

NEWSLETTER

- OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF LOCAL UNION 347 -



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Mark your Calendars

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

Labor Day Parade, Des Moines Capital →
Fairgrounds & Fest at Labor Union Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Beaverdale Fall Fest Parade

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

Des Moines Wellness Events, RSVP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 -Casino Night

Investment Energy Conference (IEC), RSVP

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

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

Spotlight

Building Strength Through Engagement

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

Preparing for 2027 opportunities.

PLANNING FOR THE UNEVITABLE

Wellness Events, estate planning & more!

ENGAGING THE NEXT GENERATION

Not only apprentices - everyone!

ESTABLISHING FAMILY SECURITY

Investment Energy Conference.

SECURING SOLIDARITY

Membership event participation.

SHAPING LABOR RELATIONS

Labor Day festivities with other trades.

CREATING COMMUNITY

Parades and Trunk-or-Treat opportunities!



Report

Brothers & Sisters,

As we move into September, we want to thank each of our members and their families for the work you continue to do every day representing IBEW Local 347. The quality, professionalism, and pride you bring to every jobsite strengthens not only our local, but the reputation of union electrical workers throughout Iowa.

September also gives us an opportunity to celebrate the labor movement and the generations of union members who fought for the wages, benefits, and working conditions we enjoy today. We encourage everyone to join us on **Labor Day** as we march together in the South Central Iowa Federation of Labor, Labor Day Parade. This is a great opportunity to show our solidarity and remind our communities that the strength of our union comes from the members who stand together. We hope to see many of you and your families walking with us and enjoying the festivities afterward at Labor Union Park.

This month is also your reminder that it's not too late to schedule your annual **Wellness Screening**. Taking care of your health is one of the most important investments you can make for yourself and your family, and these screenings are an excellent benefit available to our members. If you haven't signed up yet, we encourage you to do so while appointments are still available.

We're also looking forward to bringing members, contractors, sponsors and friends of Local 347 together for our upcoming **IEC Casino Night**. This event is about more than a night of fun—it's an opportunity to strengthen the relationships that help our local continue moving forward. We're grateful to everyone who has helped make the event possible and encourage our members to join us for an evening of food, games, prizes and fellowship. Watch for the full details in this issue and be sure to get signed up!

October also brings another opportunity for fellowship as we host our annual **Trunk-or-Treat** on October 30th. This event has quickly become a favorite for Local 347 families, and we encourage members to consider decorating a vehicle and participating. It's a fun way to connect with one another while giving our children and grandchildren a memorable evening.

Finally, if you are a **veteran** of any branch of the United States Armed Forces, we'd be honored to recognize your service in our November newsletter. Please contact the Union Hall so we can include your information as we celebrate those who have served our country.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Local 347. Stay safe, watch out for one another, and we'll see you at the Labor Day Parade.

- Hall Staff

Don't Forget- Sign the Books!



MYTHBUSTERS

Get the facts!

MYTH: "One Member can't make much difference."

FACT: That's exactly how we lose our strength.

A strong Local is built one member at a time. Attend a meeting. Take a class. Volunteer. Talk to a potential member. Stay informed.



Multiply that by hundreds of members - and it becomes something much bigger.

MYTH: "Organizing is the Organizer's job."

FACT: Organizing belongs to all of us.

Our Organizers open doors and build relationships - but our members know the trade, the jobsites and the people working beside them everyday.

Know someone who should be IBEW? Start the conversation today.

MYTH: "When the market gets competitive, there's nothing members can do."

FACT: There's always something we can do.

We can't control what another jurisdiction pays. We CAN control the value we bring: our quality work, skilled-training, professionalism, organizing and strong contractor relationships.



Strength isn't something we have. It's something we build.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING.
BUT **EVERYBODY** CAN DO SOMETHING.



WORK



LEARN



PARTICIPATE



ORGANIZE



SHOW UP



DID YOU KNOW?

YOU ALREADY HAVE ACCESS TO THIS BENEFIT - FOR FREE!

FREE Estate Planning Documents Available to Local 347 Members

Most members know about our health insurance and retirement benefits - but did you know you also have access to **FREE** legal planning documents through our Principal Financial benefit and ARAG?

These documents can help protect you and your family by allowing you to create:

- ✓ **Standard Will**
- ✓ **Living Will**
- ✓ **Durable Power of Attorney**
- ✓ **Health Care Power of Attorney**
- ✓ **HIPAA Medical Records Release**
- ✓ **Authorization for a Minor's Medical Treatment**



You'll also find a **Personal Information Organizer**, **Estate Planning resources**, **financial planning guides** and educational materials - all available at no additional cost to eligible members.



Taking an hour today to prepare these documents can save your loved ones countless hours of stress and uncertainty later.

	Standard Will A Will is a document in which you express your plans for the care of your family and the distribution of your assets when you die.
	Power of Attorney for Health Care This document is to name one or more persons as your agent(s) for making health care decisions for you when you are unable to make them for yourself.
	Durable Power of Attorney A Power of Attorney is a document in which a person appoints another person to act on behalf of themselves in connection with the matters stated in the document.
	Living Will This document is used to make a formal statement about health care treatment preferences when a person is in an end-of-life situation or permanently unconscious.
	Medical Records Release HIPAA This document gives a person you designate access to your health information.
	Authorization for a Minor's Medical Treatment This document is for use by parents to authorize medical personnel to treat a child in the event a parent is not present.

Need help accessing your Principal/ARAG account? Contact us at the Union Hall & we can help you out.



Personal Information Organizer

Put all your vital details in one document, so you and your loved ones can locate it when you really need it.

[Download Organizer >](#)



Plan for the Future

Learn about wills, trusts, estate planning, probate, settling an estate and protecting assets.

[Get Started >](#)



Learning Center

Access practical tips, learning guidebooks and next steps to deal with common legal and financial issues.

[Learn More >](#)



DES MOINES ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP

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



REMINDER:

Sign up for Continuing Education Classes!

VIEW UPCOMING CLASSES & REGISTER ONLINE



www.dmelejatc.org

Members>Journeyman Training>TradeSchool



Policy • Industry • Labor - What We're Watching

Door knocking HELP needed!!!



- No experience needed!
- You will be paired with an experienced door knocker.
- Only door knocking Labor to Labor! This means knocking fellow Union members doors.

PAC Contribution

- A nickel an hour, or two dollars a week if you are working 40 hours.
- Helps support candidates that will support us!

Voter Registration

- Check to make sure you are registered to vote!
- If you need help please stop by the hall.

-Local Union Staff

Member Milestones

Newborns

Carlos Danger Gomez

Born: 07.09.2026

Weight: 6lbs 2oz

Length: 20.5 inches

Parents: Michael Gomez
& Eilien Waddell



Callahan Jett Curtis

Born: 07.13.2026

Weight: 7lbs 10oz

Length: 19 inches

Parents: Josh &
Micayla Curtis

Condolences

Our sincerest condolences go out to the families of:



Brother Gerald 'Gerry' Granberg. Brother Granberg passed away July 12, 2026 at the age of 77. He was a member for 56 years and served as Business Manager from 2001 to 2010.

Brother James Rogers. Brother Rogers passed away July 21, 2026, at the age of 84. He was a member for 65 years.



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:

ibewlu347.org/2026IEC

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

"A" MEMBERS

ALEX	M	ADKINS	ISRAEL	MERAZ
AARON	K	ALEXANDER	MATTHIAS	P MEREDITH
CADEN	G	ALSTED	LUIS	E MIRANDA
BRIAN	C	ASKLAND	WILLIAM	T NEWTON
ZACHARY	O	BAKER	THOMAS	J NIKKEL
ADRIAN	J	BAUTISTA	ANTHONY	L ORTIZ
LANDON	D	BEARD	ZACHARY	P OWENS
MICHAEL	R	BEITZ	PHILLIP	E PETRIE
JAMESON	J	BROWN	HAL	L PLAUTZ
DANIEL		CHAVEZ	VINCENT	K RAMSEY
MICHAEL	T	CLAYTON	HAROLD	R RICHARDS
DEL	W	COCKAYNE	KYLE	J RIGGLE
RICHARD	A	COHENOUR	CHRIS	L RUBIE
JOHN	R	CONROY	MICHAEL	D SCHACHTNER
MICHAEL	D	CRIGGER	SCOTT	A SCHMIDT
ROBERT	E	DAWSON	BRYCE	B SELLERS
DON	E	DAWSON	ETHAN	J SENN
TYWON	J	DUDLEY	JONATHAN	C SHUMAKER
KOLBY	R	DUDNEY	JACOB	P SNOOK
RONALD	D	EATON	ANTHONY	SOLIVERAS TORRES
OWEN	D	ELDRIDGE	DEVAN	R STANDLEY
TREY	L	EVANS	SCOTT	B STEELE
BROCK	A	FLEMING	TODD	A STEWART
ERIC	S	FLINN	STEVE	B SWENSON
CHRIS	L	FUNK	CHAD	P TERRELL
LEONEL	M	GARZA	ZAYREN	H TERUKINA
JASON	R	GILBERT	JACOB	M THOMA
DANIEL	J	GISVOLD	NATHAN	A UTSLER
ORLANDO		GONZALEZ	MAXWELL	J VAN MAANEN
MICHAEL	J	HALL	JESSE	D VAN RIPER
QUINTIN	L	HARRISON	RICHARD	R VANDEBOE
JASON	A	HERYFORD	DEREK	J VANDER WAAL
JESSE	D	HOUSE	AGUSTIN	VILLAGOMEZ
MARK	E	HUSTON	RYAN	J WEATHERLY
ADAM	M	IRVING	ADAM	L WHISNEY
LUKE	A	JONES	RILEY	J WHITTAKER
JOSEPH	M	KELLER	DENNIS	J WILLIAMS
BRODY	GD	KINYON	ERIC	L WILSON
NICHOLAS	J	LEONARD	NICHOLAS	C WOLFE

"BA" MEMBERS

BRENDAN	L	LIBBEY	
AUSTIN	M	LONG	HEISSEL M CHEVEZ GONZALEZ
KURT	D	LOVING	ESTELLA Z DEKO
DOMINIC	L	MCCARL	WILLIAM H EMERY
SCOTT		MENTZER	ANTHONY R HENRY
BARBARA	J	MENTZER	

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by SEPTEMBER 30, 2026. This list was run on August 21, 2026.

"A" MEMBERS

ZACHARY J BAETSLE
JONATHAN CHAPMAN
AUSTIN L COOK
SEAN HEAD
ALEXANDER HERNANDEZ
KAEGAN R HOWELL
DAVID J HUMMEL
COLE M HYLER
DEVAN J OLSON

"BA" MEMBERS

BRANDON E GERMAN
ELIZABETH A HEWITT

August 1st DROPS

GreenJR, Quincy W	BA
Patterson, Daryl A	A
Qasim, Noor	BA
Willier, Schuyler L	A

THE REALITY CHECK

Local 347 has opportunities available right now—and more are expected in the weeks ahead.

But having calls available doesn't automatically mean they'll be filled. Members make decisions based on wages, location, duration, working conditions and a variety of other factors.

That's why building a stronger, more competitive Local isn't just the responsibility of the Hall.

It's something we all have a stake in.





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!

FREE HEALTH SCREENING EVENT

Members, Spouses, Adult Dependents (18+),
and Retirees covered under the Plan

GET SCHEDULED TODAY!



Call:
515-244-3080



Electronically Sign Up:
ibewlu347.org/WellnessEvent



Email:
nchumbley@ibewlu347.org

**SCHEDULE YOUR
APPOINTMENT NOW!
(REQUIRED)**



**HC HEALTH
GAUGE**

*Your health. Your future.
It starts with you.*

FASTING IS OPTIONAL, NOT REQUIRED.

LABOR DAY PARADE & FEST

Monday, September 7th, 2026

— ★ *Let's Celebrate Our Union!* ★ —



PARADE

Line up on Grand Ave
(north of Grand Ave)
9:00 AM



PARADE

Buses available
from the fairgrounds
11:00 AM



POST-PARADE FEST

Union Park
(4640 Morningstar Dr, Des Moines)
Food • Drinks • Games
Music • Inflatables & More!



FAMILY FUN FOR ALL

Bring your family, invite a
fellow member, and enjoy a
day of community!



**WE BUILD. WE POWER.
WE CELEBRATE.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!**



**IBEW
LOCAL 347**

*Proud of Our Past.
Building Our Future.*



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Last Months Job Referrals 106 -Referrals Sent Out 22 -Regular Calls 2 -VDV Tech 52 -Apprentice 1 -CE 28 -CW 1 -Installer		1 EP2 4PM	2	3	4	5
6	7  Hall Closed	8 Firestone Mtg 12:30 & 2:30PM	9 Retiree Lunch Noon @ Hall	10 General Membership Mtg. 5PM	11	12
13	14	15 Keystone after work KCCI Mtg 1PM	16 VDV Mtg 4PM Women's Committee 5:30PM	17	18	19 Beaverdale Fall Fest Parade 10AM
20	21 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg 4PM	22	23	24 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg 4:30PM	25  Des Moines Wellness Event 6AM-1PM (RSVP only)	26  Des Moines Wellness Event 6AM-1PM (RSVP only)
 Des Moines Wellness Event 6AM-1PM (RSVP only)	28	29 E-Board Mtg 4PM RENEW Mtg. 5PM	30			



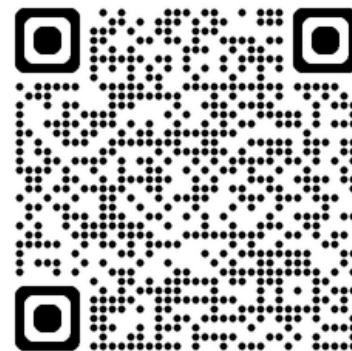
IBEW Local Union 347
6809 SE Bellagio Court
Ankeny, Iowa 50021

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



Scan Above to Pay Dues

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 TIM: TSHAWTHORNE@IBEWLU347.ORG
 CHAD: CALOWE@IBEWLU347.ORG
 BEN: BTDUKE@IBEWLU347.ORG
 STEPHEN: SWCOXE@IBEWLU347.ORG
 NICHOLE: NCHUMBLEY@IBEWLU347.ORG
 MISTY: MRTURNER@IBEWLU347.ORG
 TANNER: TBJOHANSEN@IBEWLU347.ORG
 RE-SIGN: RESIGN@IBEWLU347.ORG
 GENERAL: INFO@IBEWLU347.ORG



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	