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~ Business Manager's Report ~

Sisters and Brothers,

Spring is upon us and its going to be another great year for IBEW and the electrical industry. Between the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act we are looking at a record \$1.9 trillion investment into this nations infrastructure. The greatest investment in American infrastructure in generations and Unions are reaping the benefits of this important legislation. From roads, bridges, and rails to broadband, solar, electric vehicles and America's clean energy grid, we are entering an era that again requires the use of Prevailing Wage, Apprenticeships and Buy America! There are massive energy grid and transmission projects being negotiated such as the SOO GREEN project that will deliver clean energy from the Midwest to the eastern market via a 525KV DC buried line connecting the MISO grid to the PJM grid. We are seeing continued investment into solar energy projects. The first two phases of the Duane Arnold Solar and Energy Storage project in Linn County will replace the retiring Nuke with 200 MW of generation and 75MW of storage capacity. And there are many others across the state of Iowa in the planning stages. The next solar project in our jurisdiction being a 100MW project going in down in Creston, IA for Alliant Energy. Nationwide, including across the state of Iowa, we are building an extensive electric vehicle charging infrastructure that will drive the demand for electric vehicles even further. Billions of dollars are being invested into electric vehicle infrastructure alone. These jobs are Union jobs. The IBEW has worked extensively with the Biden administration to be sure of that. These jobs are being laid at our feet. Now we have to live up to our end of the deal. We have to fill the demand for Labor. We have to get the work done. This is no easy task Sisters and Brothers, we will be put to the test. Our increased numbers of apprentices are not enough to meet the demand. Not even combined with our organizing efforts are we even close. Traveling Sisters and Brothers are to few to go around. With all of the work in the country they have options. The Chips Act will make it even more challenging with the scale of work coming from just that alone. Yes, finally, Manufacturing is coming back to America! Aside from all of the federal legislative advantages that have been handed to us, if we don't do the work someone else will. It's that simple. Don't fool yourself into believing that our non signatory competitors are incapable of doing jobs of any significant size because they are doing it every day. Across the country they are doing over 65% of our work every day. If you know someone experienced in the electrical industry or someone just thinking about getting started, have them give us a call. We can help.

In preparation for the electric vehicle infrastructure that is going to go in across Iowa, our training facility is now prepared to offer an EVITP certification course under the heading of journeyman training. This course will be available by July and it will count towards your continuing education for state licensing. Once these courses become available please be sure to sign up for them. This is a great opportunity to get certification for electric vehicle charging while getting the hours needed for state licensing. This will help us secure the NEVI projects here in Iowa.



The Bridgestone Electrical Apprenticeship is now accepting applications year round. You can pick one up at LU 347. Not to be confused with the Des Moines JATC, this is an apprenticeship program exclusive to Bridgestone. They offer seriously competitive wages and benefits. This is another great Union career opportunity. Please contact me with any questions.

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Just a Reminder: the 2023 Des Moines Inside Allocation will be discussed and acted upon during our regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 11. Please plan to attend!

Participants of the 347 Electrical Workers Health and Welfare Fund, the annual wellness events are now scheduled. In Des Moines, they will be held at the Union Hall on Saturdays, September 9 and 16. In Fort Dodge they will be held on Saturday, August 26. This important benefit has saved lives. Health Gauge will check you for blockages/flow in your Carotid Artery, Peripheral Arterial disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, in addition to doing a Chemistry/Lipid Panel. A Flu shot will be available as well. Please contact Nichole to get scheduled for this valuable opportunity. (515-243-1924 or nchumbley@ibewlu347.org)



A very special thank you goes out to all our Easter volunteers, the biggest and best event so far. Made possible only by your hard work! I also want to recognize Brothers Wade Lester and Reid Juelsgaard for their outstanding support and direction of the RENEW program. The young workers group really exceeded all expectations with this years Easter egg hunt. Thank you: Chris Calkins, Ben Duke, Bronson Weese, John Stahowick, Doug Wolf, Rick Chumbley, Nichole Chumbley, Mike Jones, Devon Wolf, Chad Lowe, Wade Lester, Josh Garza, Dave Reid, Tammy Reid, Shannan Garza, Nate Friesen, Stephen Coxe, Scott Farnsworth, Naomi Lawson, Matt DeAngelo, James Becvar, Tracy Bethards, Jacob Schwarzenbach, Tim LeClaire, Kenny Nguyen, Reid Juelsgaard, Cole Morris, Kyle Rathof, Brian Moss and Jose Garcia.

Brotherhood Strong,
Pat Wells

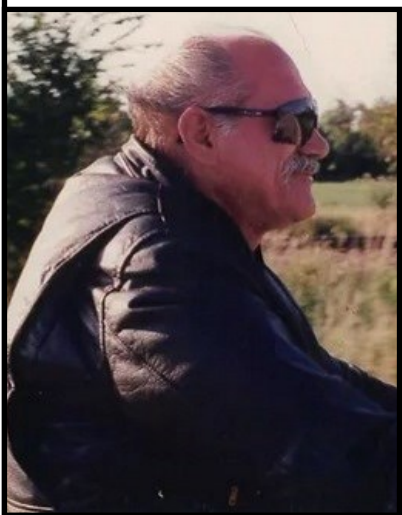
IN HONOR OF THOSE WE'VE LOST



Retired Brother Norman Reeck.
Brother Reeck passed away January 27, 2023 at the age of 93.
He was a member for 67 years.



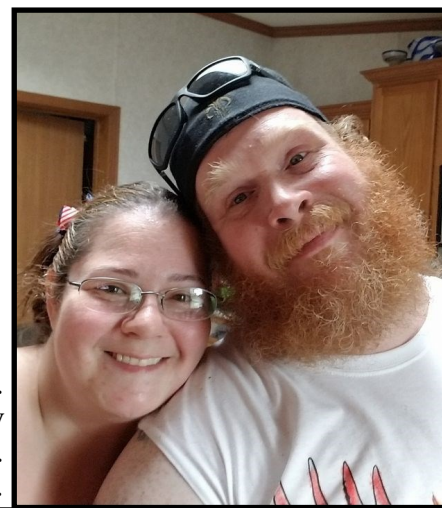
Retired Brother Dan Comegys.
Brother Comegys passed away April 12, 2023 at the age of 61.
He was a member for 35 years.



Retired Brother Mark Boals.
Brother Boals passed away March 7, 2023 at the age of 77.
He was a member for 32 years.



Brother Thomas 'TJ' Koep.
Brother Koep passed away April 17, 2023 at the age of 42.
He was a member for 2 years.



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds you all well. I would like to take a minute to encourage you to register to vote. This is the bedrock of our nation and is the most basic step you can take to participate in our democracy. I would also like everyone to vote for pro-labor candidates, but that is for another time.

The easiest way to register to vote is online. You simply have to log onto the Secretary of State's website sos.iowa.gov. If you do this, you will simply click on the button that says register to vote. You can request a paper copy, or you can register online. Online is the easiest way to register, however you must have an Iowa drivers license or a Non-operators ID. If not, you will need to download the paper copy and mail it in/drop it off at your local county Auditor's office.

I would like to point out that if you have moved since the last time you voted, then you are **not registered to vote**. However, this is not a problem. You just log in as mentioned above.

If you are a felon, there is a button for that also. The process has been streamlined, so I would encourage you to register as well.

A footnote is that you must be registered 15 days before any elections, or there are more hoops to jump through, so it is easier to register now.

If you run into any problems, or would like additional information feel free to reach out to me at 515-419-4802.

All elections are decided by individuals who vote.
-Randy Tucker



Political Corner

GET TEED UP AT THE IBEW LOCAL #347 29th Annual Golf Outing

Date: July 15th, 2023
Tee Time: 8 am
Ticket: \$30/person



Where: Terrace Hills
Golf Course
Door prizes & Lunch served
Show up by 7:30 a.m.
Shotgun start 8:00 a.m.

Get a partner and sign up early.
You can register in person at the
Union Hall or by calling
515-243-1924 today.

NEW BORN!

CONGRATULATIONS!



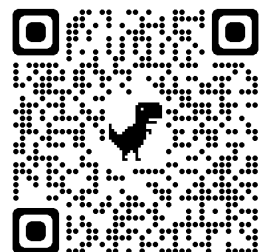
Indie Kinney
Born 3/16/2023
6lbs 12oz
18.5 inches
Parents Matt &
Maria Kinney



Last Months Job Referrals

114-Referrals Sent Out 63-Regular Calls
13 -Apprentice 2 -Resi 6 -VDV Tech
3-VDV Installer 27-CW

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



Easter 2023



Annual Picnic

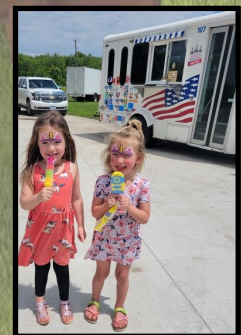
Saturday, June 10th, 2023

12pm to 4pm

Union Labor Park

4640 NW Morningstar Dr

*Fun for
all ages!*



**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 following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **May 31, 2023**.
This list was run on April 21, 2023. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

"A" MEMBERS

COLBY	S ADAIR	TYLER	C NOWELL
ALEX	M ADKINS	MICHAEL	T OSBORN
RANDY	J AHRENS	BLAYZE	M PAYTON
BLAYDE	C BAKER	ZACHARY	L PHILLIPS
JACOB	M BELCHER	ZACHARY	A RAMSEY
JOSHUA	D BELL	ZACHARY	A RAY
MATTHEW	P BERG	BENJAMIN	J REED
MATTHEW	C BETZ	DOUG	W RENSLOW
RANDY	D BIRKENHOLTZ	BRANDAN	A ROSS
BRANDON	M BREGAR	DREW	N SCHMIDT
CONNER	C BREGAR	BENJAMIN	L SCHNEIDER
IAN	J CARPENTER	JASON	A SCHUTTY
JAMISON	A CHRISCO	JOHN	A SCHWERING
NICK	L CLARK	BRIAN	J SHEEHY
JESSE	J CORTEZ	KYLE	J SIMPSON
ANDREW	R COY	DYLAN	L SIMPSON
NOAH	W DUDLEY	GIDEON	P SMITH
JACOB	S DUNSBERGEN	HENRY	T SMITH
ERIC	W ERICKSON	CHAD	R STIVER
TREY	L EVANS	MAISON	SUTTON
DUSTIN	A EWING	JAMIE	R TEMPLETON
JOSEPH	P FARHAT	RYAN	W THODE
LOGAN	J FOETISCH	ZACHARY	D THOMPSON
SCOUT	J FOX	BLAKE	E TICE-TAYLOR
TY	W FRAZIER	JEREMY	D VANDERWELL
CLINT	J GARDNER	EDWARD	A VASQUEZ
DYLAN	J GOODNER	ROBERT	J WHITE
WILLIAM	P GUIZAR	JARED	M WRIGHT
QUINTIN	L HARRISON		
ZEBULON	Z HATFIELD		
SEAN	HEAD		
TYLER	W HECKMAN		
CHRISTOPHER	C HEER		
KLAYTON	M HEIMAN		
CALEB	HERRICK		
ADAM	R HOCKING		
ADAM	J IVANOVICH		
COLE	W JENNETT		
MATTHEW	S JESSE		
TANNER	JOHANSEN		
COBEY	D JOHNSON		
JOSEPH	M KELLER		
ELLIOT	D KOESIS		
JUSTIN	A LANTZ		
JORDAN	D LYTTON		
ELLIOTT	J MANN		
J. BRAD	MOREN		
THOMAS	J NIKKEL		
GREGORY	M NORDSTROM		



The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by May 31, 2023. This list was run on April 21, 2023.

"A" Members

AUSTIN	C BROWN
DONNA	GROSS-LOPEZ
MICHAEL	E GUNN
SAMUEL	A HENDERSON
CALEB	J HINZ
JENNIFER	S HITT
CARRIE	J MERICLE
MIKE	L OH
LOGAN	M RICHARDSON
JAMES	C SCHIEFFER
GRANT	R WALTERS

"BA" Members

SONIYA	AZHMAN
JASON	L CANADY
JORDAN	L FRAKER
LEONARD	D HAMPTON
ZEKRIA	HEJRAN
MOHAMMED	KHAN
AHMAD RIAZ	MOHMAND
SHAFIULLAH	NOOR
MOHAMMAD	PAYENDAZADA
FAHIM	
NOOR	
AGHAJAN	ZARMATJAN

"BA" MEMBERS

ABDULLAH	ADIL
NOOR	M AMIRI
DANIEL	L AMOS
ANTONIO	BARCELO
ROBERT	K BELL
SOUPHALAK	KHAMVILAYTHONG
SORAIDA	LEOS
AYUB	SHINWARI
ERIC	Z VIDES

April 1st DROPS

Batye, Adrian K	BA
Draper, Austin M	BA
Kempf, Zachariah D	BA
Khowsti, Manzoor	BA
Mease, Jeff M	A
Rasoli, Abdul Basir	BA
Safi, Rahatgul	BA
Standley, Devan R	A
Thacker, Christopher L	BA
Thompson, Justin J	A
Walters, Ora G	BA
Wisal, Atifullah	BA



May 2023

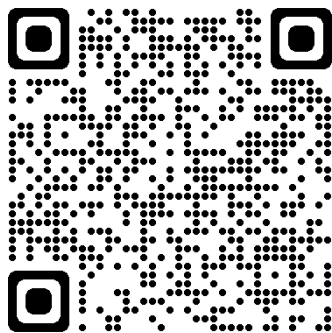
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 EP 2 4:00 PM	3	4 Women's Committee Mtg. 5PM	5	6
7	8	9 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	10 Retiree Lunch Noon @ Hall. Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	11 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 5PM *Allocation	12	13
14 	15 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4:00 PM *Askings	16 Keystone Mtg. after work	17 VDV Mtg. 4:00 PM	18 KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg. 4:30 PM	26	27
28	29 Hall Closed 	30 E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM RENEW 4:30PM	31		Pat: phwells@ibewlu347.org Nichole: nchumbley@ibewlu347.org Scott: slfarnsworth@ibewlu347.org Misty: mrtturner@ibewlu347.org Dave: dlreid@ibewlu347.org Randy: rhtucker@ibewlu347.org Re-sign: resign@ibewlu347.org Tim: tshawthorne@ibewlu347.org	

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

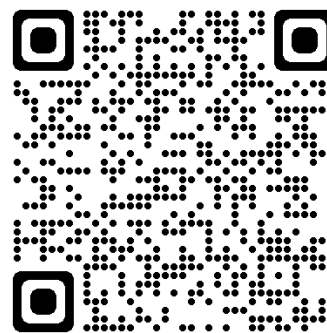


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Local #347 Benefits Website: www.ibew347benefits.com	Phone: (515) 243-1924
For Job Calls, call after 4:30 PM daily and all weekend long: (515) 243-5412.	Fax #: (515) 243-8772
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LOCAL 347 HEALTH PLAN GROUP #78-380001	
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