proud of the work he does. Paxton doesn't just focus on his own tasks - he shares his knowledge with others to help keep the job moving forward, making him a strong teammate and a valuable part of the crew.

Those nominations are echoed by Paxton's supervisors, who describe him as hardworking, highly dependable, and consistently producing quality work. They emphasized that Paxton communicates well, plans ahead, works smoothly with others, and maintains a great attitude while staying busy and engaged throughout the day.

Congratulations, Paxton! Keep up the great work!

Des Moines
Electrical
Apprenticeship



Des Moines **State Licensing Courses Available**
Electrical @ **DSM Electrical Apprenticeship**
Apprenticeship

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



Reminders *For the General Membership*

Transparency: At one of our recent General Membership meetings, the membership approved making changes to improve transparency within our [job call system](#). Members will now begin seeing more detailed and accessible information on the website, helping everyone make more informed decisions when taking calls.

Dues → Tied to your Death Benefit: DID YOU KNOW? – Your monthly Union Dues are directly related to your International Death Benefit? Paying on time matters! Once you are 2 months + 1 day behind, your death benefit is lost. Once you are 3 months + 1 day behind, you have a \$30 reinstatement fee. 6 months + 1 day, you have an additional \$30 fee. At 7 months, you are dropped from membership. Paying dues on time protects your benefits and prevents unnecessary penalties. The easiest way to avoid penalties and losses is setting up [ACH to pay](#).

Supporting our PAC: Members have the option to contribute \$0.05 per working hour to the PAC fund. These voluntary contributions help support efforts that protect: our jobs, our benefits, and our working conditions. Stop by the hall or fill out a [PAC form](#) at your upcoming union meeting to get the process started.

Register to Vote: Make Your Voice Heard! Ensure you are [registered to vote](#). Be sure to stay informed on issues affecting working families and the construction industry. Elections and policy decisions directly impact jobsite protections, benefit security, and workforce standards.

If you ever have questions (especially about anything mentioned above), the easiest solution is to contact the Union Hall and we can answer anything for you. Call, email or stop by anytime!

Get Registered. Get Involved. Make an Impact.

Register to vote

1. Whether you're new to the area, have recently moved, or just haven't checked your status in a while, now is the time to take a few minutes and confirm your registration.
2. <https://apps.sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/registovote/search.aspx>

Donate to PAC

1. Political Action Committees (PACs) play an important role in advocating policies and candidates that support working people, strong communities, and economic fairness.
2. **It is a nickel an hour.** Looking at a 160-hour month it is only eight dollars total.
3. Come talk to any of the hall staff about getting signed up for PAC contributions.

Vote in the Primary June 2nd

1. The primary election will help shape the political landscape for the general election in November.
2. Check our endorsed Candidates here: <https://www.ibewlu347.org/endorsements>
3. Request an absentee ballot here: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voters/absentee-voting>



In Solidarity,
Stephen Coxe



Policy Watch : Iowa Focus

What We're Watching in Iowa:

- Workforce and labor standards discussions at the state level
- Ongoing conversations around workforce development and skilled trades shortages
- Potential legislation impacting public project funding and labor standards



Newborn

Myles Morris
Born: 03.30.2026
Weight: 8lbs 12.2oz
Length: 19 inches
Parents: Mitchell & Markayla Morris

Condolences

Our sincerest condolences go out to the families of:



Brother Albert D. Keul.
Brother Keul passed away February 13, 2026 at the age of 89. He was a member for 63 years.



Brother Ronald L. Davis.
Brother Davis passed away March 3, 2026 at the age of 86. He was a member for 65 years.



Brother Robert L. Beeler Sr.
Brother Beeler passed away March 5, 2026 at the age of 83. He was a member for 60 years.



Brother Merlin 'Bo' Kruse.
Brother Kruse passed away March 24, 2026 at the age of 66. He was a member for 31 years.

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **May 31, 2026**.

This list was run on April 27, 2026. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

"A" MEMBERS

ALEX	M ADKINS	VAUGHN	L NABHOLZ
AARON	K ALEXANDER	WILLIAM	T NEWTON
MICHAEL	C ANDERSEN	DYLAN	J OTT
ZACHARY	M ANDERSON	CHRISTIAN	E PETERS
RYAN	M BARKER	MAXWELL	POTRATZ
ADRIAN	J BAUTISTA	DAVID	T RAMSELL
JOSHUA	J BROUGHTON	ZACHARY	A RAY
TRAVIS	W BURLESON	CLINT	R ROBBINS
CAIDEN	R CALVERT	NICHOLAS	R RUPE
SCOTT	E CLARK	SCOTT	B SCHOONOVER
GABRIEL	J COCO	JASON	A SIMONSON
RICHARD	A COHENOUR	GIDEON	P SMITH
ALEJANDRO	D CONTRERAS	AUSTIN	B SMITH
JULIAN	J CORDOVA	DAVID	A SMITH
MICHAEL	D CRIGGER	ANTHONY	SOLIVERAS TORRES
DON	E DAWSON	DAKOTA	E SPRAGUE
CHASE	R ELLIOTT	LUKE	A STARK
KEANAN	J ELMORE	SEAN	R SULLIVAN
LEONEL	M GARZA	TANNER	J SUSIN
NOAH	J GASPAR	JAMES	L TACKETT
NOAH	X GRANT	CHASE	D TINNERMEIER
JAYDEN	B GROOMS	NATHAN	A UTSLER
DAVID	J HAYES	RICHARD	R VANDEBOE
SEBASTIAN	T HEBERT	TANYA	M WADDELL
ANTHONY	C HEFELE	HANNELLE	E WESTARP
JOSHUA	R HEMSTED	ROBERT	J WHITE
TERRY	L HUSS	DENNIS	J WILLIAMS
JORDIS	L ICHELSON	GABRIEL	M WYANT
DEVON	L INGLE	RYDER	L YILEK

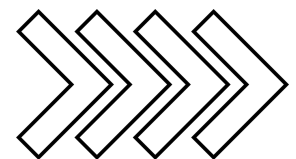
The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by May 31, 2026. This list was run on April 27, 2026.

"A" MEMBERS

- JUSTIN L BAILEY
- SHION BECHTOL
- JACOB M BELCHER
- RANDY D BIRKENHOLTZ
- SCOTT D DOWNS
- B.J. M HARVEY
- JASON A MILLER
- LOGAN M RICHARDSON
- SETH STECKER
- DEREK J STOVER
- DUSTIN W WARD

"BA" MEMBERS

- LUBO NGOYI
- ELVIS PADILLA



Last Months Job Referrals

- 67-Referrals Sent Out
- 38-Regular Calls 1-Resi JW
- 3-VDV Tech 2-VDV Apprentice
- 3-Apprentice
- 2-Installer 18-CW

"BA" MEMBERS

JOHN	D LADURINI	ROBERT	K BELL
MICHAEL	J LEWIS	DANIELLE	DOMINGUEZ
ALEXANDER	L LOWE	PALOMA	GALLEGOS
KYLE	A MALDONADO	MICHAEL	K MCCREARY
LANCER	T MARTIN	SHIRZAD	YOUSUFI
JACOB	T MCKNIGHT		
JONATHAN	W MILLER		
LUIS	E MIRANDA		
JASON	D MOORMAN		
DENISE	L MURPHY		



April 1st DROPS

Chrispin, Kasongo	BA
Curtis, Vernon A	BA
Frazier, Ty W	A
Gardner, Clint J	A
Harvey, Ty' Cameron J	A
Khawl, Steven C	BA
Reyes Rodriguez, Yvonne	BA
Thompson, Matthew J	A



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

IBEW Local 347

GOLF Outing

JULY 18TH 2026

Shotgun Start @ 8am

FEE: \$ 30 PER PLAYER
 Get a partner & sign up early!

32nd 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: _____

GET SCHEDULED TODAY



HEALTH GAUGE

- 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

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
For Assistance with Life, Work, Family, and Wellbeing: 1-800-634-6433 • mylifematters.com • 24/7/365 Text "Hello" to 61295 (U.S.) code: IBEW347A					1	2
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10	11	12 Firestone Mtg. 12:30PM & 2:30PM	13 Retiree Lunch Noon @ Hall	14 General Membership Mtg. 5pm	15	16
17	18 Stockman Mtg. 4pm	19 Keystone after work Mtg. ~ 1PM KCCI Mtg.	20 VDV Mtg. 4PM ~ 5PM Women's Committee	21	22	23
24	25	26 E-Board Mtg. 4PM RENEW Mtg. 5PM	27	28 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg. 4:30PM	29	30
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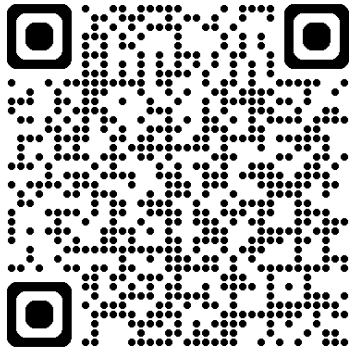
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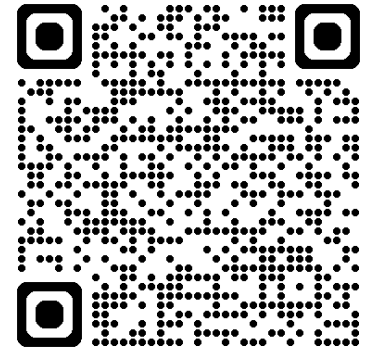
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<u>LOCAL UNION 347</u>	www.ibewlu347.org	Business Office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Mon-Fri
Local #347 Benefits Website:	https://www.solxsys365.com/	Phone: (515) 243-1924
For Job Calls, call after 4:30 PM daily and all weekend long:	(515) 243-5412.	Fax #: (515) 243-8772
<u>DES MOINES ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP</u>	www.dmelejatc.org	Phone: (515) 224-4349
<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/	
<u>SAV-RX: BIN# 006558 GROUP# IBEW347</u>	www.savrx.com	Phone: (402) 753-2800
<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
<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
<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
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