

NEWSLETTER

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Mark Your Calendars

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

World Mental Health Day

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

Investment Energy Conference (IEC) &
Casino Night, RSVP

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

Trunk-or-Treat (RSVP to hand out candy)

Spotlight

PLAN FOR WHAT'S NEXT

IEC & Casino Night returns October 15.

MORE THAN A PAYCHECK

All the benefits available to you...

MENTAL HEALTH IS SAFETY

October 10 is World Mental Health Day.

KEEP BUILDING

Training, industry updates & info inside.

PLAN AHEAD | STAY CONNECTED | FINISH STRONG





HALL STAFF REPORT

LOCAL 347 | MEMBERS | FAMILIES | OUR COMMUNITY

REAL STRENGTH LOOKS OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

Life in the trades can be demanding — physically, mentally, and emotionally. We all have good days and tough days. What makes our Union strong is that we don't face challenges alone. Taking care of our mental health is part of the job, and looking out for one another can make a real difference.

This month, we recognize World Mental Health Day on October 10th — a reminder to check in on yourself and your brothers and sisters, and to use the resources available to you and your family.



As we move into the final quarter of 2026, we want to thank you for the hard work and dedication you continue to show on the jobsite, in your communities, and within our Union. While the industry continues to face delays due to material and supply chain challenges, work remains steady in many areas and manpower is needed. Please check the books and job calls regularly, keep your contact information up to date, and remember you can remain signed on the books at your home Local when working in another jurisdiction.

Use any downtime wisely. Take advantage of training opportunities, review your benefits, plan for your future, and get involved in Union events. Our strength comes from an engaged membership - members who stay informed, attend meetings, volunteer, mentor the next generation, and look out for one another.

The investment Engery Conference on October 15th is a great opportunity to get valuable information, ask questions, and take steps toward a more secure future. You don't have to be close to retirement to benefit - there's something for every stage of your career.

Thank you for everything you do to make Local 347 strong.

- Hall Staff

SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



CHECK IN

Notice when a co-worker seems different — withdrawn, stressed, or just not like themselves.



SPEAK UP

A simple conversation can go a long way. You don't need to have all the answers to ask "Are you doing alright?"



BE SUPPORTIVE

Listen without judgment. Sometimes just be there there matters most.



USE YOUR RESOURCES

Professional support is available — for you and your household members — at no cost.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY OCTOBER 10TH

Mental health is health. Let's continue to build a stronger, safer, and more supportive industry — on and off the jobsite.

LifeMatters

CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT. REAL SOLUTIONS.

Your Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

LifeMatters is free, confidential resource available to you and your household members. You can access support for a wide range of personal and work-life challenges — anytime, 24/7/365.

YOUR EMPLOYER ACCESS CODE:

IBEW347A

Keep this code handy when registering or calling.



MENTAL HEALTH

Stress, anxiety, depression, and more



FAMILY SUPPORT

Parenting, childcare, relationships



LEGAL SERVICES

Consultations and guidance



FINANCIAL HELP

Budgeting, debt management



WELLNESS RESOURCES

Health, nutrition, work-life balance



ONLINE RESOURCES

Articles, tools, and self-assessments

HOW TO CONNECT



Call Anytime
1-800-634-6433



Visit Online
MyLifeMatters.com



Text "HELLO"
to 61295
204-817-1149 (Canada)



Access Code
IBEW347A
(required for first-time registration)

Take Care
of Each Other.

APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING

BUILDING TODAY'S SKILLS FOR TOMORROW'S OPPORTUNITIES

APPRENTICESHIP UPDATE

We've accepted a majority of the Fall 2026 apprentices. There were a lot of strong applicants in the pool and we appreciate everyone who took the time to apply. If you didn't get in yet - don't be discouraged. Keep up the hard work on the jobsite, gain experience and report those hours through Tradeschool.

JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

Several training opportunities are available now. The apprenticeship began emailing individuals for course availability to help avoid cancellations. Please keep in mind, there will be NO more classes after Thanksgiving.



VIEW UPCOMING CLASSES
& REGISTER ONLINE

www.dmelejatc.org



*Skilled People
Build
Dependable
Things.*

We are building the next generation of highly skilled electrical workers.

Know someone interested in a career that powers our communities?

LEARN MORE OR APPLY ONLINE: www.dmelejatc.org



APPRENTICE OF THE MONTH

DEVIN HILL

SEPTEMBER 2026

Devin has distinguished himself through outstanding classroom performance, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to continuous learning.

Recognized by instructors, coworkers, and peers alike, he consistently demonstrates initiative, professionalism, and a willingness to help others succeed.

In the field, Devin has earned the respect of those he works alongside through his reliability, strong technical understanding, and ability to take on increasing responsibility.

He continues to grow as a skilled tradesperson and future leader within our industry.

Keep up the great work, Devin!



**LEARN
TRAIN
GROW
LEAD**

SAME
BROTHERHOOD.
BRIGHTER
TOMORROWS.

INDUSTRY & LEGISLATIVE WATCH STAY INFORMED. STAY ENGAGED.



MANPOWER

- Unfilled calls remain
- Check the referral system
- Keep your information current



CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

- Work continuing in multiple sectors across the state
- Long-term opportunities remain strong

POLICY & LABOR WATCH

UNIONS BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES.



IOWA

- Monitor workforce and prevailing wage legislation
- Stay informed on bills that support labor unions



FEDERAL

- DOL rescinding 2024 independent contractor rule
- Continued focus on skilled trades & infrastructure



THE TRADES

- Excessive amounts of rain affecting project timelines
- Continued growth in data centers, manufacturing & renewable energy sectors

MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE. VISIT THE [IOWA DOT PAGE](http://IOWA.DOT.PAGE) FOR ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION.

YOUR LOCAL 347 TOOLBOX

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP AT WORK, AT HOME AND FOR THE FUTURE.



ARAG

Wills & Estate Planning

- **FREE** legal services
- Wills, trusts & estate planning
- Easy to access through Principal



EAP/LifeMatters

Employee Assistance Program

- **FREE** and confidential, 24/7/365
- For you and your household members
- Help with life, work, family & more



Doctor on Demand

Virtual Care 24/7

- No \$20 co-pay (if on plan)
- See a doctor from anywhere
- Save time and keep working!



HRA - Health

Reimbursement Account

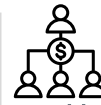
- Helps maintain coverage
- Available at the Union Hall
- Good for monthly premium shortfalls



Union Plus

Member Discounts

- Travel, phones, cars & more
- Save money for you and your family
- Visit www.unionplus.org



Beneficiary Reminder

Life changes happen

- Make sure your beneficiaries are up to date for your pensions, 401(k) and other accounts.
- Review designations regularly



347 EXPLAINED

REAL ANSWERS
TO QUESTIONS
THAT MATTER.

I'M WORKING OUTSIDE LOCAL 347. WHAT HAPPENS TO MY BENEFITS?

When you work in another jurisdiction under a reciprocal agreement, most of your benefit contributions can be returned to Local 347. However, not all benefits work the same way.



HEALTH & WELFARE (H&W)

- Does not pyramid
- Subject to reciprocity limits
- **Maximum** return is currently \$9.88 per hour (subject to annual wage increases)
- Benefits are delayed 2 months via ERTS



PENSION (DB & DC)

- **Does pyramid**
- Hours worked in a reciprocal jurisdiction can be credited to your **pension**
- Also has 2 month delay via ERTS



WANT TO KNOW MORE? BRING YOUR QUESTIONS TO THE IEC.

The Investment Energy Conference is an opportunity to get answers about retirement, investments, Medicare and estate planning - all in one place.



Retirement Planning &
Investment Guidance



401(k) Strategies &
Secure 2.0 Act



Medicare
Integration



Estate Planning &
Wills (ARAG)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 | 5:00 - 9:00 PM
INVESTMENT ENERGY CONFERENCE & CASINO NIGHT
IBEW LOCAL 347 UNION HALL

RSVP TODAY

ibewlu347.org/2026IEC



The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **OCTOBER 31, 2026**. This list was run on September 21, 2026. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

"A" MEMBERS

GRANT	W ARMSTRONG	BEAU	PICKERING
ZACHARY	O BAKER	NOAH	C RESZEL
ADRIAN	J BAUTISTA	TRISTAN	J RETHMEIER
RANDY	D BIRKENHOLTZ	CLINT	R ROBBINS
TOMMY	H BOOTH	KIRK	I RUNDALL
BRANDON	M BREGAR	NICHOLAS	R RUPE
EDWIN	C BROSE	EDDIE	R RUSH
BLAKE	M BUCKINGHAM	JEAN PIERRE	A SALAZAR
LANE	D CARSON	DYLAN	T SANDERS
AUSTIN	L COOK	JACK	T SCHWENN
JULIAN	J CORDOVA	JIMMY	J SIGNS
KEANAN	J ELMORE	DYLAN	L SIMPSON
TREY	L EVANS	REECE	A SODDERS
VAN	M FLATTERY	SEAN	R SULLIVAN
JUSTIN	L FLYNN	CHARLES	J TAYLOR
ORLANDO	GONZALEZ	TAYLOR	R THOMPSON
BEN	D GOODRICH	NATHAN	A UTSLER
JACOB	O GRANDQUIST	RICHARD	R VANDEBOE
JASON	B GRANDSTAFF	HUNTER	C VOCKINGS
WILLIAM	P GUIZAR	KYLE	R VOGEL
TYLER	J HANKE	HALSEY	C WASSON
JOSHUA	R HEMSTED	CHANDLER	K WELLS
LAYNE	A HENDERSON	JONAH	T WILLIAMS
LUKE	D HIGGINBOTTOM	TEDDY	B WORTHINGTON
NICHOLAS	P HOWARD	SHAUN D	THOMAS
JUWON	M HUYNH	ERIC M	WESTBERG
BRYAN	S JACOBS	EMILSON	ZELAYA NUNEZ
LOGAN	H KESSLER		
MATTHEW	A KIRBY		
MITCHELL	S LITTLE		
NICHOLAS	D LONG		
ASHLEY	C LONG		
JASON	D LYON		
JORDAN	D LYTTON		
COOPER	R MACUMBER		
SPENCER	D MAUK		
SETH	W MCKINNESS		
DOMINIC	D MEYER		
ALAN	P NEWELL		
DRAKE	Z NOBLE		
JESSE	L OLSEN		
DYLAN	J OTT		
ANDREW	C PELTZ		
CALEB	A PETERSEN		
ZACHARY	L PHILLIPS		

"BA" MEMBERS

SHAUN D THOMAS
ERIC M WESTBERG
EMILSON ZELAYA NUNEZ

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by OCTOBER 31, 2026.

This list was run on
September 21, 2026.

"A" MEMBERS

PATRICK D HAMILTON
B.J. M HARVEY
NICHOLAS RI MCLAIN
DAVID K SHARON

"BA" MEMBERS

TRISTON H FRANCIS

September 1st DROPS

Dominguez, Danielle BA
Grooms, Jayden B A
McCreary, Michael K BA
Yousufi, Shirzad BA

Last Months Job Referrals

91-Referrals Sent Out

41-Regular Calls

5-VDV Tech 26-Apprentice

1-CE 15-CW 3-Installer



PHANTOM
Fall fest
ADVENTURELAND

TICKETS ONLY
\$29.99 **SAVE \$40**

PROMO CODE:
IBEW347

Adventurelandpark.com/groups



TRUNK -OR- TREAT

A FUN & SAFE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026
6:00 - 7:30 pm



IBEW LOCAL 347 PARKING LOT
6809 SE BELLAGIO CT, ANKENY

**CASH PRIZES
FOR VEHICLES
& COSTUMES!**

PARTICIPANT VEHICLES:

- RSVP to Nichole at the Union Hall, scan the QR code, or sign-up using our link: ibewlu347.org/2026Halloween
- Participant vehicles may begin staging between 4-5pm and must be prepared for trick-or-treaters at 6pm.
- Event ends at 7:30pm. Each participant vehicle must remain in place for the duration of the event.



**CANDY PROVIDED TO EACH
347 PARTICIPANT VEHICLE!**



**JUDGING DONE BY THE LOCAL
UNION 347 RENEW COMMITTEE.**



**A FUN, SAFE NIGHT OF TREATS,
COMMUNITY & UNION PRIDE!**

Scan to Sign-Up Now!



DECORATE YOUR TRUNK. BRING THE FAMILY. LET'S MAKE MEMORIES TOGETHER!



PLACE YOUR BETS ON YOUR FUTURE

LOCAL 347 INVESTMENT ENERGY CONFERENCE

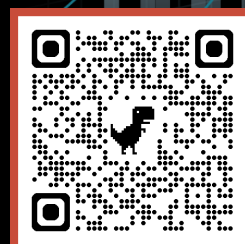
& Casino Night

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 5-9PM

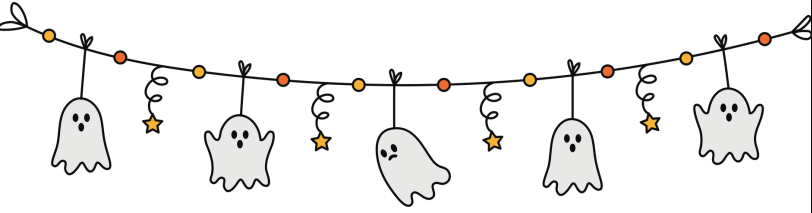
347 Union Hall
6809 SE Bellagio Ct
Ankeny, IA 50021

RSVP:

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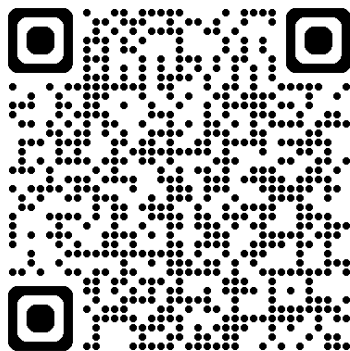
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 EP2 4PM	7 Resi 4PM	8 General Membership Mtg 5pm	9	10  World Mental Health Day - OCTOBER 10 -
11	12	13 Firestone Mtg 12:30 & 2:30PM	14 Retiree Lunch Noon @ Hall	15 IEC & Casino Night 5-9PM 	16	17
18	19 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4PM	20 Keystone after work KCCI Mtg 1PM	21 VDV Mtg. 4PM	22 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg. 4:30PM	23	24
25	26	27 E-Board Mtg. 4PM RENEW Mtg. 5PM Women's Committee Mtg. 5:30PM	28	29	30 LU 347 TRUNK-or-TREAT 6-7:30PM @ Union Hall 	31 

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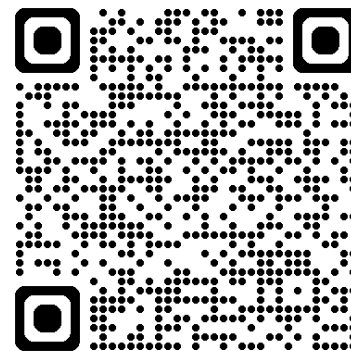
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Ankeny, Iowa 50021

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 U.S. Postage
 PAID
 DES MOINES, IA
 Permit No. 2665



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 CHAD: CALOWE@IBEWLU347.ORG
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 STEPHEN: SWCOXE@IBEWLU347.ORG
 NICHOLE: NCHUMBLEY@IBEWLU347.ORG
 MISTY: MRTURNER@IBEWLU347.ORG
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Scan Above to See Job Calls

LOCAL UNION 347 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	
DES MOINES ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP www.dmelejatc.org Phone: (515) 224-4349	
LOCAL 347 HEALTH PLAN: GROUP # 78-800672 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/	
SAV-RX: BIN# 006558 GROUP# IBEW347 www.savrx.com Phone: (402) 753-2800	
DELTA DENTAL INFORMATION: www.deltadental.com To contact Delta Dental directly if you do not have internet access: Phone: 1-800-544-0718	
V.S.P. INFORMATION (Eye Care): 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	
LOCAL 347 RETIREMENT & 401K #43-1329 www.principal.com Principal Financial: Phone: 1-800-547-7754 Address changes: Contact the Union Hall & Morgan Flournoy w/ Solxsys Phone: (515) 644-3200	
JOURNEY CREDIT UNION: Phone: (515) 243-8735	
RETIREE RESOURCES: IBEW Retiree helpline: Phone: 1-202-728-6206 NEBF: Phone: 1-301-556-4300	