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## SHORT CUTS

### GoFundMe accounts set up for fall victims

A tragic on-the-job incident on May 29, 2024, took the life of one Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 member, and left another critically injured.



Working on a project on the roof of Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School in Detroit, a platform gave way, dropping the two workers about 35 feet. Killed was Eric David Hoffman, 45, and severely injured was Caleb Kominski.



Eric leaves behind wife Mallory, daughter Olivia and son Bryson. A GoFundMe account sponsored by Local 80 "to offer support to offset unexpected costs. If you find it in your heart to help support Eric's family during this difficult time, any donation would be greatly appreciated."

Local 80's GoFundMe account for Caleb said he is "currently in the hospital with many injuries, has already had one surgery and will need at least one more. Caleb has a long road of recovery ahead of him and we would like to help offset any unexpected expenses this brings. Any donation is greatly appreciated!" The accounts have been set up by Local 80 Business Manager Tim Mulligan. To contribute, go to GoFundMe.com and search for the victims' names.

### New Amazon union links with Teamsters

The Amazon Labor Union, a grassroots group that won a union representation victory two years ago at a New York warehouse, has formally affiliated with the 1.3 million-member Teamsters Union.

The announcement of the affiliation was made June 5 by Teamsters General President Sean O'Brien. The Teamsters board unanimously approved the affiliation, which means the Staten Island Amazon warehouse's workforce will join the Teamsters as an "autonomous" local union with the same privileges as a standard chapter.

The fledgling union's successful vote to form a union was the first in the nation's history at an Amazon facility. But the union has since been unable to forge a contract with Amazon on its own.

"Our message is clear, we want a contract and we want it now," said Amazon Labor Union President Chris Smalls.

Amazon - owned by billionaire Jeff Bezos - has not recognized the labor union at its Staten Island warehouse. Bezos is among a group of plutocratic owners who are legally challenging the existence of the National Labor Relations Board, which will have a role in administering decisions affecting the bargaining, or lack of it, between the union and Amazon. Amazon's appeals could draw out the matter for years.

### Quotable

Recognizing Flag Day, June 14: "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity, representing our liberty."

-George Washington (1732-1799), attributed

## Behold: Michigan Central Station!

### You did it...

'More than 3,000 skilled tradespeople have worked to bring this landmark back to life.'

-Bill Ford, executive chair, Ford Motor Co.

'From decay to dazzling, Ford restores grandeur to Detroit train station that once symbolized decline'

-Associated Press/Washington Post, June 3

'The Michigan Central Station is, after all the long decades, a symbol of the once, and future, Detroit.'

-Architectural Record, June 1

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

DETROIT - Opened to the public last week after a six-year project that's been less of a renovation and more of a resurrection, the work at the incredible Michigan Central Station stands among the most iconic construction projects in the state's history. Open from January 1913 until the last Amtrak passenger car rolled out in January 1988, the 18-story Beaux-Arts train station, set back from Michigan Avenue, loomed over the border of Corktown and Mexicantown neighborhoods.

For decades it was a point of civic pride, before its closure made it a point of embarrassment with its broken windows, and the incursion of urban scrappers, graffiti "artists" and the elements.

The damage done by unimpeded rain and snow - some 3.5 million gallons of water were pumped out from the basement - nearly made the transformation of

the train station impossible.

Ford Motor Co. purchased the derelict train station and surrounding land in 2018, with the intention of making it the centerpiece of Michigan Central, a 30-acre technology and cultural hub. After spending an estimated \$950 million, and testing the skills of union contractors and their workforce, it's mission accomplished. For 10 days, an open house will celebrate the work that's gone on at the station. And there's one guy who was the force that made it happen: the great-grandson of Henry Ford.

"Michigan Central means a great deal to us all. In many ways, this building tells the story of our city," said Bill Ford, executive chair of Ford. "This station was our Ellis Island - a place where dreamers in search of new jobs and new opportunities first set foot in Detroit.

"But once the last train pulled out, it became a place where hope

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FOR DECADES A NEGLECTED symbol of Detroit's decline, Michigan Central Station has been magnificently restored and opens to the public this month. On Construction Worker Appreciation Day, May 17, Michigan Central gathered remaining building trades workers at the site and said in a statement: "We express immense gratitude to the talented construction workers who played a vital role in rebuilding Michigan Central Station! Your unwavering dedication and skill have helped to revitalize this iconic landmark. We couldn't have done it without you."

Photo credit: Stephen McGee/Michigan Central



THE AWESOME, RESTORED main waiting room, or Great Hall, at Michigan Central Station. In 2019, Ford's Construction Manager Richard Bardelli said "despite having had no roof for decades, the Guastavino ceiling tile is in surprisingly good shape, which is testament to its superior craftsmanship." Restoration required the equivalent of 8.7 miles of grout used on the 29,000 Guastavino ceiling tiles alone. All but 1,300 of these tiles are original to the structure. Most of the original marble floor was saved.

Photo credit: Marty Mulcahy



THE RUINS OF THE GREAT HALL awaits restoration in 2011.

Photo credit: Marty Mulcahy



THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL STATION's Great Hall in 1966, complete with the original benches and architectural elements. By the 1960s, with declining train passenger traffic, the room had been used for storage. After the station was abandoned in 1988, "decades of water infiltration into the nooks and crannies of the 30-foot stone columns inside the waiting room resulted in significant damage," says *Historic Detroit*. "The repeated freeze-thaw cycle over many years caused severe cracks and chunks to break off." A few sections of some columns required replacement due to the extent of the damage.

Photo credit: Detroit Public Library Digital Collection

## Industry flux fails to pinch profits for top contractors

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

The U.S. construction industry, including top Michigan-based contractors, are doing quite well from a revenue perspective, but the overall environment for building continues to swirl with factors outside of the industry's control.

A lack of job candidates in the building trades, fluctuating material costs and supply chain

issues have plagued the industry at one time or another in recent years. But according to the *Engineering News-Record's* Top 400 Contractors annual report issued late last month, the presence of higher interest rates is moving up the list of challenges that contractors face. The top contractors, are however, collectively continuing to make tidy profits.

"Yet behind the numbers,

firms say there is a tidal shift among owners as they prioritize projects in sectors that will yield larger return on investment with lower short-term risks," the *ENR* said. The magazine quoted Primus Builders (No. 278 on the list) Chief Financial Officer Matthew Hott, who said "interest rate increases have made it challenging for some clients to obtain construction loans," and as

a result, "delays can affect project starts, which can move financial activities from one year to the next in some cases."

The top U.S. contractors are making adjustments: for the second consecutive year, Top 400 revenue has increased by a double-digit percentage, rising 13.9 percent to \$556.9 billion, from \$488.98 billion last year.

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## Upbeat trend hangs steady for U.S. construction industry

A tiny dip in U.S. construction spending from March to April failed to dampen the industry's long-term outlook.

The Associated General Contractors reported June 3 that monthly industry spending dropped 0.1 percent in April, but was still up 10.0 percent above the April 2023 level. And following two months of decline in

U.S. construction starts, the latest Dodge Construction Network report, issued May 14, said that total monthly construction starts rose 6 percent in April to an annual rate of \$1.13 trillion, and that total starts rose 2 percent compared to 12 months prior.

And there was even better news in industry employment: 21,000 U.S. construction jobs were added in May, part of 251,000 jobs that were added over the previous 12 months.

"The rebound in starts in April was certainly good news for the sector," said Richard Branch, chief economist of Dodge Construction Network. "While the uncertain timing of Fed interest rates cuts is causing concern, developers and owners are feeling reasonably confident that end-market demand will sustain project starts in some sectors."

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## Despite Mercedes loss, UAW vows to continue campaign in South

By Mark Gruenberg  
Press Associates Staff Writer  
VANCE, Ala. (PAI) - Despite an election loss at the Mercedes-Benz plant here, Auto Workers President Shawn Fain says the union will continue to campaign at the plant and keep organizing at other "transplant" foreign auto firms throughout the union-resistant South.

Complete but unofficial returns showed the UAW lost by a 56-44 percent margin, garnering 2,045 votes to 2,642 for "no union." The Alabama loss comes after the union broke through, on its third try, at another Southern "transplant," the Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Each factory is the largest one for that automaker in the U.S. UAW won the Chattanooga vote by a 3-to-1 ratio. Despite the numerical loss in Alabama, UAW President Shawn Fain touted gains workers won as Mercedes scrambled to combat the union campaign.

Desperate to head off a union victory, Mercedes made major concessions to the workers just before the election. They include the abolition of the company's two-tier wage system - a key win for UAW in its earlier Stand Up campaign against the Detroit

automakers - and Mercedes' removal of its U.S. CEO, who they said "didn't care" about the workers.

And then the company urged the workers to give that CEO's

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## Corporate judge shoppers seek to limit OT pay for low-income workers

By Mark Gruenberg  
Press Associates Staff Writer  
Corporate groups, led by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, want to deny at least 4 million workers overtime pay. And of course, they're suing to stop the pay by taking their case to a business-friendly federal district court in deep-red, rural Sherman, Texas.

It's called judge-shopping, and rural Texas is a fertile judicial field for corporate crooks. It's one of the many red-state courts where former Republican President Donald Trump stacked the benches with right-wing ideologues, including federal Judge Sean Jordan from the East District of Texas.

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# Viewpoints



## Unions raise standards

Just by having a union vote, Mercedes workers in Alabama won major concessions and proved the importance of worker power. Last month, more than 4,500 workers at Mercedes-Benz's plant in Vance, Ala., voted on whether to organize with the United Auto Workers (UAW).

After Mercedes and Republican elected leaders in Alabama waged a vicious anti-union campaign, the workers narrowly voted against the union. While this result shows the power of corporations and state governments to smother worker efforts to unionize, even in defeat the UAW helped Mercedes workers win substantial improvements in pay and benefits. Worker organizing can benefit workers whether or not they end up with a union.

As the (labor-backed) Economic Policy Institute has long documented, U.S. labor laws are heavily stacked against workers. Evidence suggests that more than 60 million workers wanted to join a union in 2023 but couldn't do so. Employers spend more than \$400 million annually on consultants to oppose worker organizing efforts, and employers are charged with violating the law in more than 40 percent of all union election campaigns.

Many states, including Alabama, have helped employers by passing so-called "right-to-work" (RTW) laws; on average, workers in RTW states are paid 3.2 percent less than similar workers in non-RTW states, which translates to \$1,670 less per year for a full-time worker. RTW laws have always been intended, first and foremost, to prevent workers from successfully organizing.

The workers at the UAW campaign in Alabama experienced a full-court press from the state and the company. In the run-up to the election, Governor Kay Ivey joined five other Southern Republican governors in issuing a statement warning that "unionization would certainly put our states' jobs in jeopardy." This was part and parcel with the South's long history of anti-union efforts motivated by racial animus.

While the statement rebuked the UAW for supposed "scare tactics," it was Ivey who made the most of scare tactics, signing a law during the union campaign to punish companies that voluntarily agree to work with unions.

Mercedes subjected workers to a constant barrage of "captive audience" meetings where anti-union talking points and videos were repeated ad nauseam (at least seven states have banned captive audience meetings in order to protect workers' freedom of thought and association). Mercedes workers report that company management targeted team leaders, who often have hopes of promotion, and applied daily pressure to get them to change their minds and vote against the union.

Focusing solely on the anti-union efforts of Alabama and Mercedes, however, misses a vital point: Even when workers lose union elections, they can still win substantial improvements in their working conditions. Just a month after the UAW announced that 30 percent of Mercedes workers had signed union cards, the company gave a \$2-per-hour raise to the highest-paid workers, and eliminated the two-tier wage system that had prevented many workers from reaching that higher pay level.

The company also fired its longtime U.S. CEO, ridding the workers of an unpopular boss. The new CEO made promises to "create a culture that puts you (the workers) first" and to "make decisions that are in your best interest." If the company doesn't live up to its promises, the workers may try again and win, just like workers did at Volkswagen's Chattanooga, Tennessee, plant earlier this year.

The UAW's recent efforts have also spurred other companies to improve job quality. The day after UAW won its historic strike by signing a lucrative contract with the "Big Three" automakers in October, 2023, Toyota announced raises as high as \$3.70 per hour at a plant in Kentucky. Honda raised wages by 11 percent while Hyundai increased the pay of its U.S. workers by 14 percent, with a full 25 percent increase to go into effect by 2028.

While none of these companies would openly admit that their actions were in response to the UAW's success, it is difficult to explain them otherwise. For all their claims that unions are bad for workers, employers know that unions boost worker wages, increase worker access to benefits like paid leave, promote racial equity, and also contribute to building a stronger democracy.

Workers organizing to improve their working conditions benefit from unions in many ways, but even when a union victory eludes them like in Alabama, the organizing can pay off. The more workers band together to fight for better jobs, the more likely they and other workers will see the benefits.

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## Just joking

A few jokes from the late, great Rodney Dangerfield:

"I remember the time I was kidnapped and they sent a piece of my finger to my father. Dad said he wanted more proof."

"My wife wants to have sex in the back of the car, and she wants me to drive."

"My wife and I, we sleep in separate rooms, we have dinner apart, we take separate vacations. We're doing everything we can to keep our marriage together."

"My wife's cooking is so bad the flies fix our screens."

"I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous - everyone hasn't met me yet."

"A girl phoned me the other day and said, 'Come on over. There's nobody home.' I went over. Nobody was home."

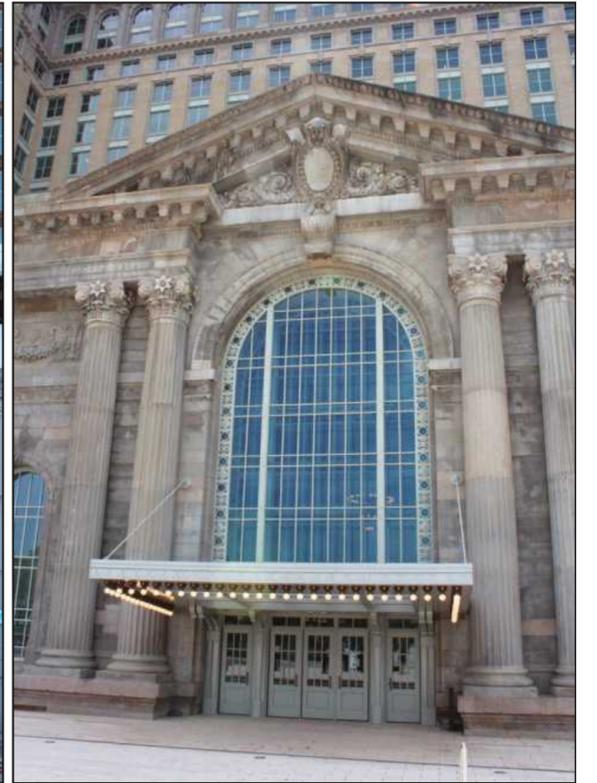


## A grand entrance, again

A 1915 Ford Model T, at left, is shown at the front entrance of the newly constructed Michigan Central Station. Below, left, BAC Local 2 masons working for Ram Construction perform repairs on the entrance in November 2020. Below, right, the entrance is shown last month, beautifully restored. About 150 union masons worked on the project. First opened in 1913, Michigan Central Station was considered to be one of the grandest train depots in the U.S., and served more than 4,000 passengers a day at its peak. However, it was constructed at a time when those Model T's and other vehicles were about to become the preferred mode of travel. By 1988, when the station closed, only a few Amtrak trains a day went past the building. Several top floors of the train station were never occupied. Future plans for the building include office and related use by Ford and tenants on the first several floors, and then potentially a hotel on the top four floors.

Photo credit: Ford Motor Co. Archives/Michigan Central

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## UAW vows to continue campaign in South

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successor a "chance." Another key factor in the defeat of the union, according to Fain, was the "more aggressive" anti-union campaign by Mercedes than the anti-union activity carried out by Volkswagen bosses last month.

"They had captive audience meetings" up until the eve of the three-day vote, Fain told a May 17 press conference. "They brought in outsiders, they were firing workers, and they were threatening workers."

"Both the U.S. and the German governments are investigating" Mercedes's labor law-breaking at the Vance plant, Fain said. "We intend to follow that process through. This is a David

and Goliath fight. Sometimes Goliath wins a battle. But David wins the war."

Fain said the UAW would formally ask the National Labor Relations Board to overturn the voting results and order a rerun election at Vance due to the firm's violations, formally called unfair labor practices.

The German government is investigating Mercedes under a new statute which legalizes such probes of a company's subsidiaries and suppliers, even if they're not in Germany, for breaking that republic's much more pro-worker labor laws.

"This is a fight we had to take on" to lift the living standards not just of the Mercedes workers in

Alabama but of other oppressed and exploited workers in the union-hostile South, and not just in the auto industry, Fain said. The union has campaigns going in South Carolina, Tennessee (again), and Georgia, but Fain did not identify the corporate targets of those drives.

AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler was optimistic about the future fight at Mercedes in particular and the South in general, despite the result. And she lauded the Mercedes workers.

"They put their heart and soul into the fight to join a union, resisting every union-busting tactic in the book—and they made huge strides," Shuler said. Like the VW workers, the Mercedes workers "built a foundation that will only grow stronger in the coming months."

"Mercedes claimed to be neutral—but they were anything but. They held captive-audience meetings where they propagated

lies and threats, fired their U.S. CEO, and brought in a pastor to dissuade workers from joining the union." Republican Alabama "Gov. Kay Ivey and her anti-worker corporate allies fought this vote tooth and nail," Shuler said.

Like the VW workers in Chattanooga, the Mercedes workers at Vance came to the UAW for help and organizing aid after the union achieved massive gains in its rolling "Stand Up" strikes against the Detroit auto firms, Ford, GM and Stellantis, formerly FiatChrysler.

Those gains not only abolished the two-tier wage systems, but ensured workers could move to top-scale pay faster, increased pensions, and restored 15 years of prior wage losses since the financier-caused 2008 Great Recession sent GM and FiatChrysler into bankruptcy reorganization. Those gains also improved health care and added other benefits.

## Our high-class, no-class Congress

By Jim Hightower

What's the matter with Congress? And most of our state legislatures, too? Why do these so-called representative bodies keep stifling middle-class and

poor families, refusing to respond to the most urgent needs and goals of this vast majority of Americans? Take lawmakers' indifference to the child-care crisis crushing the finances, health, and spirit of millions of working families. Plus, intentionally denying basic health care for low-income children in this spectacularly rich nation.

These common incidents of child neglect are products of the creeping plutocratic ideology now dominating capitals across America. Most legislatures today push corporate profiteering, including re-legalizing robber baron exploitation of children. Bills to reinstate child labor are being advanced in 28 states, and 12 have already passed!

Why is the workaday majority being ignored and corporate supremacy being imposed over the common good? In a word: class.

To start freeing democracy from corrupt corporate money, go to Public Citizen at [citizen.org](http://citizen.org). (via [www.otherwords.org](http://www.otherwords.org))

Think about it: Who holds



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## BUILDING MICHIGAN!

# Sheffield also put the world on wheels

## HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy



THE SHEFFIELD CAR CO.'s new machine shop is shown in the 1890s. The largest building on the company's Three Rivers campus, the plant made its reputation producing the first railroad handcars, and then would grow to produce a myriad of other products. Photo credit: Library of Congress

Here in Michigan, we're all about cars. You've heard of the industry's big players: Henry Ford, Billy Durant, Body By Fisher, just to name a few. The list of automotive legendary history makers and their exploits who put the world on wheels could fill a library.

With that being said, you have probably never heard of another guy who also put the world on wheels, George Sheffield (1831-1914). A Civil War veteran and a farmer from a town near Three Rivers, Sheffield would go on to invent a three-wheeled railroad car propelled by a combination of hand and foot power. It was a unique and iconic forerunner product of a large and diverse manufacturing campus that provided workers jobs for decades in southwest Michigan.

In the winter of 1877, "after a long work week, George Sheffield didn't really want to walk home," says an article in *Industrial Anatomy*. "But it was the 1870s, and trains didn't run on the weekend when he needed to make the 10-mile commute from his job in Three Rivers, Mich. to home in Burr Oak." Sheffield's farm was a short distance from the Michigan Central Railroad.

"So he walked, but as he did he pondered how to make the trip easier. The answer came in his invention of a 'velocipede' or three-wheeled, hand-powered vehicle made for travel on train tracks. Without the railroad company's knowledge, Sheffield began driving his velocipede between work and home. One night while driving, he discovered a broken rail and alerted railroad officials in time to save a train from derailling. His unique mode of transportation, now known to the officials, piqued their interest and they requested he build several more. The velocipede proved useful for track inspection and maintenance and in 1879 Sheffield patented it. Three years later the Sheffield Velocipede Car Co. incorporated."

At about 140 lbs., the velocipede was light enough to be swung off the tracks to make way for trains, and made an excellent track inspection car.

According to the Mid-Continent Railway Museum, Sheffield received a patent for his hand-car only two months after he applied for it. He established the George S. Sheffield & Co., and his company's original team included Three Rivers businessmen Warren Willits and E.B. Linsley. The name of the company was subsequently changed to the Sheffield Velocipede Car Co. A velocipede is defined by Webster's dictionary as "a lightweight wheeled vehicle propelled by the rider."

In 1882 the company established a plant along the St. Joseph River at about Third and State Streets in Three Rivers, which is about 12 miles south of Kalamazoo.

"Sheffield acquired two additional patents on improvements to his initial design," said the Mid-Continent Railway



RAILROAD HANDCARS have been an iconic feature in all manner of movies, from Donald Duck and Wile E. Coyote cartoons, to *Blazing Saddles*, to George Clooney's *Oh Brother Where Art Thou*. One account said the Three Rivers plant was making handcars as late as 1946. This is an undated, early advertisement for the Sheffield car, likely in the 1890s, recognized as the first of its kind.

Museum. "One of these... added a backward-facing seat and modified the operating lever so two people could operate the vehicle together. The other... modified the rider's seat to add the up-and-down shift of the rider's weight to the propulsive force of the operating lever."

The railway museum said once source indicated that Sheffield built about 4,000 tri-wheel rail handcars, and a number were shipped overseas. They also eventually built four-wheelers. The Buckinghamshire Railway Center in England has a model that they claim is a No. 1 (presumably the first model), which they said is "built not earlier than 1887, and is believed to be part of a batch purchased by the London & North Eastern Railway."

Even before the company's foundry was expanded in 1883, Sheffield was building a number of other small cars and railroad appliances, most geared to railway construction and maintenance. In early 1888, Sheffield's company suffered a fire that destroyed much of its property. Fortunately, the company was insured, and rebuilt its works.

That year Sheffield's company caught the attention of conglomerate Fairbanks, Morse and Co., a manufacturing company formed in 1823 that built all manner of products, including pumps, engines, locomotives, farm tractors, windmills, coffee grinders and industrial supplies. Company founder Charles Morse purchased Willets' interest in the firm, and the Sheffield product line joined the big time, becoming part of the Fairbanks-Morse product catalog.

In 1891, Sheffield (either forced or voluntarily, it's unknown) withdrew from the company he founded, and the next year it was reorganized as the Sheffield Car Co., with

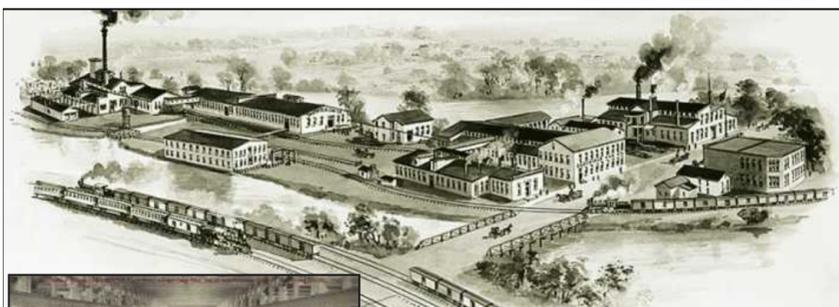
Morse as president.

The Three Rivers operation by 1896 had attached gas engines to its railway velocipedes and handcars. The company then began manufacturing and selling railway and electric and gas-powered streetcars in the early 1900s. By 1918, the entire company was bought by Fairbanks-Morse. The company constructed engines for the Navy, built pumps and marine parts and manufactured copper wire, among numerous other products.

The Essex Wire Co. took over the plant from 1960 until the mid-1980s as a copper wire manufacturing site. The site was used for grain storage until 1992, and then was demolished after the city acquired it in 1995. The brownfield site was cleaned and a truck wash facility took over a portion of the land.

"In addition to velocipedes, early Sheffield products included the kind of two-person, four-wheeled hand-pump cars that became iconic in mid-20th century Warner Brothers and Disney cartoons," wrote Dave Vago for *Watershed Voice*, a Three Rivers-based independent online new magazine. "Fairbanks-Morse didn't leave town without a legacy. Sheffield's railroad handcars became a fixture of pop culture for a time."

"The Essex Wire Co. bought its plant and operated it for several decades in the mid-to-late 20th century, albeit with a smaller workforce. The old Sheffield Car Co. also exerted its technological influence on the local foundries and machine shops from which it grew. Some of those workshops outlived it, like the old Dock's Foundry, which is located next to the former Sheffield plant site and is now Metal Technologies. American Metal Fab also continues in a similar tradition."



THE SHEFFIELD CAR Co.'s seven-acre campus is shown above in 1895. At left, the assembly plant in 1910 is shown making railroad inspection handcars and stand pipes used to rewater steam engines. In 1895 the campus was powered by both hydro and utility-provided electricity, lighting 150 incandescent bulbs. The campus included a foundry, designing offices, woodworking, paint, erecting buildings, and a power plant. At its peak, 1,500 were employed there.

# Upbeat trend hangs steady for U.S. construction industry

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"While risk remains in the sector for interest rates, labor, and material prices the value of projects in planning has been reasonably stable indicating future confidence."

"Overall spending slipped despite upturns in manufacturing and power construction and a slight pickup in single-family homebuilding," said Ken Simonson, the AGC's chief economist. "Most public segments continued a seesaw pattern, with decreases in April following gains in other recent months."

Individual sectors of the construction economy reflected the overall lack of movement for the month, and more positive long-term trends. Spending on private nonresidential projects declined 0.3 percent on balance in April but rose 8.3 percent year-over-year.

The largest private segment, manufacturing construction, climbed 0.9 percent for the month and 17.1 percent over 12 months. Commercial construction fell 1.1 percent in April and was virtually unchanged from a year earlier. Investment in power, oil, and gas

projects edged up 0.1 percent in April and rose 7.4 percent year-over-year.

Spending on private residential construction ticked up 0.1 percent for the month and 8.0 percent year-over-year. Single-family construction rose for the 12th month in a row, by 0.1 percent, and 20.4 percent year-over-year.

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Capstone Partners, a leading middle market investment banking firm, released its May 2024 "Construction Services Sector Update" on May 30, and said "the construction market has remained cautiously optimistic amid volatile macroeconomic conditions, buoyed by healthy project backlogs and profit margins."

## Industry flux fails to pinch profits for top contractors

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"When the Federal Reserve hiked interest rates 11 times last year in a bid to control rampant economic inflation, many said they felt those policy changes in the form of project delays, rescopes or outright cancellations," the *ENR* said.

This year's placement of

Michigan's construction contractors on the Top 400 Contractors list reflects the strong building environment in our state, which has been consistently among the leaders in terms of construction employment. None of Michigan's top construction contractors dropped off the Top 400 list from the rankings in 2023 to 2024.

For at least the past three decades, Barton Malow of Southfield, and Detroit-based Walbridge have led the Michigan contractors on the list, which is based on revenue, and 2024's rankings were no different. Both moved up: Barton Malow ranked No. 19 in 2024 (+6 positions from 2023) and Walbridge ranked No. 21 (+13 from 2023).

Other Michigan-based contractors on the Top 400 list included The Christman Co, Lansing (No. 87, -2); Commercial Contracting, Auburn Hills (No. 127, +55); Aristeo, Livonia (No. 154, +85); Ideal Contracting, Detroit (No. 232, +11); Granger Construction, Lansing (No. 237, +4); Rockford Construction, Grand Rapids (No. 239, +30); Pioneer Construction, Grand Rapids (No. 312, +1); Wieland, Lansing (No. 318, -54); Roncelli, Sterling Heights (No. 331, +41) and Clark Construction, Lansing (No. 355, -49).

By revenue, the *ENR*'s top contractors in the country include Turner of New York City, Kiewit of Omaha and Bechtel of Reston, Va.

"There is no nonsense so gross that society will not, at some time, make a doctrine of it and defend it with every weapon of communal stupidity."

—Robertson Davies (1913-1995)

"We know what we are, but know not what we may be."

—William Shakespeare (1564-1616), *Hamlet*, 1600

## Corporate judge shoppers seek to limit OT pay for low-income workers

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Led by the Plano, Texas, Chamber of Commerce, acting for the parent organization, a batch of corporate lobbies — including one deeply embedded in the radical right and another which is a Walmart front — they demanded Judge Jordan halt the Biden Administration's overtime pay rule.

Biden's DOL implemented a rule to raise the threshold under which overtime pay is mandatory to \$43,888 on July 1 and then to \$58,656 next Jan. 1. It would be indexed to inflation afterwards.

For decades, only workers making up to \$23,660 per year were eligible for overtime pay after a 40-hour week. In 2016 the Obama Department of Labor proposed raising that pay level to \$47,476, more in line with cost-of-living adjustments and doubling the number of workers eligible for time-and-a-half pay after 40 hours. After that hike was stopped — by who else, a court in Texas — the Trump Administration OK'd a lower \$35,568 annual pay level.

"Denying overtime for workers earning over \$35,568 a year is simply not acceptable, not fair and not reflective of the work employees do every day to go above and beyond," said AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler. "Employers who do not wish to pay additional overtime will now no longer be able to rely on unpaid overtime, and instead will have to reassess the way they distribute workloads to their employees."

And this is affecting people at the low end of the salary scale: the federal poverty income level for a family of four is \$31,200.

Now comes the corporate legal action in federal court in Texas, claiming that Biden's chained-to-inflation hikes are illegal without mandated notices and hearings. Raising the threshold would benefit at least

"To become acquainted with kindness one must be prepared to learn new things and feel new feelings. Kindness is more than a philosophy of the mind. It is a philosophy of the spirit."

—Robert J. Furey

"Red meat is NOT bad for you. Now blue-green meat, THAT'S bad for you!"

—Tommy Smothers (1937-2023)

4 million workers, most of them workers of color.

But the corporate lobbies, including the anti-union anti-worker Associated Builders and Contractors, the radical right National Federation of Independent Business and the National Retail Federation claim — without proof — that Biden's DOL won't follow proper federal notice rules.

The lobbyists also called Biden's rule "arbitrary and capricious" because the overtime pay cap would undercount actual pay of workers earning bonuses, incentives and profit-sharing.

The lobbies and their attorney, from the Dallas office of the notorious nationwide union-buster Littler Mendelson, want Judge Jordan to issue a permanent national injunction to kill Biden's overtime pay numbers and roll the cap back to the 2020 Trump limit, \$35,568.

Otherwise, the lobbies say, Biden's overtime pay rule would raise the overtime pay threshold from its current 20 percent of median pay to 35 percent, and cost their corporate bottom lines an estimated \$3.4 billion.

Injunctions issued on federal court levels often become the de facto law of the land, at least temporarily, with any subsequent appeals likely to land before a conservative court of appeals and U.S. Supreme Court.

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## Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 80

**SOUTHFIELD** – This paper serves as official notice for all meetings and elections.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The next general membership meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield, 48076.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The next executive board meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Executive Board meetings are held at the Local 80 Hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Southfield, MI.



**TIM  
MULLIGAN**

**UNION HALL REGULAR HOURS**  
Monday through Friday 7:30 – 4:00, unless otherwise indicated in holiday hours.

**RETIREE MEETING SCHEDULE:** The 2024 retiree meeting schedule is as follows: June 17, Aug. 19, Oct. 21 (holiday party) and Dec. 16. All membership meetings will be held at the Local 80 hall. Please enter the hall through the ramp entrance. All meetings will start at 12:30 pm. Any questions regarding joining the Retirees Association please contact Steve Murzen at 248-652-0593.

**RETIREE NEWS:** Retiree lapel pins with the SMWIA logo are available to all members of the local 80 retirees' association. They will be available to all retiree association members at our general membership meetings. Please see the general membership meeting schedule above.

**Effective immediately** you will need to start sending your unemployment proof to smw80subfund@gmail.com or fax it to 248-557-0297. Your unemployment proof needs to be in by 2pm on Tuesdays to be paid on that Friday. Local 80 will be handling all of your proof now. If you have any questions, please call us at 248-557-7575.

**BENESYS AT THE UNION HALL:** There will now be a representative from Benesys at the union hall to help our members with anything related to benefits or funds. She will be available all day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-4pm. If you are interested in setting up an appointment, please contact Lashone at 248-813-9800 ext. 3250

**GOLF OUTING: Tickets are now SOLD OUT! If you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please call the hall.** Please join us on July 13<sup>th</sup> at Cracklewood Golf Club in Macomb Twp. Tickets can be reserved at a cost of \$105 a ticket for members and \$140 a ticket for non-members. Your ticket will include coffee, donuts & danishes, a bloody mary bar, lunch at the turn, open bar up until 1 hour after golf, beer & pop available on the course and a wonderful steak dinner. Please contact the hall with any questions you may have or to reserve your ticket! \*Payment must be received to lock in your ticket\*

**CONDOLENCES:** Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Eric Hoffman. Eric passed away on May 29, 2024 due to an accident at work. He leaves behind a wife and two children. Eric was a member for 26 years and will be greatly missed.

**THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES A YEAR IN ADVANCE:** Richard Flood, James Thornton, Mark Boyd, Ronald Maynor, Vincent Vackaro, Christopher Pauwels, Leo Ayers, Thomas Haggerty, Michael Garlow, James Kuehn, Brenden Marsee, Ruth Vansteel, Anthony Stocker, Brian Haynes & John Willcocks.

**DUES PAYMENTS: YOUR DUES PAYMENTS ARE DUE PRIOR TO THE FIRST OF THE MONTH.** The books will close at the end of the business day on the last day of the month. **Payments made on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month are considered late for that month. There will be no exception, once the books are closed it cannot be undone.** Members will receive a text message dues reminder prior to the end of the month. If you are not receiving our text messaging, please call the hall. **REMINDER:** We ONLY take Visa, Master Card & Discover and do not accept American Express.

**BENEFICIARY REMINDER:** Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice on all of your Local 80 and international benefits. The law requires that in the event of an untimely death your benefits go to your spouse first and if there is no spouse to your children UNLESS you designate otherwise in writing with each specific benefit. Depending on your classification you could have benefits due to your heirs from Local 80 pension, insurance, annuity and from international and SASMI. Each individual benefit needs to have a designated beneficiary unless you want it to go to your spouse or children. As always seek the advice of an attorney.

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** If you have a new address please make sure to let the hall know. We will take care of your account with the union hall which includes the Tradesman paper. You will need to call Benesys at 800-400-7710 and update your address with them as well. That is not done through the hall.

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH and DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION:** Members who have their dues paid in advance (prior to the month of the accident) are eligible for accidental death and dismemberment benefits up to \$7,500.00. This benefit comes as a dues paying member of SMART International.

**WEEKEND WORK ASSIGNMENTS:** Saturday and Sunday work assignments. Please remember that when performing work on a Saturday or Sunday the steward must report it to the hall, give each members name and obtain a form for signatures. Each member must sign the form along with the number of hours they worked. The completed form must be sent back to the hall by the end of the day on the following Monday. Weekend work assignments must be called or emailed into the hall **prior to 3:00 pm on Friday.**

**WORK ASSIGNMENTS: Everyone must obtain a work assignment prior to starting work.** If you fail to do so you could be written up on charges.

**LAY-OFFS:** All members must report to the Union Hall immediately upon lay-off, even if you only work one day. These are the By-Law rules for the Out-of-Work List. Your name will be removed from the list 14 days after receiving an assignment. It is very important to report to the union hall immediately after your layoff. Members get confused because the S.U.B. Fund allows you a period of up to seven days to apply for S.U.B. benefits after lay-off.

**LAY-OFF SLIPS/TERMINATION NOTICES: Lay off slips must accompany all applications for sub pay.** Without lay off slips you cannot collect sub pay. It is the member's responsibility to make sure they get one from the contractor when laid off. Your application cannot be submitted without one. It is the contractor's responsibility to issue one in accordance with our contract.

**S.U.B. BENEFITS:** Report to the hall promptly upon layoff. You must complete a S.U.B. Application within seven days from your layoff date or you will forfeit S.U.B. benefits. Lay-off slips must accompany the application to be eligible. Proof of UIA benefit payments must be submitted within 21 days of when you were paid in order to receive SUB benefits. Do not submit your sub applications directly to the fund office. Your application must be signed by the hall or you will not collect benefits.

**OUT-OF-WORK LIST:** You must be on the out-of-work list to collect S.U.B. benefits or SASMI. Members must re-register bi-annually: March 1 through March 20 and Sept 1 through Sept. 20. If you fail to re-register you will be removed from the list.

**SHORT WORK WEEK SUB PAY:** If you work 16 hours or less in a week or have a short work week due to weather you may collect sub for that week but only if it is at the **beginning or the end of a layoff.** You may NOT collect if you are not laid off. You must complete a sub application at the hall, provide a pay stub for that week and the hall will submit it to the fund office. If you are not laid off and it is due to weather the company MUST provide written documentation that it was weather related.

**MEMBERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** If you are experiencing problems in your family, marriage or relationships, stress or

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## Local 7 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers 7

LANSING – NOTICE. This Newspaper Article shall serve as Official Notice of ALL meetings for Local 7!

The next Statewide Meeting will be, Aug. 22, 2024, at 6 p.m.

- \*Zone 1 July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 2 July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 3 July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (Saginaw)
- \*Zone 3 June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (Traverse City)
- \*Zone 4 July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 5 August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: Upcoming Elections are June 21- 22, 2024. See mailing for time and locations.



**SAM  
FULLER**

Please register on our website at [www.sheetmetal7.org](http://www.sheetmetal7.org) for the most up to date information on meeting schedules for 2024. Once you are registered it must be approved in order to be able to log on. Please contact your representative if you are having issues registering.

**NEWS:** Local No. 7 – Union Hoodies available through the Lansing office for \$70.00/each (While supplies last). Hoodies are Gray, Black or Navy with White logo. Payment via check, cash or credit card. Payment must be received before shipping.

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**SMART Members Assistance Program** provides counselors to speak with members experiencing crisis. Call (877) 884-6227 for 24/7 assistance with Suicide Prevention and Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

**ZONE 1 Info.** Work in the Zone 1 area remains busy and will increase as we get into spring and summer. If you become unemployed, please update your status with Eric or Vance (Apprentices please notify Ryan as well). If you are experiencing any difficulties with unemployment or insurance, please contact Eric or Vance for any additional assistance. Any Journeypersons interested in upgrade classes, please contact Ryan at the Training Center for additional information (269) 781-7183 (class availability depends on the number of individuals interested).

**ZONE 1 Training Center Info.** There are new changes to the testing procedure in Zone 1. Applicants will need to register for the Zone 1 entrance exam. Registration will open at the beginning of the exam month. You will receive your exam time during registration. Please contact the training coordinator to register (269) 781-7183.

#### ZONE 1 Monthly Retiree Meetings:

1st Wednesday of each month @ 8:00 am located at Bob Evans 1725 N W Ave, Jackson, MI 49202

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 1:00 pm located at Rocky Top 1900 Lansing Ave, Jackson, MI 49202

2nd Wednesday of each month @ 12:00 noon located at The Beamery 879 E Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014

(Retirees, please notify Vance or Eric of any changes or additions you would like)

#### - In Solidarity, Eric Farrington and Vance Saunders

**ZONE 2 Info:** The work outlook for Zone 2 remains steady with some school work starting up for the HVAC shops. Don't miss out on some opportunities coming up with Local 7, the picnic on July 20 in Traverse City and the Local 7 golf outing on Sept. 7 at the Lynx golf course in Otsego. Always remember that dues are due prior the first of the month and keep me informed of any address or phone number changes. Please work safely and be aware of others working around you. **Work Safe and Thank You, Mike Adams**

**ZONE 3 Info: (Saginaw)** Work should be picking up this month. Make sure you let the Lansing office or myself know if your phone number or address has changed. Remember to schedule your physicals this year. Kurt Scheibner was hired as are new full-time instructor.

The next retiree's meeting will be June 25th at the Ponderosa on Wilder Rd in Bay City. **In Solidarity, Joe Dotson**

**ZONE 3 Info: (Traverse City)** Our next meeting will be June 20 at the Mill Pond Center. Work is steady and if you know anyone that wants to get into our trade have them call me. Our local picnic this year will be at Timber Ridge Campground in Traverse City this year on July 20. No job is more important than going home at night, please work safe. Don't forget to set up your yearly physicals and go to [www.ourbenefitoffice.com/smw7-3/benefits](http://www.ourbenefitoffice.com/smw7-3/benefits) to register for your H&W and local pension status as with the National Pension Fund, go to [www.smnwfp.org](http://www.smnwfp.org) and register to see your future benefit.

#### -In Solidarity, John Amalfitano

**ZONE 4 Info:** It looks to be another outstanding year for work with all the school work and some nice jobs on the books. Local 7 Zone 4 will continue to grow and get stronger. We have some great events coming up, Local 7 Picnic is July 20 at Timber Ridge in Traverse City and our annual golf outing is Sept 7 at Lynx Golf Course, Otsego. Don't forget to if you are interested in getting some upgrade classes contact Dan Bryant at the Flint training center. I am proud to announce that Zone 3/4 hired Kurt Scheibner as our new instructor, Good luck Kurt. **Your Brother Scott Brotherton**

**ZONE 5 Info:** Work in the U.P. is busy and we have a few travelers up here right now. It should stay that way through the summer now. There is a lot of mine work coming up in the next 2 years also so if you don't have your mine safety training make sure you get signed up for that at [upconstruction.org](http://upconstruction.org). Union elections are coming up on June 22nd at the hall in Gwinn at 10 am. The Local 7 statewide picnic is coming up also on July 20th at the Timber Ridge Resort in Traverse City. **In Solidarity, Brandon Langenfeld**

**Dues Department: \*Online dues payment is now available\*** Dues of all members of local unions shall be paid monthly or quarterly, but always in advance. To better serve our membership, we accept Credit Card Payments in lieu of your monthly dues. If you would like to take advantage of the Credit Card Service, a finance charge will be applied – Please call the Lansing office during regular business hours at 517-882-4064 to make your payment.

**Address/Telephone Changes: Article 8, Section 1** of Local 7 Work Rules: *Address Changes:* All members are required to keep the Financial Secretary informed of their correct address. A noticed mailed to the last address shall be sufficient and legal. If you have moved or changed your telephone number, please contact the union hall to update your records.

## Local 80 continued

emotional difficulties, grief or loss issues or problems with alcohol and drug use please contact our assistance program. **Ulliance** is there to help you with your needs. They can also help you with legal issues, financial concerns, elder care referrals and child care resources. Contact them at 1-800-448-8326 or [www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com](http://www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com). **Make sure you mention Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 when calling and not the contractor you are working for.**

**NOTARY:** We have a notary public available at the hall at no charge. Please call to confirm availability.

**SAVE THE DATE: Golf Outing – July 13 • Picnic – Aug. 3**

*"The best way out is always through."*  
–Robert Frost (1874 - 1963)

*"It is no good to try to stop knowledge from going forward. Ignorance is never better than knowledge."*  
–Enrico Fermi (1901 - 1954)

*"Humility is no substitute for a good personality."*  
–Fran Lebowitz (1950 - )



## Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 292

TROY – MEETING NOTICE: The next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Member meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at The Knights of Columbus in Clawson. Check out the calendar tab at [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com) for the location and date.

The E-Board/Stewards meeting will be held on June 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall.

**CONDOLENCES:** Our deepest sympathies to Fred Engelman on the recent passing of his wife, Edith. Please keep Fred and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



**PAUL  
GUALDONI**

**MEMBER ASSISTANCE:** Please remember, Local 292 partners with Ulliance, an Employee Assistance Program designed to assist members and their eligible family members who may be struggling with emotional, domestic or substance abuse issues, as well as legal and financial referrals. If you and/or a family member feel this may benefit you, contact Ulliance at 1-800-448-8326 or [www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com](http://www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com) for completely confidential assistance. Ulliance is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Services are of no cost to members and their dependents.

**THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING:** The Local 292 annual Charity Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024. The outing is being held at Oak Ridge Club in New Haven.

**SMART 292 APP:** Our new Local 292 App is now live. It is available to all dues-paying members. Download is available through your App Store. Search SMART Local 292. There will be a short waiting period for the verification process.

**RETURN TO WORK BY NORMAL OR EARLY RETIREES:** Consistent with the actions of the Sheet Metal Workers' National Pension Fund, the Trustees of the Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 292 Pension Fund ("Fund") have decided to provide a limited waiver of the Fund's suspension of benefit rule from March 22, 2023 through Dec. 31, 2024 only, without limitation and without incurring a suspension of benefits then in pay status. This means that, during this period, if you are working as a sheet metal worker for an Employer that contributes to the Fund, you will receive your monthly pension benefits from the Fund no matter how many hours you work in any one month. This waiver is based on the current demand for sheet metal workers and is not anticipated to be continued indefinitely. Call Paul for more information or if interested.

**OUT OF WORK:** If you become laid off, you Must complete an Out of Work List Registration /SUB form. SUB forms are available at the Union Hall and also through all shop stewards. This is the only way your name will be added to the Out of Work List.

**TRUHEARING:** On behalf of Sheet Metal Workers Local 292, we would like to introduce TruHearing, the NEW exclusive provider of premium hearing aid benefits. This benefit is available to active eligible participants, dependents, and Pre-Medicare retirees. To get started, contact TruHearing at 1-833-898-1255 for an appointment.

**SAFETY MODS AND DRUG TESTS:** To access your MUST account, please go to [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org) or access it through the "links" tab at [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com). Remember that your Username is your full S.S. number and your Password is the first four numbers of your S.S. number. Members, please note that if you cannot access the MUST site to complete your safety mods you need to contact the Union Hall.

**DUES:** Membership dues are required to be paid in advance of the month for which they are due. The union hall is not open on Saturday or Sunday, therefore, if you pay dues on either of those days, it will not be processed until Monday. If you are on suspension warning, your dues are 60 days late. To avoid suspension, dues must be paid online or at the union hall by 4:00 p.m. on the last business day of the month. Payments received after 4:00 p.m. on the last business day of the month will not be processed and you WILL go suspended. All members are responsible for making sure any required fees, i.e. late fees or service fees, are included if paying online ([sheetmetal292.com](http://sheetmetal292.com)).

**LOCAL 292 ONLINE STORE:** The online store is no longer available. If you are interested in purchasing merchandise, please contact Paul or Tony.

**ADDRESS UPDATES:** If you move, please get in touch with the union hall to update your address.

**RETIRES NOTICE: MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The 2024 schedule for the Local 292 Retiree luncheon is as follows: August 1, and October 3. We will post the date of the December meeting at a later date. The retirees' luncheon will be held at: **\*\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\*\* Madhouse Bar & Grill @12:30 pm, 32787 Stephenson Hwy., Madison Heights MI 48071; Located on Stephenson Hwy 1 block south of 14 Mile on the west side of the street. Please contact the union hall via our website [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com), click on the "Contact Us" page if you want to be added to the retiree email list.**

Please join us for lunch, great conversations, and storytelling. Looking forward to seeing all retirees, new and old!!

**CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL:** The Constitution and Ritual of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SMART General Convention is now available online. Go to [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com), click on the Constitution/Ritual tab located at the top of the home page. The Union Hall will also has hard copies for members who want one.

**SUBSTANTIATION REQUEST:** Many members have been receiving Substantiation Request letters from the Local 292 Benefit Fund office. IRS regulations require that every use of the Benny Card be substantiated or validated as an eligible covered expense under the Plan. This validation is required by the IRS, the Fund cannot make exceptions. It is the member's responsibility to ensure all requested documentation be returned to the Fund office in a timely manner. By not responding to the Substantiation Request letter, your Benny Card may be suspended until all requested documentation has been received. If you have any questions, contact BeneSys at 248.641.4992 or the Union Hall.

**UNION HALL HOURS:** Hall office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**TEXT BLAST NOTIFICATION:** We have recently updated the text blast contact list. All members have been added. If you haven't been receiving texts and would like to be added or wish to opt out of text blast, please contact the Union Hall and we will make the change.

**WEBSITE / FACEBOOK:** Be sure to check our website – [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com); Facebook page - Sheet Metal Workers Local 292.

**THE 4 PLUS MEMBER PROGRAM:** The "4-plus" member program is for any Local 292 member who has achieved four (or more) welding certifications. These certifications can be in any welding process. Members who qualify will receive a shirt (one shirt for every four certifications) with the 4 Plus logo, hard hat stickers, and bragging rights. If you would like to be a "4-plus" member contact your Local 292 Training Center at: 313-623-9390 (Dave) or Quintin 248.495.6764.

Attention all Welders! We are looking for any member interested in a Saturday welding class on June 22, July 13, July 20, and July 27. These classes would be for members ready to obtain an AWS welding certification, learn how to weld, or need to practice welding.

Note: Anyone who signs up for a class, must pay a \$40.00 registration fee that will be refunded on the completion of the class. These deposits are NON-Refundable if you do not show up for the classes. You can drop off the deposit between the hours of 7:00 and 3:00 at the Apprentice School.

Call the Apprentice School at 248-589-3237, Dave's cell 313-623-9390 or Quintin's cell 248-495-6764 to reserve a spot. Remember we must have the deposit before you will be scheduled in the class.



## Local 25 Iron Workers

### Iron Workers Local 25

NOVI – The June Union meeting will be Monday, June 24 at 7:00 pm and will be **IN PERSON ONLY**. All out-state Halls will be open. All are invited to join us for friendship & comradeship!

We continue to communicate through the **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS for alerts & emails**. You can download our APP for android on google play or for iPhone at the APP store just search “Iron Workers Local 25” Martinez web shop. Or sign up via our website ([www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org)).

The Flint Steward meeting will be Wednesday June 19 at 6 pm. The Lansing Steward meeting will be Monday June 24 at 6 pm. The Saginaw Steward meeting will be Thursday June 27 at 6 pm. All are welcome!

Any issue with June vacation checks please contact Dennis Aguirre.

The Ironworkers Picnic is fast approaching. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 22, starting at 11 am at the Local 25 Training Center 50490 W. Pontiac Trail Wixom MI 48393.

Join us for hamburgers & hot dogs, corn on the cob, chips & snacks, games & prizes for the kids, face-painting & things to do for the kids, bounce house, tour the apprenticeship school as well! **Allow yourself extra time for all the freeway road construction in the area. West bound Beck, Wixom & Milford Rd ramps are closed.**

**The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual International Iron Workers Festival** will be held Aug. 9-11 in Mackinaw City MI. Please plan ahead and reserve your hotel room(s). For more information, please go to [www.mackinawchamber.com](http://www.mackinawchamber.com)

**SAVE THE DATE: Awards Night** will be held on Aug. 26, at the Novi Union Hall.

**IMPORTANT: Dependent Eligibility Verification for Health Insurance Benefits coverage has been extended but is now in its final round. The PDA Verification Team from Livonia MI is conducting this audit.** All members who have dependents (spouse and/or children) on their health care must comply. If you missed the mailing somehow, watch your mail for this final mailing coming soon!! **PLEASE RESPOND RIGHT AWAY WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR LETTER AS THIS IS VERY TIME SENSITIVE AND CRITICAL TO YOUR CONTINUED COVERAGE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN.** ANY QUESTIONS CALL 833-902-4649

**HRA/Benny Card Audit is under way and has been mailed out – please respond if you have been contacted. To check your HRA balance go to [my.wexhealthcard.com](http://my.wexhealthcard.com) where you can create a log-in**

New Apprentice Applications are being accepted **BUT you MUST go to [ironworkers25.org](http://ironworkers25.org) where you can now make your application appointment & pay the application fee online; you must have an appointment to turn in your application. No walk-in foot traffic.**

**Apprentices:** Fill out your monthlies online at the website or mobile app located under the apprenticeship tab “Monthly Report Sign-In” this gives you the ability to electronically submit your monthlies. Also, located under the Apprenticeship Tab you will find “Make-Up Days” & “Welding Test Certifications”. You can now electronically schedule your make-up days and welding tests. **To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School, please go to [ironworkers25.org](http://ironworkers25.org) to view the 2024 Block Schedule, Roster and Raising Gang Training Schedule.** If you have Facebook or Instagram, please give us a follow. **The Wixom Training Center – Phone: (248) 960-2130**

**24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues:** Pay via our APP or website [www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org). **The phone number is 866-635-2826. Or pay union dues with personal check or money order and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 – P.O. Box 965 – Novi, MI 48376-0965.** Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall (M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash).

**FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:** 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100 and follow the prompts. Hours 7:30am to 4:30pm. The mailing address for member BENEFIT related matters is: Iron Workers Local 25 Fringe Benefit

Funds, PO Box 99219, Troy MI 48099-9219. Blue Cross Health Claims and Customer Service 877-790-2583. Delta Dental Claims and Customer Service 800-482-8915.

Check your HRA Balance: [my.wexhealthcard.com](http://my.wexhealthcard.com)

Check you online benefit information: [ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/](http://ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/)

**BENEFIT FOR NEW CHILD:** Any member who has a new born child, or a new dependent child through marriage **MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office of your new dependent within 31 days; otherwise wait until the next open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).**

**BENEFIT FOR LIFE CHANGE:** Any member experiencing a divorce or a new spouse **MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office within 31 days; otherwise wait until the next open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).**

**The Iron Workers’ Local 25 Retirees’ Club:** The Retirees’ meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday June 18, 2024 at 10:00 am in Novi. The Retirees’ Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday July 2, 2024 at 8:30 am. All are welcome.

Lifetime IW Jim Pente #1104213 is home from the hospital (6/3) recovering from cancer surgery. Cards & phone calls would be welcomed! Get well Jim!

The Retiree Club Annual Golf Outing Fund Raiser at Green Hills Golf Course will be held July 11, 2024. For more information please contact Dallas Compeau 989-737-5518.

The West Michigan Chapter Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday July 2, 2024 at 9:00 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. All are welcome.

The next quarterly meeting **AND ANNUAL PICNIC** for the Bay City Chapter will be July 18, 2024; at the Iron Workers Local 25 Saginaw Union Hall, 11 Bridgeview S. Saginaw MI 48604 at **12:00 pm**. All are Welcome.

The Downriver Chapter The next quarterly Retirees breakfast will be 9:00 am on July 19, 2024 at Mom’s Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, Michigan, 48183. All are welcome.

**Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan: [www.bcbsm.com/behavioral-mental-health/](http://www.bcbsm.com/behavioral-mental-health/)** Resources on the home page including In-Person Crisis Care options in many locations throughout the state. BCBS Michigan 877-627-1041, Blue Care Network 800-482-5982 for Substance-use-disorder.

**FindTreatment.gov** where you can search by zip code/city. Or call SAMHSA 800-662-4357. **MentalHealth.gov** provides information & programs about mental health. **Dial 988 (National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) For help 24/7 in a Time of Crisis.** Call 988 if you or someone you know is in danger of suicide or experiencing a mental health crisis. Whatever you are struggling with, help is available – its free & confidential.

**Suicide Prevention Resources on IMPACT:** <http://www.impact-net.org/safety/suicide-prevention-resources>. **US Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741** from anywhere in the United States, anytime, about any type of crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. A volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.

**The IRONWORKER Magazine** To subscribe to the digital edition please use the following link: <https://www.ironworkers.org/s/ironworker-digital-sign-up>

**In Memory:** Shirley Kudzia born August 25, 1937, passed away on April 20, 2024 at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by her husband Lifetime IW Alois Kudzia #544848. Shirley is survived by her son Scott May #1058884, her daughter Katrina Kudzia Wikaryasz #1251847, her grandson Tyler May #1353550 and granddaughter Megan May. Probationary Welder Tiffany Andree #1643188 passed away on May 30, 2024 at the age of 40. She was a member of Local 25 for 1 year. **Our deep condolences to all of the family and friends as you mourn the loss of your dear loved one(s)!**

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (June 10, 2024 10:00 am E.S.T.)

## LIUNA! Feel the Power Local 1191

### Laborers Local 1191

**DETROIT – LABORERS RISING:** is a powerful initiative focused on building power and making a difference with our fellow sisters and brothers. Through Laborers Rising, Laborers Local 1191 will be asking its Membership to volunteer their time to support various issues that enhance the lives of working families. If you wish to join our Laborers Rising volunteer list, please call the Local Union at (313) 894-2241 M-F 8:00am – 4:00pm to provide necessary contact information.

**Regular Membership Updates:** Please check out our website at [www.laborerslocal1191.org](http://www.laborerslocal1191.org) and the “Laborers’ Local 1191” Facebook page for important information about your Local Union.

**Member Personal Information Updates:** Be sure to keep the Local Union updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and/or email.

**Monthly General Membership Meetings:** are held on the first Friday of every month at 7 pm at the Local Union, 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208 (except for holidays). **The next General Membership Meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2024 in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. NOTE: There will be no Monthly Membership meeting held the week of July 1, 2024. August’s General Membership meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, 2024.**

**Monthly Retiree Council Meetings:** are the last Friday of each month. The meetings are held at 11 am at the Local Union, 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208. **The next Retiree Council meetings will be held on June 28 and July 26.**

**Union Dues for 2024:** Regular monthly dues are \$35 for Active Members. Retiree monthly dues will remain the same \$8.00. Members can now Pay Dues online 24/7 on our website at [www.laborerslocal1191.org!!!](http://www.laborerslocal1191.org!!!) To make online dues payments, click the “Pay Dues” tab in upper right-hand corner and follow the instructions.

**Important Notice Regarding Dues Payments:** According to the Uniform Local Union Constitution Article VIII sec. 4. The monthly dues are due on the first day of the month and unless paid on or before the last day of the following month, the member will be suspended by the International Union without notice. **To better serve our membership, the Local accepts in-person Cash, Credit and Debit payments.**

**Save Time & Money: We urge members to make their payments timely to avoid additional costs! Monthly dues can be deducted from your vacation check and sent directly to the Local Union. Please stop by the Local Union office to get one of the “Vacation Monthly Dues Deduction” forms or you may call the Local Union office at (313)-894-2241 to have one mailed to you. **FYI: Members who sign up for Vacation deduction and pay (6) months at a time will receive a 1-month rebate!****

**Referral List:** Every member who is looking for work must call or come to the Local Union Office on Mondays between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm to put their name on the Out-of-Work list. You must have an Out-of-Work skills sheet filled out and on file in order to be referred out for work by the Local Union.

**Roll Call: All members on the out-of-work list must re-register every quarter within the first five days of the following months: March, June, September and December. Your failure to do so will result in your name being removed from the referral list. \*Example: If your name is on the list in April and or May and you don’t re-register by June 5<sup>th</sup> your name will be removed from the list.**

**Drug Test Renewal: Members are reminded to keep your Yearly Drug Test current and also your 18 safety modules. You can schedule an appointment to take your modules at our training schools located in Perry, Wayne, St. Joseph, or Iron Mountain by calling (517) 625-4919 or by visiting the training school website at [www.mltai.org](http://www.mltai.org) to schedule appointments for modules. You can also contact the Local Union office at (313) (Continued next column)**



### Boilermakers Local 169

**ALLEN PARK –** Our next membership meeting will take place on **June 14, 2024, at 8PM.**

This meeting will be at Electricians Local 692. The address is 1300 W. Thomas Street, Bay City, MI 48706.

Congratulations to Shelby Barteo who recently competed in the Great Lakes Area,

**BOB HUTSELL**

regional apprentice competition. While Shelby did not place in the competition, we are very proud of her efforts and her dedication to her craft and her Local. Shelby is the first woman from Local 169 to compete in the contest and did very well. Way to go!

It’s that time of year! Spring has sprung and Summer is right around the corner, along with our traditional Union picnics. Bring your family and friends to a picnic near you. There is always lots of food, fun, and prizes at these family friendly events. Food and beverages are provided. Feel free to bring a dish to pass if you can. As always, volunteers are needed.

Journeyman & apprentices are encouraged to participate. Contact the Union Hall to volunteer. Please remember, a union is only as strong as its weakest member. Show your union pride by participating in union activities with your union Brothers and Sisters!

Area 1 picnic at Camp Dearborn, July 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at noon. Please bring a side dish to share.

Area 2 picnic in Muskegon following the Labor Day Parade.

Area 3 picnic at Sanford Lake Park, June 22, beginning at noon.

Area 4 picnic date to be announced soon.

Current Union dues for 2024 are \$55.85 in accordance with the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Constitution. The

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894-2241 to use a Local Union computer to complete required modules.

**Training:** Check out the training classes available to you at no cost. Journeyman and Apprentices may still obtain training through MLTAI’s online training at <https://lms.mltai.org>. Types of training you can take include, but are not limited to: OSHA 30, Asbestos Awareness, Silica Awareness, Infectious Disease Awareness, Respirator Awareness, Hazard Communication, Blood-borne Pathogens Awareness, and Lead Awareness. The above training and certifications are all available at the training center. **By taking the OSHA 30 your 18 MUST Safety modules are updated as well.** If you are not able to go to the Training Center for MUST Safety Modules contact the Local Union to assist you with making arrangements to complete them.

**MUST Safety Awareness Training:** Please check the MUST website at [www.mustsafe.com](http://www.mustsafe.com) to see how many modules you have.

**Beneficiary Reminder:** Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice on all of your LIUNA Local 1191, American Income Life Accidental Benefit, Pension and Healthcare fund documents. The law requires that in the event of an untimely death your benefits go to your estate and may be taxable if/when no beneficiary has been designated. **Each of the above individual benefits needs to have a designated beneficiary.**

**IMPORTANT UNION BENEFIT CONTACT INFORMATION:** Michigan Laborers’ Fringe Benefits Funds (Annuity, Insurance, Pension)

\* Telephone: (877) 645-2267

\* Website: [www.michiganlaborers.org](http://www.michiganlaborers.org)

\* Delta Dental: (800) 524-0149

Metropolitan Detroit Laborers’ (Pension)

\* Telephone: (248) 641-4942

\* Fax: (248) 813-9898

Metropolitan Detroit Laborers’ (Healthcare) (800) 228 0048

Metropolitan Detroit Laborers’ AND Michigan Laborers’ Vacation Funds

WPAS Telephone: (833) 389-0025 EXT. 3359



## Local 149 Roofers & Waterproofers

### Roofers Local 149

**DETROIT – Attention.** This paper is to serve as an official notice to the membership.

The United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and, Allied Workers Local 149 Detroit, is officially on strike as of June 1, 2024. From the outset, Local 149 have been committed to an agreement that is fair and worthy of our members’ support. We will continue to work with our contractors to reach a tentative agreement.

During this period, we will not be performing our usual duties or services. We understand the inconvenience this may cause, but we hope for your understanding and support as we work towards a resolution. National

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Union Hall accepts Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. Payments can be made both at the Union Hall and over the phone.

In an effort to assist our active members, the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers has waived any increase in dues for the upcoming 2024 year. Dues for the 2024 year will remain at \$55.85.

OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 safety training can now be taken online. Please visit our website – [www.boilermakerslocal169.com](http://www.boilermakerslocal169.com) – for more information.

Any member interested in taking the Great Lakes Safety for Corteva please contact Area 3 Business Agent, Mike Card at 989-662-6491.

Any members interested in EPRI Rigging, which is required for working in the Nuclear Plants. Please contact Tony Herrera at 616-296-9131. There is a class scheduled for June 5, 2024, at the Lansing Hilton.

**Retirees:** Retiree luncheons **Area 1** Retiree luncheon is on the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am at the Brown Derby Bar, 10661 West Jefferson, River Rouge, MI.

**Area 2** Retirees hold luncheons on the first Thursday of every month at 11am at Whitlow’s Forerunner Restaurant located at 4610 Airline Rd, Muskegon MI. All retirees and members from all areas are welcome to attend.

**Area 3** Retirees luncheon is the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next lunch will be June 19, 2024 at 11am. The location is the Auburn Hotel and Tavern, 101 W. Midland Road, Auburn, MI 48611. All area boilermakers and retirees are welcome to attend. Lets give a shout out to Ivan Ayers who turned 94 years young on May 5, 2024.

**Area 4** Retirees’ lunches are on the first Tuesday of the month at 11am in Rapid River at Jacks Restaurant 7898 S. Main Street, Rapid River, MI. Area 4 retirees also meet in Marquette on the second Tuesday of the month at 11am at Crossroads Bar on the corner of County Rd 553 and County Road 480.

Hoodies have arrived in all sizes at the Union Hall. The cost is \$45.00. Payments can be made with cash or check. If you live outside of the area and would like to order one, please call the hall. Additional shipping charges will be added. Baseball caps are also available. Varsity jackets are available by special order. Please contact the Union Hall for details. The upcoming MSHA training schedule is available at [www.boilermakerslocal169.org](http://www.boilermakerslocal169.org) or on our Facebook page.

The cost of your T.W.I.C. card is reimbursable from the M.O.R.E. Fund. Contact the Union Hall for reimbursement.

Any member needing the services of a Notary Public can do so at no charge at the Boilermakers Local 169 Union Hall. Please call ahead to ensure availability.

Any current apprentice that is eligible to utilize their G.I. Bill should contact their branch of service regarding this benefit. Your apprenticeship training qualifies for reimbursement under the terms of the G.I. Bill. I advise all apprentices who qualify to take advantage of this well-deserved benefit.

Maintenance Agreement projects shall have no strikes, work stoppages, picketing, or slow-downs. However, if you work at JD Candler, Lutz, or Schena, all their projects including National Maintenance Agreement, are shut down. If a contractor tells you that a project falls under a maintenance agreement, please contact the Hall immediately, at 313.961.6093.

The Trial Board has voted unanimously to fine any Member caught working for one of our Signatory Contractors during the strike. The fine amount will be no less than \$5,000

**General Membership Meeting.** The general membership meeting is scheduled for Tues., July 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. negotiating, and nominations for a Health and Welfare Trustee and Pension Trustee.

**Notice of Election –for Two Pension Trustees.** The election will take place at the Detroit Union Hall, 1640 Porter St, Detroit, MI 48216, on July 2, 2024, from 2pm thru 7pm.

**Executive Board Meeting.** The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for Tues., July 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**Mid-Michigan.** The Mid-Michigan informational meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2024, at 6 p.m. at 810 Tacoma Ct. Clio MI, 48420.

**Condolences.** It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of Brother Mark Trombley. Brother Trombley was 69 years old and a 36-year member. Brother Trombley passed on 5/26/2024. Rest in Peace Brother Trombley, thank you for your years of service.

**Negotiating Committee-Ratification/Informational meetings.** Meetings are tentatively scheduled on June 15, 22, 29, 2024 at 9 am, at the **Detroit Teamsters Hall**, 2801 Trumbull, Detroit, MI 48216. Please contact the Union Hall, on the Thursday, or Friday to find out if we will have a meeting that week.

**Vacation and Holiday Check Direct Deposit.** Members have the option to have their Vacation and Holiday check directly deposited in their bank account. This includes all contracted areas. To get your Vacation check direct deposited, members will need to complete a direct deposit agreement. The form will be available at the Detroit and Mid-Michigan Union Hall.

**Detroit Training Center Information.** Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Detroit LU 149 members.

Dues must be current to enter the Training Center.

If you are interested in any of these classes, contact the Training Center, 248-543-3847.

**CLEARANCE CARDS.** Are you scheduled to go out of town for work in another Local’s territory? Clearance cards are needed when you are sent out of town to work. Get a clearance card from the Hall and call the Local in that area to avoid fines against you.

**Outdoor Life.** If you have any hunting and fishing pictures that you would like to see in the Journeyman Roofing & Waterproofing magazine, please contact the Union Hall at 313.961.6093 ext. 0, for additional information.

**MID-MICHIGAN AREA – Clio Office.** The Mid-Michigan informational meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2024, at 6 p.m. at 810 Tacoma Ct. Clio MI, 48420.

**Notice.** When contractors call the Union Hall for help, we need to know who is available, and have an up-to-date phone number. All Mid-Michigan Area members who are out of work need to call the Hall at (810) 687-1368 to be put on the out of work list.

The publication above is as 6/10/2024, 1:30p.m.

**In Solidarity, Brian Gregg Business Manager, Roofers & Waterproofers Local No.149**

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434 W. MAIN ST., BRIGHTON, MI 48116



**IBEW Local 131**  
**KALAMAZOO** – The next **General Membership Meeting** will be held on July 1, at 6 p.m.

The next **Renew** meeting will be held on June 17, at the union hall, at 5 p.m.

The next **Executive Board** meeting will be held on June 17, at 5 p.m.

The **Veterans Committee** Meeting will be held on July 11, at Union Hall, at 5:00 p.m.

**Woman in the Trades** Meeting will be held on June 18, at the Union Hall, at 6:00 p.m.

**Brotherhood Night** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at CJ's from 3:30 to 5:30PM.

The **Annual Picnic** is scheduled for July 27, 2024, at River Oaks Park in Galesburg.

The **Labor Rally** is scheduled for September 7, 2024.

The **Work Outlook** continues to be steady. Today we have 20 open calls for Moore, Champion Services, and Hi-Tech. We have crews working on the Pfizer, Zoetis, Gun Lake Casino and Palisades. Train the apprentices, encourage their involvement in the local. Remember to have fun at your job.

**Congratulations** to all the new Journeyman. 14 fifth year apprentices have completed the apprenticeship. Caitlin Arnold, Eric Blakeslee, James Brush, Kyle Carter, Darius Dlugoss, Ryan Eklund, Mason Glerum, Toby Jones, Noah Leinaar, Matthew Linsley, Patrick Lipari-Jordan, Jacob McPherson, Justin Wrobel and Andrew Yezic. I want to thank the fifth-year apprentices who worked so hard on the golf outing. Over \$10,000 dollars was donated to Silvia's Place. Thank you for all your hard work.

**Organizing** needs your help. If you know any electricians in your social circle, please encourage them to reach out to our organizer, Ryan. There is a lot of work coming to our local and we will need all the help we can get. Sign up for a **Code Update** class. Classes are scheduled for Sept. 14-15, Oct. 26-27, Nov. 23-24 and Dec. 14-15. Call the hall or email [mapplebey92@gmail.com](mailto:mapplebey92@gmail.com) to reserve a spot. Classes are limited to 30. Online classes are available through KETA. Contact Nicole at 269-388-4434

**Retiree lunches** at the following Locations: June 19, Nob Hill Bar & Grill, 4218 S. Sprinkle Rd. Kalamazoo, 49001 @11:00.

Every Tuesday, a smaller group of Retirees meets at Uncle Ernie's Pancake House, 4005 Portage St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001 @ 10 a.m.

On the last Friday of each month a group of retirees and others meet at Jac's Cekola's Pizza, 3112 South Ninth St., Kalamazoo, MI. 49009 @11:30.

**With a heavy heart**, I am sad to report Brother Richard "Rick" Butler, a 22-year member, passed away on May 1, 2024, at age 66. Rick always had a positive attitude. Fun to work with.

**Three Months** or more behind in counter dues payments are the following suspended members: Michael Ankeny, Robert Chopp, Easton Lovell, Logan McFadden, Joseph Miller, Brady Monaghan, Peter Reaume, Jaden Shedd, Jason Streit, Gary Yerden, Randall Youmans, and Joseph Zirkelbach.

**Picnic** on July 27, 2024. The location is at River Oaks Park in Galesburg. From 11-3, Lunch will be served from 12-2 p.m. RSVP, please call the hall and leave your name. In July keep an eye out for a postcard in the mail to use to cover parking at the park.

**RETIREMENT:** NEBF and IBEW PBF application takes at least 3 months to process but can be filled out as early as 6 months before your planned retirement effective date. If you are nearing retirement, please call the hall and set up an appointment with Christine. You will need to submit copies of your social security card, birth certificate, marriage certificates and divorce decrees for you and your spouse(s) with your applications. Important numbers for you to write down: NEBF 301-556-4300 IO Pension 202-833-7000

**Morris Applebey**  
*Business Manager*



**IBEW Local 445**  
**BATTLE CREEK** – In **Memoriam:** It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of John Conkell. John was a 46 year member who had just recently retired. Please keep John and his family in your prayers. There are no services scheduled at this time.

**Code Update Classes** The BCEJATC has Code Update Classes and Online Courses available. Please contact the Hall at (269) 964-4545 or the BCEJATC at (269) 300-8002 to get on the sign-up sheet. The last in-person class is July 13 & 20, 2024 from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

**The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual IBEW Local 445 Golf Outing** hosted at Binder Park Golf Course is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 8am shotgun start. Please contact the Hall for the individual/team registration/sponsorship paperwork.

**The Annual IBEW Local 445 Member Picnic** will be at the Hall on Sept. 7, starting at noon.

**The Retiree monthly breakfast** is at 9am at Lux Café at 2587 Capital Ave SW. Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month to attend.

**General Membership Meeting** is the second Monday of each month and starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Hall.

**IBEW Local 445 App/Website** The new app & website are now live. Local 445 Members can register to access the app. You are now able to pay your dues online via the app or website. Please visit the app & website to access the calendar of events. To sign Book 1 & 2, initial signs are still in person only.

**Special Fund** – **\*IMPOR-TANT\*** This is a reminder that you may be required to supply proper receipt substantiation for your debit card usage.

Claims prior to Aug. 31, 2023, were issued a 1099 for unsubstantiated claims and no further action is needed for those claims.

Any claims after Aug. 31, 2023, may need substantiation. You will want to sign into the Special Fund website or App to verify if receipts are required.

If proper substantiation is not made within 63 days of the Debit Card usage, your card may be suspended until proper substantiation is provided or repayment to the Fund is made.

**Wilson-McShane** has replaced TIC for our benefit administration as of June 1, 2023. You can visit [www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org) to create a new account under the *Member Portal* tab. You should have received new Special Fund cards that are white. Please dispose of the old blue cards as they will no longer work.

The website to access your *Special Fund* is <https://ibew-michigan.lh1ondemand.com/Login.aspx>. There is an app you can download from your app store **MI IBEW Special Fund**. You can find both links on [ibew445.com](http://ibew445.com) website under Resource Link.

**Local Website** - Please check the Local 445 website for the latest information, including job postings. The Local 445 web address is [IBEW445.com](http://IBEW445.com). Make sure you check out the **Resource Link** page for important related websites.

**Reminder about Health Plan Advocate** This is a reminder about the Michigan Electrical Health Plan Pharmacy Savings Program. Health Plan Advocates is working with the MEEHP to help the fund and the members to save money on costly prescriptions.

If your prescription is over \$400, the HPA will check for co-pay savings cards to get members a \$0.00 payment for that prescription. If you receive correspondence from HPA, either via mail or email, you MUST respond to them to get enrolled. If you don't contact HPA, you could encounter a high deductible/co-pay when you fill that RX on your next refill.

**2024 Personal information** Please keep your address, phone number and email address up to date at the Hall. Also, contact the Hall with marriages, births of children and divorces. You have a limited time frame to add/ (Continued next column)



**IBEW Local 498**  
**TRAVERSE CITY** – **Meetings. Regular E Board-** The next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting is set for Monday, July 8, 2024 @ 5:30pm.

**Regular Meeting** – The next regularly scheduled membership meeting is Scheduled for 7pm Monday, July 8, 2024.

**Office Closings:** July 4, 2024 – Office Closed all day.

**Code Update Class** – 2023 NEC 15-hour Code Update.

**Option 1:** Online class for Local 498 members only \$70.00 Call TCJATC for details. 231-943-4193

**Option 2:** In-Person classes for May, June & Sep are all full. More in person classes are being considered.

\*Must pre-register by mail. Member fee \$20 by check or cash. Make Check payable to "TCJATC"

**Resale Items** – We still have a few select sizes of Local 498 t-shirts, as well as Beanie Hats for resale. Proud Union Home signs are in and available at the hall. Free to members in good standing.

**Retiree breakfast** - Several of the retirees meet at Sparky's Diner off of South Airport road every Monday morning at 9am. So if you are retired or not and want to join in the conversations and possibly some old wives tales or other embellished stories, show up at Sparky's.

**Scholarship** – Past charter member Brother Bob Dost has a scholarship 'Robert Paul Dost Scholarship Endowment' for High School seniors in the 5-county area around Traverse City. To access it go to [www.gtcf.org/scholarships/](http://www.gtcf.org/scholarships/). Local 498 Union members' children get preference to the endowment. A huge thank you in Memory of Bob Dost for his generosity and being a great union member.

**Service Pins** – Service Pins are still available at the union hall for those members who have not received them. Stop by and get yours today!

**Email Addresses** - Any member that would like to have Local 498 forward communication to them from the International, Local 498, AFL-CIO or the Building Trades, to help stay informed to current events, politics, contracts, work, etc. Please call or email your current email address to Local 498 at [ibew@local498.net](mailto:ibew@local498.net) Thank you!

**Important numbers for you to write in your address book:**

**MEEHP (Health)** 1-855-633-4584 Fax# 1-952-854-1632 Website: [www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org)

**MEEPP (MI Pension)** 1-855-633-4584

**(New address Michigan Pension and Health Plan) 3001 Metro Drive Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55425**

NEBF 1-301-556-4300 NEAP 1-301-556-4300 IO Pension 1-202-833-7000

**DUES RATES** July 1, 2024 – Dues increase to \$155.10/Quarter.

**Info Updates** – Any member with a new address, phone number, email address, etc. should contact Local 498 with these changes.

Please remember it is your responsibility to pay your dues on time.

Remember to check the hall recorder at night after 4:00pm for any jobs that might be available. 231-943-4980 ext. 2#

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remove dependents. Beneficiary cards and forms are also available at the Hall when you need to update them.

**Executive Board** E-Board meets the fourth Monday of each month starting at 4:30 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Wanda Secrest

*"People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them."*

–George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)



**IBEW 557**  
**SAGINAW** – **UNION NEWS-** The new wage package is now in effect as of June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The new JIW scale will be \$39.50 per hour. Please double check that your wages have been updated going forward.

**NEW ORGANIZER-** Please welcome aboard Rex Christian as Local 557's new Organizer. Rex has been on the job for over a month now and we are already seeing results. Organizing is a tough task in the IBEW and in the trades in general. Some conversations with unrepresented workers are harder than others. Please give Rex all the help he needs to succeed and get results for the Local. If you see something and wish to point it out to him or need to chat about a different matter, please reach out to him directly at 989-890-4578.

Additionally, Gus Voisine continues to Organize for the Local through the Michigan Initiative program as well. Please either reach out to Gus or Rex with any organizing questions. Gus can be reached at 989-941-8046.

**PROJECT PHOENIX-** Work is slowly kicking off at the mega project happening across the street from Hemlock Semiconductor. The job has been labeled Project Phoenix. Some calls have come in with plenty more to come. Please keep a look-out for more calls on this large-scale project.

**PROJECT PHOENIX** could provide this Local with an amount of work that has not been seen in this area in a long, long time. There is the potential for an even more massive amount of work that could spin off from the first expansion. If our Local is to see the full benefit of all this work, there is only one way that can be accomplished – our members will need to come home to man the work. Local 557's membership should be depended on heavily for the success of the project. It will take all of us to make it work. It cannot be understated how important this work could possibly be to the future of the Local. Please start thinking about where you may fit into this project.

**GOLF LEAGUE-** Golf League Night at Twin Oaks is back. There is no set schedule for golfers, just show up and golf. Tee times start at 6pm each Thursday.

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is July 2 at the Hall at 5:30pm. The end of June marks the end of the current calendar year quarter. Many members will need to pay their quarterly union dues ahead of the meeting on July 2. Please plan ahead on your payments.

**UNION HALL OPERATIONS-** Normal Business Hours are Monday-Friday 7-4:30pm. **THE UNION HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON BOTH THURSDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

**BOOK SIGNING-** If you are a Local 557 member and receive a lay-off, please come to the hall and sign Book 1 in-person. Many Locals throughout the State of Michigan will continue to accept fax/email initial book signings. If you are interested in this reciprocated benefit and would like to be on some out-of-town Books, please call the hall to arrange this.

**WORK OUTLOOK-** Initial calls for Project Phoenix have come in. Work continues at solar projects in the area. We have also seen a stream of calls coming in for school work in the area. Members of other Locals can sign Book 2 by contacting their Hall for a simple email to be sent on your behalf, if in good standing. Weinstein Electric from Local 948 continues work on the new Bavarian Inn Waterpark in Frankenmuth. Master Electric has also secured a job at SVSU. Local contractors continue to work on various projects at schools, hospitals, some auto plants and other various jobs.

**HEALTH CARE-** Don't forget to schedule your annual physical with your doctor. By completing your annual physical, you could catch a health concern early and help keep the cost of health care down. Registering on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield website is highly recommended. Please take the time to visit [www.bcbasm.com](http://www.bcbasm.com) (Continued next column)



**IBEW Local 948**  
**FLINT** – **Meetings**  
**Membership Meeting** – Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will be July 8th, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

**Retiree Meetings** – Retirees will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

**The September Picnic** will be held this year on September 7th at our union hall. Family members are welcome.

**Book Signing** – For any members looking to sign our books please refer to our hotline at (810) 767-3308 Ext #5 or report directly to the hall.

**Work Outlook** – Our work outlook is steady with a slow ramp possible leading to the upcoming summer months. Steady calls have been available for GM centers. Long term calls for service truck drivers have been made available with small shop calls being made available bi-weekly. For further details on job information please ensure the hall has your email address for our job calls and re-signs.

**Dues Reminder** - Members, please ensure your dues are paid in full. For any questions, concerns, or payments please see Jenny Wallace or call the main office at (810) 767-3308.

**Seeking New Membership** - As always, we are actively seeking to organize new membership. For any questions, concerns, or interest please contact Organizer Kellogg Dipzinski.

**New Store Stock** - To all members interested, we have new merchandise at our hall. New stock includes shirts, hoodies, hats, and other apparel. For any questions or purchases please contact Jenny Wallace.

**Tiger's Party Bus** - Attention membership, there are spaces available for members to attend the Tigers game on Sept. 14. For sign up please contact Jenny at the hall.

**New Membership** – Welcome to our latest members; Cole Dominick, Kenneth Manwell, Corey Adamczyk, Mohammed Ahmed, and James Jacobs. We look forward to working with you and hope to see you in the field.

**Retirees** – Congratulations to Marvin Carlson, Michael Poisson, and Charles Reid on your pension applications. The membership would like to wish you a healthy and relaxing retirement.

**Draping of the Charter** - Our condolences to the families of Michele "Shelly" Fay, Todd Machia, and Bruce Bellingier. We are tremendously sorry for your losses and will continue to keep these Brothers and Sisters in our hearts.

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[bcbasm.com](http://bcbasm.com) Upon registering you can take the Free Health Assessment test and find instant results that can lead to living a healthy lifestyle.

**BLUE CROSS APP-** Download the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan app for your smartphone. Search for "BCB-SM" on the Google Play app or Apple store. Benefits to utilizing the app include: instant access to EOB's, a virtual ID card on your phone, information on deductibles, explanations of coverage and other helpful tips related to your Health Care coverage. EOB's can be downloaded to smart phones or computers and used to substantiate WEX receipt request.

**JOB CALLS** - Please stay vigilant checking the Job Line if you are seeking work. **All work calls for the day will be available on the Job Line after 4:30pm. IF YOU ARE SEEKING WORK don't forget to CALL 989-781-0516, option 3.**

**STAY CURRENT ON DUES** Please check to see if you are current. The Hall can accept credit cards. The credit card service can accept payments for dues, merchandise, apprentice book payments and other purchases.

**CONTACT NUMBERS-** Michigan Electrical Employee Pension fund and Michigan Health Plan (855)633-4584. Website is: [www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org)  
**In Solidarity,**  
*Evan Allardyce,*  
*Business Manager*



**IBEW Local 252**  
**ANN ARBOR** – **BE SURE TO KEEP BENEFICIARY FORM UPDATED:** A friendly reminder that beneficiary forms are available at the fund office **AND** at the hall for anyone that may need to update beneficiary information. If your information needs to be updated, it needs to be updated at **BOTH**.

**TRAINING CLASSES 2024: ALL CLASSES START AT 5 PM**

Code Update session 5 Mondays and Thursdays Sept. 9, 12, 16, & 19

Code Update session 6 Mondays and Thursdays Sept. 30, Oct. 3, 7, & 10

Code Update session 7 Mondays and Thursdays October 14, 17, 21, & 24

Code Update session 8 Mondays and Thursdays October 28, 31, November 4, & 7

Code Update session 9 Mondays and Thursdays November 11, 14, 18, & 21

Code Update session 10 Mondays and Thursdays Dec. 9, 12, 16, & 19

CPR/First Aid Tuesdays June 4, 11, Sept. 3, 10, Dec. 3, 10, 2024

**There will be a code update required in 2024 for 2025 license. We have 4 sessions this Winter, Spring and will have six more in the fall. Sessions are limited to 50 people each.**

**There is a \$50 fee to hold a spot in all classes except First Aid/CPR. You must register one week prior to class start date. Call the Training Center at (734) 475-1180 to register.**

**There will be a code update required in 2024 for 2025 license. We have 4 sessions this Winter, Spring and will have six more in the fall. Sessions are limited to 50 people each.**

**2024 UNION 4 LIFE GUN CALENDAR:** Purchase your 2024 USA Union Sportsman Calendar and enter the USA's 2024 2-Guns-A-Week Sweepstakes for 104 chances to win a firearm in 2024! Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, prize winners will be drawn each week for 52 weeks. Sweepstakes entrants are eligible to win multiple prizes! These calendars make great Christmas gifts for the hunters/gun enthusiasts in your life, or just treat yourself for a chance to win! Online calendar registration is available until April 15, 2024. Only mail-in registrations will be accepted after that date. Entries registered after Jan. 1 will only be included in drawings that occur after the registration date. Calendars are \$35.00 and can be purchased from an apprentice, the training center, or online at [www.union4lifefund.org](http://www.union4lifefund.org).

**RENEW BENEVOLENT DINNER:** The RENEW Committee is hosting a spaghetti dinner at the Union Hall on June 26 from 3-8 p.m. to raise donations for John Betz. Stop in and eat, or grab dinner for the family and go! We will have euchre, cribbage and other games to play. Cost is \$10/single, or \$30/family. If you'd like to volunteer to help with set up, cooking, serving, clean up, or to just make a donation, please contact Dennis Locks (734) 646-0425, or Dan Beck (810) 858-0033.

**LOCAL 252 GOLF OUTING:** This year's golf outing will be on July 13 at Pierce Lake Golf Course, 1175 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118. Registration starts at 7 a.m., shotgun start at 8 a.m. Cost is \$20/person and will include dinner. First year apprentices and retirees are free. There will be a 50/50 raffle to support the benevolent fund. Contact the Union Hall to sign up (734) 424-0978.

**PICNIC:** This year's picnic will be held at the Apple Creek Campground, 11185 Orban Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240 at noon on Aug. 17. Please contact the campground at (517) 522-3467 if you wish to reserve a site. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dan Beck at (810) 858-0033.

**RETIREE'S NIGHT:** This year's retiree's night will be celebrated on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Please make every effort to attend. This meeting is in honor of our retired members who have worked so hard to make the Local what it is today. Members receiving their 50 year pins are: Thomas R. Buss, Robert J. Melton, David F. Steward, Henry S. Truszowski, Richard L. Sayre, Hilbert L. Hanible, Richard M. Murphy, William C. Snyder, John F. Lutz, (Continued on Page 7)



# IBEW LOCAL 58



## IBEW Local 58

**DETROIT – The next General Membership Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Dinner begins at 5:30 and the meeting will start at 6:30.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS INFORMATION:** Election of Officers ballots were mailed on Monday, June 3, 2024.

**Please notify the hall of any recent address change** to make sure you get your ballot in time to return it for counting on June 21, 2024. If you have not received your ballot, please call Election Judge Tremayne Bright at the Union Hall during regular business hours to request a "Duplicate Ballot" (313.963.2130 ext. 3066). All duplicate ballots will be MAILED OUT.

Your ballot must be received at the designated Post Office box by 8:00 AM on Friday, June 21, 2024, in order to be tallied at the Local Union Hall on that date and at that time. *Do not turn in your ballot to the Union Hall. EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!*

**Electrical Industry Training Center** is offering Continuing Education classes. Please check them out at <http://www.detroit-etc.org/continuing-education/>. We will start to cancel classes if they don't meet the minimum enrollment requirements, or more hopefully we will order books for those of you who've signed up. Members on the Storm Book must secure their training through the Continuing Education Program offered by the school. If you need assistance in registering for a class, please call the Training Center at 586-751-6600.

**The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Please Call, Text, Chat! IBEW Local 58 Cares! Call 988!

**IBEW Local 58 Brick Pavers** are available for purchase, if you would like to purchase a brick, please contact the Union Hall for an Order Form. 7x9 brick pavers can have up to 6 lines of lettering and 17 spaces per line. \$100.00 Donation per Brick. NOTE: No symbols or clipart can be added to brick pavers. To purchase or for questions about the brick pavers please contact Stacy at the Union Hall 313-963-2130, extension 3015.

**Local 58 Dues Department** – Look at your Dues Receipt – if your paid-through date shows 12-31-2024 you are going to lapse at the end of June. The last day to pay on the APP to receive credit is 6-25-24 and in person/phone is Friday, 6-28-24. It is your responsibility to pay your dues on time – this could affect your retirement and death benefit. You can pay on the APP/Website, send a check, or call and pay over the phone. We ask that you keep the Local up to date with your address, email, and phone number.

**Detroit Electrical Workers Benevolent Fund (DEWBF):** The next meeting will be Tuesday July 2, 2024. The first recipient of the John Mayerik Scholarship was apprentice Eric Demeter. We received 8 applications, and they were all great candidates. We look forward to more applications in the future.

**Members of the Community Service Committee:** The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 9, at 5:30p.m. The Wobbly Kitchen (Sundays in the Park) will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, starting at the union hall and then traveling to Cass Park. We ask volunteers to show up at the hall at 8 a.m. to help with food prep, organization, and loading. Questions can be directed to Ray Kujawski at (248) 496-1916 (call, text, leave a voicemail). Local 58 is very active with community service in the Metro Detroit area and has a variety of upcoming projects that require the help of volunteers and helping hands. Contact the Union Hall (313) 963-2130 or Ray Kujawski (number above) for further information about volunteering or participating.

**Members of the Entertainment Committee:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 9, 2024, following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 p.m.

**EWMC of Southeastern MI** – The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2024, at 6pm. This will be an

in-person meeting with a ZOOM option. Please make sure your cell phone no. and email address are up to date. Please bring any suggestions that you have for EWMC involvement and engagement. Tickets are available for our quilt raffle. We need to do sales on the jobsite and at the membership meeting on Tuesday, June 18. The Casino Night set for Saturday, July 27 has to be postponed due to the building renovations. More details to come. Stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities in the near future.

**The RENEW Committee meeting** will be on Tuesday, June 24, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

**The Safety Committee meeting** will be on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

**The Veterans Committee** - will now be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

**The Political Action Committee (PAC)**- If you have any questions or concerns or would like to attend our next PAC meeting you can reach out to our registrars at [registrar@ibewlocal58.org](mailto:registrar@ibewlocal58.org). Political Action Committee Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month via Zoom and in person at the hall at 5:30 PM.

**Local 58's Women's Committee**- Our next meeting will take place on June 27, 5:30pm at the Hall and on Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Committee Chair Angela Panucci (586-291-8014) or Co-chair Liz Gorski (586-921-3087), Email at [58womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org](mailto:58womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org)

**Local 58 Women's Softball team the Live Wires** is open to women players for the 2024 season. Monday nights at Claude Allison Park Redford starting April 29. If interested contact Grace Trudell @ 517-715-7563, we would love for you to join us for camaraderie, sportsmanship, and Sisterhood.

**Local 58 Motorcycle Group:** Open to everyone and all riders are encouraged to join us! Requirements need to be met for patched membership. For more information, please visit our Facebook page for planned rides and updates @ IBEW Local 58 Motorcycle Group. Contact Vice President Anthony Anderanin @ 313-999-3829, [aanderanin@gmail.com](mailto:aanderanin@gmail.com) or Grace Trudell @ 517-715-7563 for more info. Join us at our upcoming meetings to plan for next year's events and rides.

**Local 58 Senior 55+ Softball Team 2024:** League games have now started. Anyone interested in playing or maybe coaching a base or being a scorekeeper, please come on out. One of the locations has changed. We are still at (MS) = Mae Stecker fields on 24 Mile Rd., East of Van Dyke. And now also at (HP) = Halmich Park on 13 Mile Rd., East of Dequinder. We are also still trying to fill the roster for the I. B. E. W tournament at Canton softball center in August. The theme for this tournament is always Brotherhood. Let's go all you players who are not on the current team.

For info call. Jim Miles 586-933-3551. The schedule is: 6-12 HP 12 pm; 6-17 HP 10am; 6-19 MS 12pm; 6-24 MS 10am; 6-26 MS 12pm; 7-8 HP 12pm; 7-10 HP 10am; 7-15 MS TBD.; 7-17 MS 10am; 7-22 HP 10am; 7-24 HP 10am; 7-29 MS 10am; 7-31 MS 12pm; 8-5 HP 10am; 8-7 HP 10am; 8-12 MS TBD. Playoffs will follow. We are also going to field a team for the IBEW Midwest tournament this year. It is being held Aug. 9-11 at the Canton Softball complex in Canton MI. Those who cannot join the league games but would like to participate in the tournament are welcomed. We need a full Roster and you do not have to be 55+ for the tournament. We will be getting together for practice once a month until the tournament. For more info contact, Dave Baldino at 586-747-2446, Gerry Cassanni at 586-804-8026, or Jim Miles at 586-933-3551.

**IBEW LOCAL 58 Retirees Association:** Our next Board meeting is on Wednesday, July 10, in the main conference room at the union hall starting at 10 a.m. Our downstairs room is being occupied by the Contractors that are on board performing the work for the new addition on the back of the union hall. Mark your calendars now for the June Luncheon, which is at Corsi's Banquet Center in Livonia, on Wednesday June 26, doors open at 11 and lunch is served at 12:30, send your reservations with a check (made payable to the Retir-

ees Association) for \$25 to IBEW #58, Attention Retirees, P.O. Box 32756, Detroit MI 48232-0756, for questions call Elaine Crawford at 313 408-5885.

**Local 58 Retiree's Association Fall Bus trip:** is Thursday, Sept. 12-17. Traveling to Boston, Salem and Cape Ann. Total cost of the trip is \$845 per person, based on double occupancy. A deposit of \$75 per person, is due when you Sign up for the trip. Made payable to the Retirees Association. Balance will be due July 5th. Insurance provided by TRAVEL CONFIDENT INSURANCE is recommended, which is a separate payment made payable to the insurance company, which is \$72 per person to join the trip, send your \$75 checks, per person, To Dave Riley, 22700 Grove St., St. Clair Shores 48080-1878. Questions: call Dave at 586 206-8075. DON'T WAIT, SEND YOUR DEPOSIT TO HOLD YOUR SPOT.

**Local 58 IBEW Senior Golf Outings 2024:** are on Thursday, July 11, 2024, Sycamore Golf Club, 48787 North Ave, Macomb, MI 48042, tee time 9:30 am, Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, Rouge Park Golf Course, 11701 Burt Rd, Detroit, Thursday, October 3, 2024, Tanglewood Golf Course, 22805 Country Club Dr, South Lyon, MI 48178, tee time 9:30 am. Call Art DeCoste at 248-887-3396, two weeks in advance for a headcount due to the security deposit at most of the golf courses. Remember, All IBEW Local 58 members are welcome to participate!! Call Art with questions or concerns.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings** take place every Wednesday at the IBEW Local 58 Union Hall, (1358 Abbott St, Detroit, MI 48226), starting at 6:00 pm. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. All trades welcome.

**Electrical Workers Credit Union** – Our website is <http://WWW.EWCU.NET> (313) 963-6060. In the market for a loan? Check out our low rates! New auto as low as 5.99%. Give us a call today to find out how to apply or go online at <http://www.ewcu.net>. Who's your Beneficiary? Here are some tips to help make sure your account is up to date with us. Review your beneficiaries periodically, especially if a life change occurs. Be sure the wording is correct, especially if you name more than one beneficiary. Give us a call and we can check who you have listed. State of Michigan Escheat Law: The law states that any deposit account with no activity for 3 years must be turned over to the State. What can you do? Contact us today to find out your account status. Conduct a transaction by either deposit or withdraw (any amount). Close account.

**Be sure to keep the Union Hall** updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and email.

**IBEW Pension:** Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension: William Economou, Robert Jennett, and Gerald Pensler.

**Members that have Passed Away:** John Cardone, Brother to JIW Carlos Cardona, Cousin to JIW David Pardo; James Ferguson, pension member, 59 year IBEW membership; Norbert Habel, pension member, 72 IBEW membership; Keith Koch, pension member, 56 year IBEW membership. Father to JIW Keith Koch II, Grandfather to Ap- (Continued next column)



## IBEW Local 906

**UPPER PENINSULA** – Meetings- 7pm local times  
Marquette unit- First Tuesday

Iron Mountain unit – Second Tuesday

Escanaba unit – Second Wednesday

Brothers and Sisters,

The summer picnic will be held August 17th at Lakenenland located at 2800 M-28 East, Marquette, MI. Festivities will start at 1:00 pm.

The Upper Peninsula Building Trades Golf Outing will be held June 22nd at Wawonowin Country Club in Ishpeming. We still have spots available. Please call the hall to sign up.

New wage sheets have been disbursed to all contractors and went into effect June 3rd.

Code update classes are now available online. If you would like to sign up for access, please call the JATC at (906) 346-2717. Reminder: A monthly dues increase will take effect July 1, bringing them to \$46 per month.

Reminder: RENEW meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 8:00 pm via Zoom. If you would like to be added to the attendee list, please call the hall.

Reminder: Our retiree luncheon is the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Vierling Restaurant on Front Street below the hall in Marquette starting at 11 am.

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prentice Inside Wireman Joseph Shamus; Joseph Kulik, pension member, 46 IBEW membership; Ronald "Dip" Odrén, Pension member, 59 year IBEW membership. Father to JIW Bryan Odrén, Brother to the late Pension member Charles Odrén, Grandfather to Installer/Tech Austin Peltier, Father-in-law to JIW, Assistant Bus. Manager to IBEW Local 58 James Peltier II, Uncle to Pension member Craig Odrén; Michael Rawsky, pension member, 40 year IBEW membership; Patrick Sankuer, pension member, 57 IBEW membership, Father to JIW Jeffrey Sankuer; Gary N. Weber, Pension member, 54 year IBEW membership, Brother-in-law to Pension member Alexander Duncanson, Uncle to Pension member Todd Duncanson and to the late Pension member Walter Beers, Cousin to Pension member Gordon Beers and JIW Brian Beers. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss.

*"The great aim of education is not knowledge but action."*  
–Herbert Spencer (1820 - 1903)

*"If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, caution your elder brother and hope your guardian genius."*  
–Joseph Addison (1672 - 1719)



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Douglas C. Walz, Dennis J. Kittel, Philip N. Marentay, Chris A. Wise, and Arthur J. Rousseau. Members receiving their 55 year pins are: James H. Robbins, Robert W. Bishop, Leonard C. Neely, Richard M. Plisko, James A. Fetters, James W. Augustine, Lynn D. Grenier, Glenn C. Schaner, David L. Spicer, Kent E. Wilson, Gerald K. Fisher, Don E. Frasure, Kenneth A. Bolton, Wilson Little, and Lester G. Hall. Members receiving their 60 year pins are: Harlan W. Vanblaricum, Mark E. Moon, and Gary R. Mills. Members receiving their 65 year pins are: Richard M. Curtis and Jerry L. Gould.

**DETROIT TIGERS UNION DAY:** We are organizing a bus trip to the Detroit Tigers game against the Baltimore Orioles on Sept. 14. Tickets are \$30 and include entry to the game, bus transportation, and \$10 Fun Money to spend at the park. To RSVP, contact the Union Hall at (734) 424-0978.

**UNION 4 LIFE GOLF OUTING:** The 2024 outing will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Pierce Lake Golf Course, 1175 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118. Register online at [www.union4lifecharity.com](http://www.union4lifecharity.com) or contact the Training Center at (734) 475-1180. All proceeds benefit U of M Rogel Cancer Center's Breast Cancer Research Fund. Entry fee is \$110 per player, \$440 per team and includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner, and two drink tickets. Tournament will be played in scramble with 4 person teams. If you do not enter a team list you will be placed with others. Open to all unions and the general public.

**RETIREE'S CARD GAME:** The first Thursday of every month Local 252 and UA 190 retirees meet at the Union Hall for card games and donuts. The games start at 9 a.m. Please come join the fun.

**RETIREE'S BREAKFAST:** will take place the second Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 160 South Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. There is parking and entrances in both the front and rear of the restaurant.

**M.U.S.T DRUG TESTING:** Please make sure your MUST drug testing is current as you cannot work on a U of M project or several other projects in the jurisdiction without being current. Local 252 has a zero tolerance for alcohol or drug use.

**ERTS:** Please make sure that you are signed up in the Electronic Reciprocity Transfer System. You must be signed up in ERTS before working outside of Local 252's jurisdiction or your benefits will not be transferred back.

**EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Local 252 partners with Health Management Systems of America to provide Employee Assistance for a number of issues. For confidential 24/7 assistance, call toll-free 1-800-847-7240, or visit [www.my-life-resource.com](http://www.my-life-resource.com) and use username: hmsa, password: myresource for more information.

**AFLAC INSURANCE:** Aflac has teamed up with the IBEW to offer its members Aflac benefits at a reduced rate. Contact Representative Lisa Enerson for information about Accident, Cancer, Critical Care, Dental and Vision insurance from Aflac. Phone number: (517) 306-0144.

**AT&T DISCOUNT:** Union members can save up to 15% on the monthly service charges of qualified wireless plans, or unlimited calling for \$15/mo. for AT&T Wireless Home Phone plans. Visit [UnionPlus.org/ATT](http://UnionPlus.org/ATT) with discount code 4924966.

**RETIREMENT:** NEBF and applications take 3 months to process but can be filled out as early as 6 months before your planned retirement effective date. IBEW PBF applications usually take 3 months to process but are running a couple months behind. IBEW PBF applications can be filled out 6 months before your planned retirement date. If you are nearing retirement, please contact Alana at the Union Hall to start your paperwork at least 3-6 months before your planned retirement date. You will be asked to submit copies of social security cards, birth certificates, marriage certificate, divorce decrees, etc. for you and your spouse with your applications. For a full list of required documents please contact the Union Hall.

**NOTICE TO RETIREES: If your 50-year commemorative watch stops working for any reason please contact the hall.**

**CONDOLENCES:** The Local sends our sincere condolences to the family of Richard "Dick" Smith, who passed away on May 20, 2024. The Local sends our sincere condolences to the family of David Vesceilius, who passed away on June 6, 2024.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Geoff Morning, who is on staff with Local 252 as a Business Representative.

**CREDIT CARDS:** The Local is now accepting credit cards to pay union dues. We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover. There is a fee of 3% to use your card.

**DUES PAYMENTS** – Please look at your dues receipt. If your dues paid through date shows 3/2024, your dues are not current. "A" members pay \$131.25 for second quarter 2024. "BA" members pay \$67.80 per quarter for 2024. Please mail your check to 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Your first quarter dues (January through March) are due now. **Payments for second quarter dues will be accepted no later than 11:30 A.M. on Friday, June 28, 2024.**

**Future Dues Increases:**  
**Effective July 1, 2024:** A Members will pay \$134.25 per quarter.  
**Effective January 1, 2025:** A Members will pay \$140.25 per quarter.  
**Effective July 1, 2025:** A Members will pay \$143.25 per quarter.

**The Business Office will be closed July 4th and 5th in observance of Independence Day.**

*"Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good; try to use ordinary situations."*  
–Jean Paul Richter (1763 - 1825)

*"All movements go too far."*  
–Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

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–David H. Comins

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**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS BAY CITY MICHIGAN**

**IBEW Local 692**  
**BAY CITY – Union Meeting.** The July monthly membership meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

**Executive Board Meeting.** The June Executive Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**Message from the Business Manager.** Congratulations to Brother Casey Stoike. The Bay City JATC (apprenticeship committee) has unanimously appointed Casey Stoike our next Training Director. As many of you are aware, Casey has been an instructor over at our JATC for the past three years. Please do not hesitate to call Brother Stoike for any and all code questions. He will also have any information on Code Update questions.

Contract negotiations have finally come to a close. Your negotiating committee did a tremendous job negotiating on the members behalf. You spoke about needing a large increase to cover the cost of inflation and your committee delivered by securing the largest wage increase in the history of the local. Due to the fact IBEW Local 692 ratifies all agreements reached, we held a ratification vote at our last monthly membership meeting. The agreement was ratified 102-2. Obviously, the membership agrees with my sentiments about the job our negotiating committee did. Thank you to President Brian Walker, Phil Taylor, Brian Sting, and Cody Raymond. Although we all had many sleepless nights and faced immense pressure to secure the deal our membership deserves, these Brothers stepped up and delivered. Please thank them for their hard work.

**Work Report.** Ongoing projects in our jurisdiction that may require additional manpower include:

-Nelson Electric (Currently) GM Powertrain

-Master Electric continues Electrical installations on the new Isabella County Jail. More calls for this project are expected. Master also has projects at the Midland Armory and Midland ESA for this summer.

-Clements Electric Independence Bridge work continues along with Bay Carbon Project, and also work out to the Bay City State Park. Clements has also secured the next phase of work out to Mersen. Work on the 7 Mile grow for Clements Electric is also underway.

-Conti Electric has many projects inside I -Park (DOW). Conti Electric has also secured a couple small projects inside Michigan Sugar along with a nice Fire Alarm Project on site at Michigan Sugar.

-Zone 2 also has another solar project coming to the Lafarge Cement Plant. This Project could also start very soon. Northern Valley has secured this work.

- Another large-scale utility solar project is expected to break ground in Isabella County June/July. As soon as more details are known I will share them.

- Superior Electric has a new line out to Bay City Powertrain along with a cooling tower project. Calls will continue for these projects.

All locals in the State of Michigan are currently having many calls getting into Book II if you are looking for work. Please contact the hall if you would like to sign any books.

**In Solidarity,**  
**Ryan Charney**  
**Business Manager /**  
**Fiscal Secretary**

**Organizers Report.** Organizers have finished up visits to schools and held their final career fairs and skilled trades expos for 2024. Seven area seniors have been selected into 692 apprenticeship programs, most of whom participating in Signing Day events. Planning continues for multiple skilled trades camp events and career fairs this summer.

As always, organizers continue to visit non-union job sites to speak with unrepresented electricians. If any Brothers or Sisters are aware of electricians who may be interested in joining our Local, please do not hesitate to reach out. Immediate onboarding opportunities are currently available around the state with additional local opportunities expected this summer.

Local 692 is hosting an organizers' blitz event on June 19 in Bay City. Over 20 IBEW organizers from across Michigan are coming together to visit non-

union jobsites and speak with contractors. Organizers will also make home visits to all unrepresented, licensed journeymen and targeted apprentices across our jurisdiction. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know.  
 Brian Klele 989.252.9225

**Registrar's Report.** "Politics matter." Any Local 692 hand who has attended a union meeting over the past few decades has likely heard this phrase spoken by agents during their reports. As cliché as it may sound, there is no doubt of the statement's validity. Locally, our relationships with commissioners, school board members and decision makers have paid dividends, resulting in more work for our members. The elected representatives close to home know who we are and what we do, and they craft their policies (and award their contracts) accordingly. On a state level, our political involvement has clearly made a direct impact on the lives of our members and their families as recently elected labor-friendly candidates eliminated pension taxes, repealed Right-to-Work, and reinstated Prevailing Wage protections.

In matters of the heart, politics shouldn't matter. We all share important bonds with loved ones who hold political beliefs which differ from our own. Local 692 officers remain committed to representing all members, regardless of any individual's political affiliation. In a perfect world, it wouldn't be necessary for union leaders to pick sides at all. But we do not live in a perfect world.

The current state of our Nation's news cycle does not help things. Once a public service, civil discourse on traditional media outlets has taken a backseat to disingenuous political commentary, misleading headlines, and unrelenting hot takes posted and shared online. It's hard to know who to trust. Political discussions are among family and friends are often contentious, but no matter how hard these conversations become they must take place. Make no mistake, in matters of our collective livelihood as electrical workers, politics *still* matter.

As November's general election approaches, there is a clear choice before all IBEW voters at the ballot box. President Biden has made his commitment to improving the lives of IBEW members no secret. Under his leadership, historical investments in infrastructure, manufacturing, and renewable utilities have put us in position to thrive during a once-in-a-generation electrical construction boom.

The presumptive Republican nominee for the presidency has claimed that he supports workers. His record, however, tells a much different story. His past appointees to the National Labor Relations Board acted on policy stances spoon fed to them by groups such as ALEC and the Chamber of Commerce. Every single Trump-era NLRB decision weakened workers' protections and limited rights to union representation. Trump's signature policy "achievement," his 2017 Tax Law, denied our traveling Brothers and Sisters their ability to deduct legitimate business expenses. The list of the previous administration's past anti-union antics goes on and on.

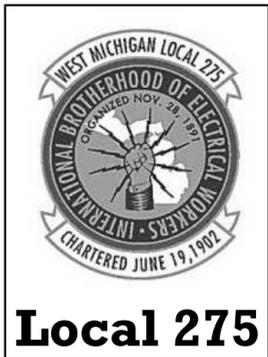
Brothers and Sisters, politics matter. Perhaps now more than ever before. Please be sure you are registered to vote in the upcoming election. Please do not shy away from speaking about our political future with your coworkers, family, and friends. All Local officials are willing to discuss IBEW's political involvement with 100% transparency with any member at any time. Let us show you the receipts.

Ultimately, your vote is your business. But our voices are louder together. The aim of our political involvement is never to divide. Our aim is now and has always been to advocate for policies that improve the lives of our fellow members and their families while strengthening our communities.

**Our cause is the cause of human justice, human rights, human security. We refuse, and will always refuse, to condone or tolerate dictatorship or oppression of any kind.**

**We will find and expel from our midst any who might attempt to destroy, by subversion, all that we stand for. The Brotherhood will continue to oppose communism.**

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**Local 275**

**IBEW Local 275**  
 COOPERSVILLE – The work outlook continues to be very busy, there have been some layoffs at the battery plant, but Muskegon Solar and Fish Creek Solar have both started manning up, and we anticipate calls throughout the summer for other projects across the jurisdiction. Call the recorder each night to avoid missing a call you may be interested in.

If you are working in Local 275, please make sure you get your direct deposit form filled out at the Union Hall. If you have any questions or would like a form emailed to you, please reach out to Nicole at ndonald@ibew275.org.

Code update classes will continue to be scheduled throughout the year until there is no longer a need. The cost for members is \$20. There is an online version available for \$40. To register for this class and/or to keep an eye out for future classes go to the JATC website at www.wmejatc.org and click the Code Update Course link. Please get this done early in the year as classes will be limited in the fall.

The next code update class will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. This class will be geared toward the retirees of Local 275, for whom there will be no charge. Anyone else is welcome to attend for the fee listed above. Retirees please call Ally in the JATC office to sign up.

The 2nd annual golf outing has been scheduled for Saturday, June 29 at Graceville Country Club, 2597 4 Mile Rd. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544. Registration time will begin at 7:30 a.m. and tee off at 8:00 a.m. Proceeds go to benefit IBEW Local 275 future 1st year apprentices. Please contact Kaleb (231) 780-7625 or Geoff (616) 723-4389 for any questions and/or to register your team. Registration and payment due by June 14.

Planning for the Local 275 Annual Picnic has begun and we are planning for July, 27. RSVP's will be going out soon, so keep an eye on your email, and your mailboxes! Please mark that date in your calendars! If anyone is interested in volunteering for the picnic, please reach out to Geoff at the Union Hall.

If you want to get added to our blast email list, please reach out to Nicole at the Hall to get on the list.

At the time of this writing the following members are three months or more behind on dues: Trevor Bodnar, David Daum, Shaun Frantz, Andrew Holmes, Kevin Koon, Trevor Krefst, Scott Martinchek, Nicholas Perry, Jose Salinas, Jefferey Vandewater, and Andrew Wohlfert. Please make every effort to get caught up with your dues as soon as you can.

**Local 692 cont'd**

**munism, Nazism, or any other subversive "ism." We will support our God, our Nation, our Union.** Brendon Baranek 989.327.4131

**Union Dues. Effective July 1, 2024, dues will increase to \$46.20 per month.** This \$1 per capita increase was approved by the delegates of the 40<sup>th</sup> IBEW International Convention held in May of 2022.

**2024 Dues (January 2024 thru June 2024): \$45.20 Monthly**  
**2024 Dues (July 2024 thru December 2024): \$46.20 Monthly**

**Death Benefits.** We regret to inform you of the death of retired Brother David McFarland, Card Number D320105, who passed away on June 1, 2024. Brother McFarland was born on April 23, 1946 (78 years old). He was initiated on January 1, 1968. Dave resided in Bay City.

#347. Local death fund assessment **\$10.00 each** (due within 30 days) payable to: IBEW Local 692, Bay City, MI 48706

**Retirees Lunch.** The June retiree lunch is scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Beer & Brats, located at 4562 Eastman Road in Midland.

**Important links & numbers.**  
**Health Plan & Pension Fund** 855.633.4584 – ASK FOR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE  
 www.michiganelectrical.org



**Local 514**  
**Cement Masons & Plasterers**

**Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Local 514**

DETROIT – The next membership meeting is Tuesday July 16, at 7 pm. There will also be an executive board meeting the same day at 5:30 pm. Please make every effort to come fellowship with your brothers and sisters and we will be holding a raffle for Detroit Tiger tickets!!

**Membership gold cards- Congratulations! June 2024**  
**Jaime Campos-25 years**  
**Carmelo Garibaldi-25 years**  
**Brett Hillman-25 years**  
**Harvell Snowden-25 years**

Please contact the local at 248-548-0800 or you can email your updated information to: abest@opcmiami.org Please send your updated information in a timely manner.

**For any questions regarding the Apprenticeship program, contact Tommy Sanchez, the new Apprenticeship coordinator, at (313) 350-0389**

**MUST Safety Awareness Training:** Please check the MUST website at www.Mustsafe.com to see how many modules you have. Your username is your full social security number and your password is the first four of your social security number.

**Please activate your Blue Cross Blue Shield account.** To activate your Blue Cross member account online go to bcbsm.com/register and select register now.

It is important for all members to keep the Local updated on addresses, email and phone numbers. If you need to change an address or add an email and phone number, please call the Local at (248) 548-0800.

**Death Certificates:** Please always notify the Union Hall with a phone call when a member of the Local has passed away and submit a copy of a Death Certificate for deceased active or retired member.

**Attention all Apprentices,** now you will need to go to the website: www.micementplasterertraining.com to enter your work hours. When you get to the website click the link "About" and then click on "Apprentice"

If you are a Military Veteran, please contact the Local so we can update our records. Please call (248) 548-0800.

**The Local's website is: www.opcmiami.org.**  
**Please refer to website for updated information.**

**O.P.C.M.I.A. Local 514 has a satellite office in Flint, Michigan. We welcome Member and Contractors in the Flint area to handle their business transactions at: 2630 Grand Traverse, Flint, MI 48503. Appointments may be made by contacting Business Agent Mike Stanfield at (517) 719-2316, or the Business Manager Henry Williams at (313) 215-5063.**

We must stay vigilant in our effort to promote our trade. If you are working in a crew of 5 or more an Apprentice must be on the crew. Help out! Call the Local at (248) 548-0800. Training is the key to our future!

Please make sure your modules and drug test are up to date, there are some plant jobs that do require the MUST modules. You can go online at: www.mustonline.org Call the Local if you need a drug form sent out.

Please make sure that we have all of your current contact information, address and phone number so we can keep the fund offices updated for your health care and pension and also if you are having your vacation checks mailed out. If you have moved, please contact the Local and we will change your addresses with all of the fund offices.

**Important Notice For Plasterers and Detroit Commercial Cement Masons:** You are able to find out more about Fund investments, change your investments, obtain your balances, and, during regular business hours, speak to a representative by contacting Principal either via its website, www.Principal.com or by telephone, 800-547-7754.

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**BAC Local 2**  
**DETROIT – JUNE 2024 CHAPTER MEETINGS**

**HOUGHTON:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM, 37737 Highway 26, Toivola, MI 49965  
**MARQUETTE CHAPTER:** Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM, 119 S Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855

**SAGINAW CHAPTER:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM, 1300 W Thomas Street, Bay City, MI 48706

**TRAVERSE CITY CHAPTER:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM, 3912 Blair Town Hall Rd West, Traverse City, MI 49685

**JULY 2024 CHAPTER MEETINGS: METRO DETROIT**

**ANN ARBOR CHAPTER:** Tuesday, July 02, 2024 has been **CANCELLED** due to the Fourth of July Holiday.

**CHelsea CHAPTER:** Tuesday, July 02, 2024 at 6:00 PM, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road, Dexter, MI 48130

The Ann Arbor Chapter will be having the wage allocation at the **JULY** chapter meeting. Please make sure you are current on your dues to participate.

**FLINT CHAPTER:** Wednesday, July 03, 2024 at 7:30 PM, 1701 W Genesee Street, Lapeer, MI 48446

The Flint Chapter will be having the wage allocation at the **JULY** chapter meeting. Please make sure you are current on your dues to participate.

**KALAMAZOO CHAPTER:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM, 11847 Shaver Road, Schoolcraft, MI 49087

**LANSING CHAPTER:** Monday, July 08, 2024 at 6:00 PM, 3321 Remy Drive, Lansing, MI 48906

**MARQUETTE CHAPTER:** Monday, July 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM, 119 S Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855

**SAGINAW CHAPTER:** Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 7:00 PM, 1300 W Thomas Street, Bay City, MI 48706

**Local 514 cont'd**

identify), and your ID number (this is either your Social Security number or a specific ID provided by your employer) or ZIP code.

Agree to do business electronically and click Continue.

If you don't provide your mobile phone number, you'll need to answer a few personal questions as an alternative way to confirm it's really you.

Create a unique username, set a secure password, and add your email address.

Select and answer three security questions to use if you need to call us.

You now have access to your online account, and you'll get a confirmation email within a few minutes.

The first time you log in, you'll need to choose where we send you verification codes (text message, voice call, or authentication app) and how often you want to use them.

Feel free to call Principal at 1-800-547-7754 and speak with someone between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. CT Monday-Friday with questions regarding online access.

As always, if you have any questions or need help on any matter relating to the Fund, you can contact the Fund Office for assistance at (248) 645-6550 or 30700 Telegraph Rd., Ste 2400 Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4524 The Fund Office's business hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Plasterers and Cement Masons:** It is your responsibility to fill out reciprocity forms if you plan on working out of the local 514 area.

**Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers**

**TRAVERSE CITY CHAPTER:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM, 3912 Blair Town Hall Rd West, Traverse City, MI 49685

**DEATH REPORTED:** Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Gary Grant** (Bricklayer) who passed away on May 03, 2024. Brother Grant had been a member for 38 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Jesse Martin** (Bricklayer) who passed away on June 16, 2023. Brother Martin had been a member for 69 years.

**UNION DUES UPDATE:** As of **Jan. 01, 2024**, the dues discount has been changed. It is now pay 9 months, get 3 free. To receive discount, you must be current on dues. **Members will only be able to pay 2 years in advance.**

**TEXTING PROGRAM:** Local #2 wants to use every means possible to communicate with you. Sometimes we have time sensitive information (such as job openings, picket lines, funeral arrangements and other such communications) that would be most efficiently done via text message. You must be signed up to receive these messages. You can sign up via the following: Text **2MI** to **50607**

You'll receive a confirmation text asking for your member number (IU#)

Respond with your six-digit IU number and you will receive Local 2 Text Messages going forward!

**WEBSITE UPDATES:** Be sure to check out our new website at <https://www.bricklayers.org> and our app, which can be found in the IOS and Android app stores by searching for Bricklayers Local 2.

**CRAFTWORKERS NEEDED:** We need Skilled Bricklayers, Restoration workers and Caulkers in Metro Detroit. If you are available for work, or know anyone who is skilled in our crafts, contact your Field Representative on their cell phone. You can also have those who are interested call either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781.

**SIGNING BONUS FOR SKILLED CRAFTWORKERS:** Local 2 will pay up to \$2,000 as a **Signing Bonus** for skilled Journey Level craftworkers who come to work for one of our Union Contractors.

**BAC LOCAL 2'S TRAINING CENTERS:** Both Local 2 Training Centers are open to our members. To make your appointment for your annual **RESPIRATOR FIT TEST** or for other scheduled appointments at the Warren or Lansing Training Center, please contact Howard Hipes directly at (517) 749-1102.

Go to <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org> to view the Apprenticeship and Training website and register for future 2024 online training classes.

**APPRENTICE WORKSHEETS:** Turning in monthly worksheets is a requirement of your apprenticeship. Apprentice Worksheets **MUST** be filled out completely and submitted online. They can be found at <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org/resources>. For more information on the Training Centers visit: <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org>

**MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE:** The IUBAC Member Assistance Program has a number of services available for free or at a discounted rate to BAC members and their families. These confidential services can be seen at <https://bacweb.org/member-service/member-assistance-program-map> and are also available via telephone at 1-833-MAP TALK (1-833-627-8255) Monday – Friday 8 am – 7 pm. These services were established and are intended to help get us through difficult life situations.

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## Local 190

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UA Local 190

**ANN ARBOR – UNION MEETING:** A monthly union meeting will be held on Monday, July 8th at 6 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI. Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

**MICHIGAN GAS JOURNEYMAN:** Requalification testing for Consumer Energy and Semco Energy will start Monday, June 3 and run the whole month of June. Testing will be held at our training center. Please contact Ralph Booth 734-369-1432 for more information and to schedule your testing date.

**UNION HALL CLOSING FOR AN UP COMING HOLIDAY:** Our office will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 to observe Independence Day. Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday.

**UA LOCAL 190 PICNIC:** The picnic will be Saturday, Aug. 17 at Hudson Mills Metro Park, 8801 N. Territorial Rd. Dexter, MI 48130 from 12-4 p.m. The menu will include hot dogs, burgers, sides and desserts. Refreshments will be provided. Lunch will be from 12-3:30 p.m. Lots of fun stuff for the kids; giant slide, obstacle course, inflatable castle, face painting etc. while the adults will enjoy bingo, euchre tournament and cornhole tournament. Invitations will be mailed soon!

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Local 190 Scholarship is now available at the union hall for distribution to members and their families. There are two scholarships available. One from Local 190, due back no later than June 28, please mail or return to the union hall.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS - LAID OFF OR BACK TO WORK:** All members who get laid off or report back to work please immediately contact Karen (734) 424-0962 Ext. #210. Please report the last day in which you worked. When calling to report back to work please let Karen know the contactor and the date you reported back to work. All Members can now go to the website under "members only" and fill out a "back to work" form or "laid off" form.

**MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION JOURNEYMAN:** If you are currently laid off and you would like to work building trades, please contact our Training Center to get information on a UA 21 Weld Certification. 734-426-3700 Ext. 1 for Kristyn

**FUSING CLASS:** Anyone interested in registering for the fusing class, please contact Business Agent Pat Duffy at (734) 368-4423, Business Agent Roy Musgrove 734-646-8838 or Ralph Booth at (734) 369-1432.

**MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION - E-Mail address:** Please contact the union hall 734-424-0962 or Pat Duffy 734-368-4423 to make sure we have a current e-mail address.

**MICHIGAN LICENSE RENEWAL:** Plumbing license renewals are done online ONLY! For detailed instructions and requirements, please visit: [www.michigan.gov/bcc](http://www.michigan.gov/bcc). Feel free to stop into the Union Hall and pick up a copy of the instructions. The link is now on the website in the "Members Only" section under "Helpful Member Forms"

**CREDIT CARD MACHINE:** You now have the ability to pay your union dues or purchase merchandise by credit card or debit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A surcharge of 3.99% is added to your card on the transaction amount. We will then mail you your dues receipt and credit charge slip.

**INFORMATION - FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:** NEW BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD APP FOR YOUR SMART DEVICE: you can download the free Blue Cross Blue Shield APP on your smart device. This will allow you to see a copy of your BCBS card, review your claims, explanation benefits and much more. **Download: BCBSM**

**A REPRESENTATIVE FROM FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE WILL BE AT THE UNION HALL: each month on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of each month.** Members will be able to meet with Bernadette from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Call the benefits office Monday through Friday, 888-390-7473.

**MEDICARE:** When you become eligible for Medicare, please contact Bernadette Maus at our Fringe Benefit office

1-888-390-7473.

The Training Center will be closed July 4-5. The Training Center is open to members wishing to update any certifications, licenses, or qualifications. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 8am to 5 pm; Friday 8 am. to 4 pm. We will be closed for lunch from 12-1 pm. Call Kristyn with any questions regarding certifications and training schedules or visit us on UA190.org members only section under training to register for classes online.

**Please submit all certifications and licenses to the Training Center, so we can keep your profiles up to date.**

**Full Time Plumbing Instructor.** The Greater Michigan UA Local 190 JTC is hiring for the full-time position of plumbing instructor. The position includes teaching day and night classes year-round for apprenticeship and journeyman upgrade classes. The ideal candidate must be knowledgeable in all aspects of the Michigan plumbing code. Strong communication, math, and computer skills (Microsoft word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint) are required with a background in teaching. Travel will be required throughout the year for the instructor training program through the UA ITF department regional training. The ideal candidate shall possess the following credentials:

- Michigan Master Plumbing License
- Medical Gas Certification
- ASSE Backflow Certification
- Brazing Certification

Candidates will also be required to possess or obtain the following:

- Associate's degree
- UA#1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1006 Instructor Certification
- UA#4011 Medical Gas Instructor (6050)
- UA#2012 Foreman Instructor Certification
- UA#2157 Infection Control Risk Assessment Practitioner (B)
- UA#4001 Methods in Teaching Water Supply Systems
- UA#4002 Methods in Teaching Drainage Systems
- UA#4004 Plumbing Code Application
- UA#4006 Methods in Teaching Backflow Prevention Certification
- UA#4007 Backflow Repair and Maintenance
- ASSE proctor qualification
- NITC proctor qualification

This list is not exclusive, nor final and future classes will be required as technology and trade advancements continue. This position will be paid at UA 190 Journeyman foreman rate with full pay package. Please submit a copy of your resume, MI plumbing license, transcripts, and other certification documents to the Local 190 Union Hall by June 21, 2024. All candidates will be contacted for a scheduled interview after the June deadline.

**Available Journeyman classes:**

**Lead/Asbestos/Blood-borne Pathogens Training (4 hrs):** Register through the website: ua190.org 2024 Schedule - Mondays - July 15, and Sept. 30. Each class will start at 5 pm. **First Aid/CPR Training (4 hrs):** Please register through the website: ua190.org 2024 Schedule - Mondays - July 22, and Oct 7. Each class will start at 5:00 pm.

**Welding Lab:** Open welding lab is currently closed for the summer. The open welding lab will reopen Sept. 3 and run Monday through Thursday 4pm to 8:30pm and Saturdays 7am to 3:30pm.

**ASSE Backflow Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class, to become an ASSE Certified Backflow Tester (5110). 2024 Schedule: The second course starts Sept 10. Courses run on Tue and Wed for 5 weeks and are limited to 8 participants. Call the Training Center to secure your spot or register through the website: ua190.org

**ASSE Backflow Re-Certification (8hrs):** ASSE has increased the retesting fee to \$85 for this recertification. Re-certification for the ASSE Backflow Tester (5110). 2024 Schedule: The third course starts Oct 17. Courses are on Tue and Wed and start at 5 pm. Each course is limited to 8. Call the Training Center to sign up for one of these courses or register through the website: ua190.org

**Med Gas Installer and Brazer Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class to be Med Gas certified. Must have a

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Sprinkler Fitters Local 704

DETROIT – The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday July 10, at 5:30 P.M. at the Union Hall. The Executive Board will meet the same evening at 4:30 P.M.

There will be a vote for allocations of money on July 10th at the Union Hall. Polls will be open from 12:00 P.M. until 5:30 P.M.

As a reminder, your dues payment is due the last day of the month.

**Training Classes:** Call Jeff Gray to reserve your spot. ASSE 15000, ITM classes are being scheduled for this summer, this is a 40-hour class. Contact the training center for more information.

Reminder: Article V, Section 13 of Local 704's Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order. Any project that falls into the jurisdiction of Local 704 shall be manned by not less than two (2) members. Any member violating this By-Law shall be brought before the Executive Board for a trial and be subject to a fine.

Article IX, Section 4 of Local 704's Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order states: Members shall report all job starts to their local union office.

It is the members' responsibility to notify the Union Hall when they return to work.

**Phone numbers to remember: NASI** is 1-800-638-2603 for information regarding Health and Welfare or Pension fund questions.

**TIC International:** 248-645-6550 for D.C. Fund distribution questions.

**Jason May (Merrill Lynch):** 248-655-4048 for D.C. Fund Investment questions.

**Save the Date:** This year's golf outing will be held August 17th. The outing will be held at The Lakes of Taylor this year. More information will be available later this month.

A reminder to please update any change of address or phone number changes with the Local Union Hall.

A speedy recovery for all our sick and injured members.

## Local 190, con't

minimum of 4 years, documented experience in the plumbing and/or piping industry. **2024 Schedule:** The second course starts Aug 20. Courses will run for 5 weeks, Tue and Thur. These courses are limited to 16 participants. Call the Training Center to sign up for one of these courses or register through the website: ua190.org

**Med Gas Installer Up-Date (8hrs):** This is a two-day course. **2024 Schedule:** Second course starts Sept 24. Courses will be on Tue and Thu and are limited to 24 participants, per course. Call the Training Center to be put on the list for the next class or register through the website: ua190.org

**EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class, to become Certified in Rigging and Crane Signaling. Must have 5 years of experience or have gone through Rigging Technologies (Apprenticeship Rigging). Next class will be Fall 2024. Class size is limited to 8. Please register through the website: ua190.org

**EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Re-certification (8hrs):** This rigging re-certification will now include the EPRI Signal person certification. Classes are scheduled for the following dates: **course to be announced later.** Please register through the website: ua190.org

**RETIREE MEETINGS – PLEASE JOIN US:** Our next Spades meeting will start at 9 a.m. and be held on Thursday, Aug. 1 at the Union Hall (Due to the July 4 holiday, cards will not be held during the month of July). Come and join us for card games, pastries, and a cup of coffee.

**CONDOLENCES:** Our member Dale Bradley passed away June 3. Dale initiated Aug. 10, 1977 and retired Jan. 1, 2014. To all family members and friends in this sorrowful time, we would like to extend to all of you our heartfelt condolences.

**NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE BUILDING TRADESMAN PAPER:** Please contact Karen Spearin at the union hall, (734) 424-0962 Ext #210, if you would like to put a special notification in the paper.



## Local 370

Plumbers,  
Pipe Fitters  
and HVAC Service

UA Local 370

FLINT – The next Membership Meeting is Tuesday June 18, 2024, at 7 p.m. This is the 3rd Tuesday due to the MPT Convention and is designated as refreshment meeting.

**Retiree Coffee Hour** is set for Monday, June 17 at 9 a.m.

**Narcarn Training** We are offering a 1-hour Narcarn Training on Wednesday, July 10 @ 2:30. Presented by Greater Flint Health Coalition.

**Golf Outing** Saturday, July 20 at Flushing Valley. 8am registration. 9am shotgun.

**Upcoming Night Class Schedule:**

**First Aid & CPR** Sept. 18 @ 430

**A2L Class** Sign up today. Class dates TBD

All classes and test days can be signed up with the Training Center at 810-720-5243 ext 15 or at training@ualocal370.org

Per our **By-Laws Article XV**, The Building Tradesman is hereby adopted and subscribed to as our Labor paper for all members of local 370. Said paper to be used for all official notification of membership.

**Committee and Board meetings are as follows:**

Examining Board – Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 4:00pm

FMR Committee – Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 4:00pm

PAC committee – Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 5:00pm

Executive Board – Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 5:00pm

Building Committee – Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:00pm

Finance Committee – Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:15pm

JATC Committee – TBD

**ALL GM Worksites and others require Must Safety and Drug Testing:** MUST safety modules are only valid for 4 years. Call the hall to sign up for the MUSTB-SAFE.com website and complete all 18 safety modules. Members will not be eligible to work at any job site requiring them until all 18 modules are complete and are current on their drug test. If your drug test is expired, you must take one before you can be dispatched to any GM work. Drug tests are only valid for 1 year. Call The hall and we will print you a drug test authorization form

Local 370 office hours 7:30am – 4:30pm.

Sub/Sick checks will be processed 8:00am – 11:30 am and 1:30pm – 4:15pm daily.

**Attention All Active Members in Good Standing:** The Joint Apprentice and Training Committee voted to reimburse any active member of Local 370 that takes and passes any training, testing or certification that may be required to perform their work. This includes Rigging, Med-Gas, Back flow or any work-related training or certification expense. Members will be reimbursed after successful completion and verification of the cost. Lost wages will not be covered by the JATC. Plumbing license renewal is still the responsibility of the member. If you have any questions, please contact local 370 JATC.

**Mobile App.** Our mobile app is now available for download on your cell phone. Go to the app store and search UA Local 370. Download the app and sign in. You can read the latest Building Trades article, see upcoming meeting dates, or pay your dues. This is a work in progress, and we will add more content to the site as we move forward.

**Our web site is up and running.** Check it out: [ualocal370.org](http://ualocal370.org)

We are now able to accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express for window dues. If you want to take advantage of this service there will be a \$1.00 per month charge added to the monthly window dues fee and a 3% fee for all other transactions.

Remember to keep your dues current. Any member failing to pay for 3 months shall stand suspended, unable to vote for a period of 1 year or run for office for a period of 2 years and subject to a \$50.00 reinstatement fee. Dues must be paid in 3-month increments according to our bylaws. Dues will be accepted up to 6:45 on union meeting nights.

Members wishing to take the U.A. welding certification test contact business agent, Zack Desrochers for application and testing dates.

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## Local 671 Plumbers & Pipe Fitters

UA Local 671

MONROE – The next regular scheduled Union Meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2024, at 7pm. This meeting has been moved in accordance with our By-Laws as it would have landed on the July 4th Holiday.

There will also be an Executive Board meeting at 5pm on July 18, 2024. If any member would like to attend the Executive Board Meeting, please contact the Union Hall prior to the meeting.

**ATTENTION:** This paper is to serve as official notice to the membership.

**There will be a SPECIAL ORDER of BUSINESS** at the next Union Meeting, July 18, 2024 for the second reading on a potential By-Law change.

Also, please refer to our website <https://www.unitedassociationlocal671.com/> and its calendar for the latest updates.

Local 671 App: To keep up on the latest information, make sure you download Local 671 App. If you have questions or issues getting logged on contact Vinnie at the Union Hall.

**Congratulations:** Our congratulations go out to Brother Jake Keller and his Wife Maddie on the birth of their Daughter Laynee Elizabeth on May 27th! Enjoy your wonderful gift!

**New Wage Rate:** The new wage rate for 2024-2025 went into effect on June 1st. If you have any questions, please contact the Hall.

All upcoming courses and certifications have now also been added to the App under the Training tab. Please contact Justin to register for any training opportunities.

**Retiree Luncheon:** We would like to remind everyone that our retiree luncheons are held on the last Thursday of every month, except for August (due to the picnic) and November and December due to their proximity to the Holidays. These luncheons are a great time to see old friends, and maybe even meet some new ones. The next retiree luncheon is set for 12 pm on July 25. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Open Weld Shop Nights:** The open weld shop nights are now Wednesday nights from 6pm-10pm, now that school is out of session. A booth will need to be reserved by noon on the Friday prior to the practice night. If we have (3) or more signed up, we will hold the practice night. Booths will be first come, first served with whoever is practicing for a UA test getting priority.

The next UA weld test session is scheduled for June 27th at 5pm.

**Michigan Plumbing Exam Prep Class:** We will be holding classes to prepare Members who will be taking their Michigan Journeyman Plumbing Test. If you have any questions or are curious about your Plumbing hours with the State, contact Justin for details.

**Local 671 Golf Outing:** The Local 671 Scholarship and Benevolence Fund Annual Golf Outing will be held on July 13 at Green Meadows Golf Course. Individual tickets (for Local Members) will be \$85 each, and foursomes paid in advance will be discounted to \$320. Call the Hall now to get your foursome locked in!

Monroe County Fair: Local 671 will be back at the Monroe County Fair promoting our Union and Trade. We will be looking for volunteers to fill morning and afternoon slots to represent Local 671. The dates are from July 29th through August 2nd. Please contact Vinnie or Justin for information and to slot in a time.

**In Closing:** I truly believe that Local 671 has one of the best work forces in all the UA. I believe this because we are a small family who holds each other accountable for their work ethic and conduct on the job sites. I also believe that this is what can hinder us. Do not let your love and passion for the job get in the way of safety. Don't forget to practice good safety habits and situational awareness on everything you do. Don't let your passion for the job cloud your judgement on how a task should be accomplished. Remember our priority is a good safe working attitude and come home in the same condition as you arrived to work that morning. Work safe Brothers and Sisters and let's continue to lead our industry into the future.

Mike Jewell: email: [mike@ualocal671.com](mailto:mike@ualocal671.com)

Vinnie Fenech: email: [vinnie@ualocal671.com](mailto:vinnie@ualocal671.com)

Carly Neely: Insurance Line (734) 241-6180 email: [carly@ualocal671.com](mailto:carly@ualocal671.com)

## Local 370, con't

Local 370 ball caps and winter fleece caps are available at the union offices. Ball caps \$10.00 and fleece caps \$5.00. Pocket Tee shirts are available for \$10 dollars each. Hooded sweat shirts

and long sleeve pocket tee shirts are available. The sweat shirts are \$30 and the long sleeve tee shirts are \$15. Golf polo and golf wind shirts are available for \$25.

T.I.C. fringe administrators' toll free number is 1-888-797-5862.

## SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY REPRESENTING BUILDING TRADES BROTHERS & SISTERS OVER 35 YEARS BIESKE & ASSOCIATES

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 55 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear themselves at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. They maintains offices in Sterling Heights, Livonia, Southgate and Novi. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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# Plumbers Local 98

DETROIT – *Membership of Plumbers Local 98*

The officers and staff at Local 98 hope you and your family are well.

Announcements, information on meetings, links to your benefits, the Training Center, and more can be found on our web site. Go to [UALOCAL98.COM](http://UALOCAL98.COM)

**Meetings & Union Hall. NOTE: DUE TO JUNE CONVENTION** the next Union meeting will be **Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

The Executive Board meetings are generally held the first Thursday of the month at 5:30pm and before all Union Meetings.

**Retiree Meetings.** The next Retiree Meeting/Luncheon is Wednesday, June 12 from 12-2 pm at Local 98!

Applications are now being accepted for our apprenticeship. Learn more at Plumbers98TC.org/apprenticeship.

**Attention baseball players:** If interested in playing baseball please contact Jeremy Pitts at 586-405-9425.

**Local 98 FAMILY PICNIC** is **SATURDAY, July 20 from NOON to 5pm @ Stony Creek Metro Park, Mt. Vernon Pavilion. Kona Ice Truck 1-2:15pm; Bounce house, prizes, raffles, hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and more (BYOB)! Park admissions included. Volunteers please contact Jim Cools @ 734-307-9841.**

**Detroit Plumbers CARES Annual Scholarship Golf Outing:** This year's golf outing will be held Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024 at Oak Ridge Golf Course. Tickets for this year are \$120 per golfer for 18 Holes of Scramble Golf, Bloody Mary Bar, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Drinks, and Door Prizes! Tee-off time is 8:30am. For more information, please contact Financial Secretary Treasurer Jon DeRoo at (248) 762-9238 or register online at <https://form.jotform.com/2491194788985073>

**Local 98 Scholarship Committee** will be awarding three scholarships to children of Local 98 members for the 2024 fall semester. Any applications please address them to local 98 in care of President Ryan Lyle, they are currently being accepted until **June 30, 2024** at the hall or via email [office@ualocal98.org](mailto:office@ualocal98.org). Call or email the hall for more information.

**Dues.** Happy to say there are no expelled members at this time. Check your mail and update your email and contact information at the hall, it's not your spouse's fault your dues fall behind. Those of you who read the paper please bring it in and put on your break table.

**SUB Apps/Out of Work List.** SUB You have 48 hours to report being out of work and to fill out a SUB App whether you qualify for SUB or not. It is your responsibility to check your location on the Out of Work List. Make sure your contact information is up to date, as well as MUST and other certifications. If you have any problems with state agencies involving unemployment, or questions on MUST models and staying current, please contact Gary Glaser at 313-580-0148 or Dan Nixon at 248-752-3702.

**Benefits.** We have dedicated BeneSys employees at the Union Hall to help with the following issues: Health Insurance, HRA, SUB, Short Term Disability, Eligibility, and Claims. The Local 98 Health Insurance office is receiving the calls coming into Local 98. In order for them to best track all issues please call the hall at (248) 307-9800 and select option #2. If they are on the other line, please leave them a message and they will get back to you promptly.

**New Benefit.** We have a new benefit for the working members of Local 98 and their families. We are proud to announce we have secured a 2-year agreement with Delta Dental which started on March 1, 2024. There is zero cost to the fund at this time. Please watch the insurance mailings for the annual benefit information for 2024. We still will offer the DENCAP (Golden) Dental plan for the retired members who wish to purchase this plan.

**Worker Assistance Program.** Work Life Strategies, LLC. Are available to members and their families to provide counseling services and when needed, a referral to other professionals. Call to talk to a counselor for issues relating to grief, alcohol, drug addiction, bankruptcy depression, marital issues and family counseling. All

this is confidential and lead by or health professional C.J. Harrison, you can reach her on her cell @ 313-580-6887. If you cannot go to her office she can do phone conferences, don't wait ask for help when you feel issues are affecting your life.

Please select option #4 for Financial Secretary Jon DeRoo if you are looking to retire. Please set a meeting up with him. We recommend doing this at least 6 months before retirement.

We are currently looking for Industrial, Residential and Service Plumbers & Apprentices. This is a great opportunity to expand and grow, as many members are looking to retire. If you know anyone working Non-Union or is a past member that may be interested, have them call Organizer Rob Moses at 248-763-2187. Or get online at The Training Center for more information on Apprenticeships.

**In solidarity I remain, Carlo Castiglione, Business Manager Plumbers Local 98**

**TRAINING CENTER NEWS. Phone # 248-585-1435**

Check out The Training Center's website [www.Plumbers98tc.org](http://www.Plumbers98tc.org) The Apprenticeship Application process is currently open. The application deadline for the next class is Friday, July 26, 2024. Applications are submitted online. Go to our website and read all requirements for the application process.

The Training Center is open for normal business 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call Ryan Lyle at 248-585-1435 ext. 122 if you have any questions. The State of Michigan Plumbing Division has instituted the 2021 Michigan Plumbing Code beginning in March of 2024. Books are available for order through the ICC. The Training Center has a limited number of 2021 Michigan Plumbing Code books available for sale.

**CALL THE TRAINING CENTER TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OFFERED IN 2024. All classes are register and prepay by check or money order only. Deadlines for registration and prices are listed with each class. The 2024 upgrade classes are listed below. Please keep an eye out for the class you need or find interesting!**

**Monthly Code Class** – Next class is PENDING at 4:30 pm. This is not a code update class. Open to any member looking to have discussions about the interpretation of the Michigan Plumbing Code. Great refresher for anyone wanting to take a state plumbing exam. **Please call Paul Baker at the Training Center at 248-585-1435 ext. 123 to register.**

There will be a code class that reviews the entire Michigan Plumbing Code and includes practice for the practical portion of the Journey exam in the near future. Please call the Training Center if you are interested in attending the class.

**If you are a member that has the practical portion of the state test scheduled for Aug. 6, 2024, we have 2 available evenings to come in and practice for it.** The 2 dates are Wednesday, July 24, and Wednesday, July 31. Call the Training Center if you are interested in attending either of these sessions, or both. You will be required to bring all your supplies as you would for going to the actual test.

**CLASS LIST 2024**  
**ASSE Backflow Tester Recertification:** Please be sure to check your expiration date, it is now required that you complete your update class prior to your expiration. This class is offered quarterly. \$100

**8 hour recert class July 23 & 24** Deadline is June 21

**8 hour recert class Oct. 22 & 23** Deadline is Sept. 20

**ASSE Backflow Tester (Full 40 hour):** Fall: Sept. 9 – Nov. 18 Deadline is Aug. 23-\$200

**ASSE Repairer: Prerequisite: Must hold a current 5110 Tester Certification**

**Fall:** Sept. 10 - Oct. 15, Deadline is Aug. 23 -\$100

**ICRA and Water Quality: Prerequisite: Must Have OSHA 10 or 30 Fall:** Sept. 11 to Nov. 20, Deadline is Aug. 23 -\$200

**CAD/BIM, Fall:** Sept. 9 – Nov. 18. Deadline is Aug. 23-\$100

**Medical Gas Installer (Full 40 hour):** Fall: Sept. 11 to Nov. 20, Deadline is Aug. 23 -\$200

**Steam Fundamentals for the Repair Plumber, Fall:** Sept. 11 to Nov. 20, Deadline is Aug. 23

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## Local 357 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service

UA Local 357

**KALAMAZOO – UNION MEETING:** The next regular Union Meeting will be a **SPECIAL CALLED** Meeting on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 pm. Other meetings that day will be the Finance Committee at 4:30 pm and the Executive Board at 5:30 pm. A Raise Allocation Vote will be held at this meeting for the new wage and fringe rates effective 07/01/2024.

**Note: All Raise Allocations must be turned in, at the Union Hall, by Friday, June 14.**

**PICNIC:** Saturday, July 20, 2024. UA Local 357 will host the annual picnic. We are looking forward to this quality time with our brothers and sisters! The festivities start at noon with door prize drawings at 3:00 pm. Every member who RSVPs by Friday, June 21, will receive a special gift at the door. **Go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search Local 357 to RSVP or call the Union Hall (269) 679-2570.**

**UNION DUES REMINDERS:** Phone call reminders to pay your dues will not be made. Cash is accepted at the Union Hall for any payments. You also have the option to pay your union dues through the Local 357 website @ [www.ualocal357.com](http://www.ualocal357.com). Note that you must add a 4% fee for using this site.... so, if you are paying a month of dues at \$34.00... you need to pay \$35.36. Other ways to pay include sending a check, stopping by the Union Hall, dropping off a payment in the drop box outside the front door or calling Lori at (269) 679-3708 and paying with a credit card.

**RETIREE MEETINGS (NEW PLACE & TIME):** Retiree lunch meetings will now be **BREAKFAST** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month. Breakfast will commence at 9:00 am at **The Crew (Note – New Location)** located at 5200 Portage Rd, Portage, MI. The phone number for the location is (269) 337-9800.

**CHANGE OF STATUS:** If you have a change of status for example: married, divorced, re-married, birth, death, workers comp, address change, etc., please call Lori at the Union Hall. It is very important that we keep all our records up to date.

**There seems to be a continuing problem regarding notification of divorces. Note that you, the member, will be responsible for any bills incurred and paid on claims of an ex-spouse or dependents. (See Pages 6 and 27 in the Summary Plan Description Booklet for clarification).**

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Jamyson Neel, and family, on the birth of a son, Nolan.

Congratulations to Brandon Hooker, and family, on the birth of a daughter, Kayla.

**CONDOLENCES:** Condolences to the family of retired brother William Spence on his recent passing.

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-\$100  
**Hydronic Heating and Cooling Fall:** Sept. 11 to Nov. 20, Deadline is August 23 -\$100

**OPEN WELDING – is available on Wednesday evenings.**

Please call Chris Opalka 248-585-1435 ext.146 for any welding related inquiries and to check on booth availability. For those that can't find time to get in during the weekdays, open welding will be available on the first Saturday of the month, call to get a booth.

**Brazing and welding sessions will be scheduled on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.** If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next **Welding and Brazing sessions** will be July 13. You must call to schedule your brazing OR welding tests at least 3 days prior to the test. Please note: All members must be dressed appropriately to be in the shop area.

**OSHA Training** - OSHA 10, available as an online class for \$59 at [www.careersafeonline.com](http://www.careersafeonline.com) This OSHA 10 class is not affiliated with the UA or our Training Center. OSHA 10 and 30 Hour Training is also offered online through the MUST website. Go to [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org) \*\*Be sure to take the Construction Safety courses; not the General Industry courses.

**It is each member's individual responsibility to keep all their Certifications current.**

## Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service Local 111

UA Local 111

**UPPER PENINSULA –** The next scheduled union meeting will be in **Escanaba on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7:30.**

**Our sincere condolences** to the family and friends of member Lawrence DuFord, who passed away June 5, 2024. Brother DuFord was a member for 44 years.

There will be a **Basic Plumbing 2 Class** covering drainage/venting, fixture setting, and gas pipe installation June 27-28 at the Escanaba Training Center. Contact Training Coordinator John Antoncew to register, no deposit required.

**Welding Classes:** Tuesday evening weld classes are ongoing at the Escanaba Training Center, classes run from 5 pm-9 pm on a week-to-week basis. Contact Training Coordinator John Antoncew to be added to the notification list. Your position in the class is not confirmed until you receive a reply.

Anyone interested in 1-day shutdowns, please contact Business Agent/Dispatcher, Scott Pendergraft in the Escanaba office.

**MRA CARD: Please check your MRA Account for transactions that are in need of substantiation or ineligible.** You can access this info here: <https://www.zenith-american.com/>

The MRA link will take you directly to your MRA info and you will be able to see the ineligible transactions.

Please make sure what you are submitting is either an **Explanation of Benefits (EOB)** or an **Itemized billing with paid receipt**, that includes:

Provider Name  
Patient Name  
Date of Service  
Description of Service  
Total Patient Responsibility

Please if you are having trouble with something you have submitted you can call the Zenith American Solutions helpline at 1-866-823-4730 extension 1 (MRA) Or call the hall and Rose will be able to try and assist you-906-226-6511 ext. 4

**New 988 Crisis Helpline:** The UA & the MCAA have made a joint investment to spread awareness on how we approach mental health and suicide prevention. New resources are now available with the implementation of the Department of Health and Human Services 988 Lifeline. Call or text 988 to be connected to trained counselors who will listen & provide support and linked to resources.

**Reminder:** Check your records and contact the hall with any changes to the following: **E-Mail, home address, phone number, a new birth, marriage, divorce, or death.** Please call April or Rose to have your information updated.

**Reminder:** It is your responsibility to call the hall as soon as you get laid off, the day you call in is the date that you are placed on the **Out of Work List**, if you do not call in you will not be referred to work.

**Reminder to all apprentices,** you must attend 4 union meetings per year.

**Reminder to Welders/Welding Forms:** The UA Welder Qualification Continuity Report forms are available on our website under Training or at the hall. Certifications expire every **6 months** and it is **YOUR** responsibility to get your welding forms turned in on time.

Please update all Non-UA certifications (Plumbing License, MUST, OSHA-30, MSHA etc.) by sending a copy of your certification to the Union Hall

**Check your dues records!** You are assessed a \$50 reinstatement once you become 3 months behind. You are automatically expelled once you are over 6 months behind.

**Safety Training on Local 111 Web Site:** When taking the on-line safety training, go to our web site [ua111.com](http://ua111.com) and click on Safety Links. Members must take these safety trainings for each site to work at each mill. Please take note they are valid for 1 year.

**MSHA Training:** To register for an MSHA class please go to **Upconstruction.org** and go to the **MSHA calendar** to register. This website applies for canceling classes also.

## Local 636 Pipe Fitters, Steam Fitters, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Service

UA Local 636

**DETROIT – Our next regular meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2024** at St. George Romanian Cultural Center 18405 W. Nine Mile Rd. (at the Lodge) Southfield, MI 48075.

**Office Hours are 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.**  
**Pipefitters Local 636 Softball Games** are Monday nights 6:30 and 7:45 at Canton Sports Center 46555 Michigan Ave. Canton, MI 48188. Check the club house for the field number. Come out and support the team through June 17, 2024.

**Attention Retiree Golfers;** The 636 Eastside Retiree Golf League is hoping you'll join us this season. We play on Thursdays, usually around 11 am, spring through fall on a different course each week. If you are interested, simply call Jim Dunn at 248-709-7036 or Joe Bourgeois at 313-590-0448.

For those still owing on PLDF we are only able to take checks or money orders for payment.

**REMINDER:** Please open all correspondence with the Local Union, BeneSys, and Insurance Providers you receive in the mail.

**Save the Date:** Saturday Aug. 17, Local 636 will have our annual picnic at the SARA CLUB in Brighton, 11am – 4pm.

**CALLING ALL RETIREES! The next meeting will be held June 20, 2024.** The Retiree Association is looking to recruit more retirees to their meetings. The meetings are a great place to catch up, find out helpful information and enjoy very informative guest speakers. The Retirees will be meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 11am at Local 636 Union Hall.

**The Annual Deposit for Retiree's HRA Accounts has been made.** If you have any issues please contact Jake Regits.

**Our deepest condolences** go out to the members, families, and friends of the following, who have passed from our ranks: Condolences to Aydan Young on the passing of his Father and Lifetime Member Ronald Young May 30, 2024; Condolences to Member Robert Miller on the passing of his wife Darlene May 29, 2024; Condolences to Member Kenneth Aeck on the passing of his wife Kathy April 21, 2024; Condolences to Member Robert Harrison on the passing of his wife Frances April 29, 2024; Condolences to Members Alisa & John Lisecki on the passing of Alisa's Mother Monica Ceckowski April 21, 2024.

**Deceased Members** – Lifetime Member Ronald Young, May 30, 2024, Ronald also served as a Executive Board Member from 1995-1998, Thank you for your service to our Local Union; Lifetime Member Michael B. Johnson May 29, 2024; Lifetime Member David Levene May 3, 2024; Lifetime Member Charles Mullen April 30, 2024; Lifetime Member Stanley McClure April 21, 2024; Lifetime Member Richard Zimmerman April 22, 2024 father of Members Ken and Bill Zimmerman; 47-Year Member George Braman April 10, 2024; 34 Year Member Robert "Bob" Simon Mar. 25, 2024; Lifetime Member James Flanary Mar. 21, 2024; Lifetime Member Gary Lewis March 5, 2024, may they Rest in Peace.

**Get Well Wishes to:** Michael Bass, Richard Bloomfield, Daniel Caldwell, Theresa Danko, Jeffrey Donofrio, Brian Dyer, Joseph Fiedler, Kevin Harper, Andrew Hernandez, Steven Karowich, Jamie Klimowicz, Mark Surowiec, David Yuhn, Brian Mierendorf, Chris Sovey, Paul Franjesh, Jon Pastorius, and Phil Scott.

Following is a list of recent retirees who have passed their tools and knowledge to the next generation. We thank them for their time in the field advancing our trade and the Brother/Sisterhood they continue to show in our local. **Congratulations on your retirement!**

**January:** Daniel Sarna, David Selph, Philip Ryskamp. **March:** Amanda Weidenbach, Vaughn Bratten, Greg Criner. **April:** Michael Vernot, James Allen, Thomas Parent **May:** Roy Morgan.

**June:** Charles Gordy Baker, Steven Timko, Thomas Kinczkowski.

**Dues** - Your dues receipts will now be emailed to you; this will help us save on the cost of mailing receipts. Please call the Local to update your email and phone numbers. Local 636 has set up an auto-pay system for your dues so you will never miss a payment. Please contact Kim Kavanaugh at the union hall, she will be more than happy to help you with payment made by credit or debit card.

**New 988 crisis helpline.** The UA and the MCAA have made a joint investment to spread awareness on the way we approach mental health and suicide prevention. With the implementation of the Department of Health and Human Services 988 Lifeline, new resources are now available. When people call or text 988, they will be connected to trained counselors who will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources.

**S.U.B. -NEW- Direct Deposit is NOW AVAILABLE** for SUBPAY. Participants should continue to send all applications and weekly proof to the SUB Fund office for review and processing by emailing [subpay@pipefitters636.org](mailto:subpay@pipefitters636.org). The SUB Fund office will no longer be able to cut checks for walk-ins, only process SUB request. The SUB Fund office will have all payments entered in the SUB System by 10am on Wednesday.

After 10am every Wednesday, BeneSys will generate the checks in the SUB System and have them printed and mailed from Troy production.

**Direct Deposit is now available,** members choosing direct deposit will have the payments deposited into their accounts on Fridays. That is the reason for processing being done on Wednesdays.

**Direct Deposit Authorization Agreement** forms for SUBPAY were mailed by BeneSys and can be found on our website or you can call the Local for one.

**BeneSys** has set up a dedicated phone line for Pipefitters 636 needs and questions, when calling BeneSys, please call #248-641-4936 or #888-646-8920.

**Financial Advisor Jason May** with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management has a **new contact number 248-540-2091** or email him at [jason.may@ml.com](mailto:jason.may@ml.com)

**Defined Contribution Pension Plan.** For those members who use the Voice Response Unit, VRU to obtain balance information and transfers funds in your Defined Contribution Pension, the number has changed. The NEW NUMBER for the VRU is **877-410-9984**. Plan provider number is 7526. You can now login to your Defined Contribution account on the Local's Website. Just click on the "Defined Contribution login here tab" and it will take you to the BeneSys login page. The Defined Contribution **corrected** website is [www.accountplanaccess.net/benesys](http://www.accountplanaccess.net/benesys). Your initial login information is as follows: Username – Social Security number, without the dashes. Password – Full birth date, without the slashes, (mmddyyyy). You will be prompted to update your username and password after initial login. Upon login, the site will take you to the "My Dashboard" page. Here you will be able to review a snapshot of your account balance, investments, and recent transactional activity.

**Considering Retirement?** Any member may meet at the office during business hours with Jake Regits, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, to begin the process. Jake can be reached at ext. 5, to schedule an appointment so that he can get all of your paperwork in order, or if you prefer, contact our Members Phone Line 248-641-4936 at BeneSys for your retirement paperwork. **Please allow a 60–90-day notice that is necessary** to adequately process the requests for paperwork, getting the forms sent to the participant, the member completing it and returning it to the Fund Office for final processing.

**Are you "Work Ready"?** Have any of your safety modules expired? Is your Drug Test current? Check your report card at [mustsafe.org](http://mustsafe.org) and if it is time for renewal call the Training Center 248-585-0636 and they will register you. Be "ready" when the calls come in. Safety modules and drug tests are paid for by the Contractors Association. **WHEN YOU STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR SAFETY MODULES, DRUG TEST AND FIRST AID, YOU WILL QUALIFY FOR FUTURE CERTIFICATION PAYMENTS.**

**BUILDERS LICENSE TRAINING MIDDLETON** Real Estate Training Inc. 901 Tower Drive, Suite 120 Troy, MI 48068 [www.middletontraining.com](http://www.middletontraining.com) 248-885-8311



## Local 36 Elevator Constructors

Elevator Constructors Local 36  
DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED, our next regular MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE June 24, 2024, at 5:30pm at 1640 Porter Street, Detroit, MI. Any changes to this schedule or venue will be in the Building Trades Article or sent via email.

**Attention All Members,** this paper is to serve as official notice to the membership. This is how we get information out to all our members, as repetitive as it might be there is new information in each article, please read it carefully and call the hall or attend a union meeting if you have questions.

Dues refund checks were sent out last month, if you were owed a refund and didn't receive it please contact the hall.

We gave out Pins for Years of Service at the April 22, 2024, meeting. If you were unable to attend, they are available at the hall.

The Union Picnic will be Saturday July 27, 2024. The park will open at 10:30 am and go till 6:00 pm. Please come join us for a fun family day at St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Picnic Grounds 11541 21 Mile Rd., Shelby, MI. If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Jon Bujan @ (586)787-1114**.

The Labor Day Parade will be on Monday Sept. 2. We will meet at the hall @ 7 am, there will be doughnuts and refreshments before the parade and hotdogs, hamburgers and refreshments after provided by Local 149. Please come and show your union support.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Kyle Owsley Memorial Golf Outing will be Saturday, Sept. 7. A link to register will be sent out in the next couple weeks. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Golf Outing, please contact **Justin Smith @ (248)709-0341**.

Anyone interested in attending Tigers Union Night on Saturday, Sept. 14 @ 6:10 pm, I sent an email with a sign-up sheet, fill out how many tickets you want and send it to the hall, or contact the hall.

There will be a Veteran's Day Parade on Sunday, Nov. 10, I will get more information out as it gets closer.

The International has set up The Veteran Assistance Program to help veterans navigate the VA benefits they deserve. The email is [vap@iuec.org](mailto:vap@iuec.org) or contact Jason Gray, IUEC National Organizer @ 404-290-1012 or Ryan Donnell, EIWP National Coordinator @ 410-312-1474.

If you are going to be off with an injury (work related or non-work related), surgery or illness for a prolonged length of time, call the fund office and inform the hall. When you are off and go back to work.

If you are off for a work-related injury, there is a separate form you must fill out. Call the hall with any questions.

If you would like to sign up for Safety alerts, text (855) 957-1801 and sign up to receive Safety alerts via text and email.

If you start a new job in MOD/construction, you MUST call those jobs into the hall!! If you are going to be working a 4/10 job in construction or MOD, it MUST be submitted in writing to the Local Business Representative per Article VII Par. 2A. and Article VIII(A) Par. 2A.

**Attention All Mechanics,** when filling out Probationary Apprentices OJTs, give them an honest evaluation, if you are having issues with them, state it on the OJTs. They will be evaluated at the JAC meeting, and if necessary, bring them in to try and correct any issues.

**Attention All Apprentices,** if you are scheduled to sit for the Mechanic's exam, you must fill out your OJTs till you get your passing results. Kenny and I would like to thank all of you for keeping up on your OJTs, schooling, and commitment to your future. Check your NEIEP emails frequently. OJT forms need to be filled out COMPLETELY by the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the following month. There is NO excuse for these to be late!

**Orientation for NEIEP Classes will be on the week of Aug. 5 and school will start the week of Aug. 12.**

If you are eligible to sit for your State of Michigan or City of Detroit class A journeyman's license, study the code books and schedule a time to sit for them. If you pass your mechanic's exam (Continued next column)



UA Local 85

SAGINAW – The next Union Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 26, 2024,** at the Union Hall at 3535 Bay Road at 7:00 PM.

The next Northern Union Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Grayling Eagles.

Please note, retirees in pay status with pension credits from October 2005 through December 2008 have received pension increases. The increases are not a mistake, the Pension Trustees are very pleased to make these changes. If you have any questions, please get in touch with one of the Business Representatives.

Congratulations, Jeffrey Supinger, on representing UA Local 85 in the HVACR Service Division at the District II Competition held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Jeff finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the State of Michigan and represented us exceptionally well.

Please note: Our new mailing address for all correspondence has changed to 3535 Bay Rd. Saginaw, MI 48603.

### Contact Information:

Justin Pomerville, Business Manager (989) 799-5261 x 8513 [jpomerville@ualocal85.org](mailto:jpomerville@ualocal85.org)  
Jamie Badour, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8515 [jbador@ualocal85.org](mailto:jbador@ualocal85.org)  
Tim Danielak, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8514 [tdanielak@ualocal85.org](mailto:tdanielak@ualocal85.org)  
Clint Steele, Business Agent (231) 499-7330 [csteele@ualocal85.org](mailto:csteele@ualocal85.org)  
Bobby Anderson, Organizer (989) 799-5261 x 8512 [rjanderson@ualocal85.org](mailto:rjanderson@ualocal85.org)  
Kristin Tuthill, Office Professional (989) 799-5261 x 8511 [ktuthill@ualocal85.org](mailto:ktuthill@ualocal85.org)

Please check the [ualocal85.org](http://ualocal85.org) or our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

The new website is up and running. Please check out [www.ualocal85.org](http://www.ualocal85.org). Click on Local 85 Members to access members only information. Login information is username: first initial with full last name. Password is 00 with your UA Card Number. If you should have any difficulties logging in, please call Kristin at (989) 799-5261 ext. 8511.

**Social Media:** Like us on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, @UALocal85. Facebook has our Members Only page for updates at UA Local 85 Members Group.

**JATC:** Congratulations to our newest Journeyman, Nicholas Vanootehem and Jacob Oravitz!

Work continues to be very busy, please keep a close eye on the website for upcoming classes. We need to continue to be trained and certified for many of these upcoming projects. If there is a specific class you need, please reach out to Training Coordinator Robert Mead at (989) 799-5261 ext. 8519.

**GOD BLESS ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT!**

**SUB Fund: Print Unemployment Payment History** located underneath the Certification Tab when logged into your MiWam account. Deadline for submittals is Noon on Thursday in order to receive a check that Friday. Checks will be mailed out on Friday. No in-person pickups allowed. If a holiday falls on a Friday, checks will be issued on Thursday and deadline will be moved up to Wednesday by noon.

**Where to submit documents:** Address: UA Local Union 85 SUB, 3535 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48603 Fax: (989) 791-3468 Email: [SUB@ualocal85.org](mailto:SUB@ualocal85.org)

**SUB Application for Benefits:** Must be on file in order to receive SUB Check. Available at the Hall.

**90 Day Rule:** The weeks you are claiming must be submitted (Continued next column)

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and don't have your licenses you are not eligible to work in the State or City as a Mechanic without them. Getting your licenses and any certificates/training only makes you more valuable as an employee. If you need help with any part of the process, call the hall.

**Attention All Temporary Mechanics,** your Temporary Mechanic's Agreement MUST be



## Local 333 Plumbers & Pipe Fitters

UA Local 333

LANSING – June's union meeting will be held Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 7:30 pm at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI.

**Price Dobernick, Special Representative.** General President Mark McManus is pleased to announce the appointment of Price Dobernick to Special Representative, effective June 17, 2024. Brother Dobernick will be responsible for safeguarding the interests of the membership in the state of Michigan.

Price has been the Business Manager and Financial Secretary-Treasurer of Plumbers & Pipefitters, Local 333, Lansing, MI, a position he was elected to in 2015. As a Business Manager, Brother Dobernick represented workers in the Lansing, Jackson, and Battle Creek areas.

Additionally, Price Dobernick was unanimously reelected as the President of the Michigan Pipe Trades Association in 2022, which comprises 12 UA locals, more than 250 partner employers, and 12,000 skilled trades workers. He was originally elected to this position in 2019.

An active philanthropic and civil leader, Brother Dobernick is serving his 10<sup>th</sup> year on the University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Foundation's Board of Directors. Governor Gretchen Whitmer handpicked him to serve as a trustee of the State of Michigan's State Building Authority, a role he has held since 2023. He is also a longtime Commissioner and past Chairman of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority.

Previously, Brother Dobernick served as Chairman of the Lansing Community College Foundation's Board of Directors and as a Director for the Capital Area United Way.

**UA Local 333 will be hosting an Appreciation Open House for Price Dobernick on August 8, 2024, 2-6 pm at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI. 48911.**

Please join us in celebrating Price's new position with the UA, and to thank him for his dedication to Local 333.

**Notice:** A proposed bylaw change has been properly submitted for consideration. The proposal simply moves up the start time for regular monthly membership meetings from 7:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The proposal will be read and voted on three regularly scheduled meetings. Per our bylaws a minimum of two thirds support is needed to pass at each of the three meetings.

**Scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 school year are available at all three halls or call Debra at 517-393-5480 ext.#4 to have one mailed to you.**

**Summer Session Weld Classes**

**Lansing.** 06/10/2024- 07/31/24-Monday and Wednesday 4:30 - 8:30

**Jackson.** 06/10/24- 07/31/24-Monday and Tuesday 4:30 - 8:30

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within 90 days of the first Monday following the week in which you are eligible to receive a State benefit per the Plan Documents.

**Taxes:** There are no taxes taken out of SUB Fund Checks, however they are taxable wages and you will receive a W-2 at the end of the year. If you want taxes withheld from your SUB Fund Check, please indicate the dollar amount for Federal and State on each SUB submittal.

**NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:**

**Address & Phone Update:** Please call the Union Hall to update any address or phone number changes at (989) 799-5261.

**Beneficiary Cards:** Please call the Union Hall for any changes in beneficiary information at (989) 799-5261.

**Website Address:** Please visit [www.ualocal85.org](http://www.ualocal85.org).

**Battle Creek will not have welding classes.**

There will be no classes the week of July 4 2024 and the month of August.

Classes will resume in September.

**MIG CLASS.**

Must have UA21 – Class will begin when 6 members have signed.

**ORBITAL 18A CLASS** Must have UA41 – Class will begin when 6 members have signed.

**ADVANCED PIPEFITTING CLASS – JACKSON TRAINING CENTER**

Chris Barry, Instructor: Class will start when 6 members have signed

Backflow (NEW) class will be scheduled in the fall.

Please sign up on the Website [ua333.org](http://ua333.org). If you need assistance call the Training Center, 517-323-0333.

**PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL CERTIFICATIONS:** Per the UA as of January 1, 2019, all Braze and Weld certifications must be updated within 120 days of their expiration date, or you will lose your certification. Check the dates on your certifications and if they have expired call Diana at the Lansing Training Center 517-323-0333. Even though the Training Center sends everyone's continuities to be renewed, between changes of addresses and the Post Office, there is plenty of room for error. Ultimately it is the member's responsibility to make sure their certifications are current.

**Note:** Members needing assistance with the Journeyman Plumbing Code test prep please contact Tim Hicks at the Training Center.

**Battle Creek Retiree Breakfasts** are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at Lux Café. 2587 Capital Ave, Battle Creek, MI. at 9 am. Please spread the word.

**Retirees' Breakfast in Jackson:** Retirees meet the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00am at the Alpha Coney Island at 1188 Jackson Crossing, Jackson, MI. PLEASE NOTE: The restaurant is located at the west end of the Jackson Crossing Shopping Center.

**Retirees' Golf Outing,** Tuesday, June 18, at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course, 1600 Linn Rd. Williamston, MI. 9am Shotgun (Scramble Formation) \$40.00 per person, this includes 18 holes of golf, cart, coffee, donuts, lunch is provided, prizes are included. Team registration and fees must be received no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Bruce Simons if you have questions 517-763-7265. Come and join the fun.

**Local 333 Golf Outing,** Saturday, August 3, 2024, at the Eldorado Golf Course, 3450 W. Howell Rd. Mason, MI. Shotgun starts at 9am, scramble formation. \$75.00 per person. 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and prizes for everyone. Registration forms are at all three halls. Please don't wait to get your team signed up, we have a limited number of spots available. Team registrations must be received in the Lansing Hall no later than July 19, 2024.

**Hiring Rule Reminder:** As per section 5.8 of the CBA, the 50/50 hiring provision applies only to jobs working under the Local CBA. Any national agreement jobs calling for manpower are not eligible for the 50/50 provision.

**Contact Information:** If you need to change or verify your contact information, PLEASE CONTACT THE UNION OFFICE as soon as possible so we can keep our system up to date.

**FRINGE PLAN THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR:** (SOLXSYS) West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local No. 174 Fringe Benefit Funds, 5600 New King St, Suite 330, Troy, MI 48098 (855) 407-5862 Toll Free **Health Insurance Contact**

**Active and NON-Medicare Retirees**

Aetna: (855) 878-4101  
EAP: (888) 238-6232  
Save-Rx: (800) 228-3108

**Medicare Retirees:** Retiree First: (616) 345-0788

**Current Health Insurance Premiums:**

Active Member/Working Retiree, \$1,110.33  
Non-working Pre-Medicare Retiree, \$791.10

Medicare Single, \$123.63  
Medicare Couple, \$247.26  
Medicare with Pre-Medicare

**RETIREE LUNCHEON:** The next retirees' luncheon will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 12:00 Noon at UA Local 85 Administration Office located at 3535 Bay Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603. We ask if you are able, please bring a dish to pass.

*Fraternally,*  
**Justin M. Pomerville**  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary, Local Union 85

tools MUST be taken off the job and notify the hall.

**Attention All Retirees,** if you requested an Honorary Card and have not received it, please contact the Hall.

**If you are NOT receiving my emails, contact the Hall so I can get you on the email list.**

We extend best wishes and a speedy recovery for the Brothers and Sisters on our sick list.  
Be safe and stay healthy!



## Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

West Michigan UA 174

**COOPERSVILLE – MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 7:00pm in our Assembly Hall at 1008 O'Malley Dr in Coopersville. The front office will remain open until 6:55pm.

**ATTENTION:** This paper is to serve as the official notice to the membership.

**Union Office Closing:** The Union office will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 to observe Independence Day.

**Retiree Breakfast:** breakfast for July has been cancelled.

**Dave Reynolds Memorial Golf Outing:** The outing will be held Saturday, Aug. 3 at The Falls at Barber Creek with an 8 am registration, 8:30am shot gun start. It is a four-person scramble, \$75 per person, \$300 per team. Each team must have 2 UA members on the team. Please contact Therese at the front office to sign up. Space is limited to the first 30 teams to sign up and pay. Money must be paid no later than July 26.

**Local 174 Annual Family Picnic:** This year's picnic will be held on Saturday, July 20 at Heritage Landing in Muskegon. RSVPs are due no later than June 28. Volunteers are needed at the picnic for both set-up and take-down. Please call Therese at the office if you can volunteer.

**Autopay for Window Dues:** As a result of the rising postage expenses and the significant number of members who have opted for autopay, we have made a change in the way receipts are delivered. Going forward, members will receive their proof of payment via email instead of traditional mail. If you are currently enrolled in autopay but do not have an email address on record and would like a receipt, please contact our office to update your information.

**Organizing Update:** I have been following up with all the information gathered from the blitz we recently had. Following up with every worker that was spoken to and then reaching back out is crucial. We have had some great contacts with quite a few qualified unrepresented workers. I really appreciate everyone passing along my information to those that are doing the same work as us. The message is clear "We're all doing the same work, we're just not all getting the same wages and benefits!" It has never been a more perfect time to organize with the workload that is here but it is definitely a team effort! The message is clear, you deserve better wages, benefits and representation which is why you need a UNION! **Work safe, Johnny Ortiz (616) 307-8551.**

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**WELDER CONTINUITY:** If you have weld certs and have turned in a continuity, the welder certification status cards are now being emailed rather than sent via snail mail. If you have turned in continuity and have NOT received an updated status card, please contact the Training office to verify we have your current email.

**PLUMBING:** Michigan Plumbing Code 2021 has been adopted. We'll hold the next plumbing code update class once the new 21 code books have been released, which is expected to be in July.

If you have a certification that has expired in the last few months and have questions regarding recertification, please contact the Training Office. Many certifications have extended grace periods on expiration dates.

Please contact Chris Phillips or Nicole Schumaker if you have questions. Call the Training Office @ (616)837-0222 x16 (Chris) / Nicole @ (616)837-0222 x30. Or via text Chris (906)322-1592 / Nicole (231)206-4213.

**WCP:** The next weld test event will be Saturday, July 13, @ 8 am. The capability demonstration will be on Thursday, July 11 from 5-9p. Please call/text and sign up if you plan to test.

**OPEN WELD:** Wednesday nights 5-9pm. Call ahead to notify us if you'll be late. We will continue to hold open weld providing there is enough interest.

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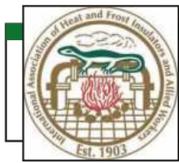
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[mcnicholscrap.com](http://mcnicholscrap.com)  
(313) 365-6100

**Detroit**  
Iron & Metal Co.  
8300 Dix (corner Lonyo)  
[detroitironandmetal.com](http://detroitironandmetal.com)  
(313) 841-5100



## Local 25 Heat and Frost Insulators

**Heat & Frost Insulators 25**  
SOUTHFIELD – The next scheduled Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033.



**CURT MCGLONE**  
Administrator Curt McGlone or Apprentice Coordinator Martin Allen should you have any questions regarding the positions.

**SUB FUND BENEFIT:** Please be reminded, documentation for SUB Fund benefits must be received by 2:00 p.m. Thursday to receive a benefit check on Friday. Any documentation submitted after the deadline will be issued the following Friday.

**PER CAPITA:** Please be reminded, any member working 32 hours or less during a month must pay their own Per Capita of \$14.00 per month. Per Capita payments should be made on a monthly basis. If a member works as a traveler in another Local's jurisdiction, the member must remit double Per Capita of \$28.00. Please forward your payments monthly to Local 25, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033.

**M.U.S.T. SAFETY MODULES:** It is important to keep your M.U.S.T. Safety Modules up to date. If you have Modules expiring and needing to be completed, give the Union Office a call to have the testing authorization turned on.

**EMPLOYMENT CHANGES:** All employment changes; hire, lay off, fire, shop change, disability, etc. must be called into the Union Hall. This is the only way to guarantee you are on the

out of work list and your employment records remain current and correct.

**LAY OFF/HIRE:** Please be reminded, all members shall notify the Business Manager within 48 hours after accepting a job or upon termination of employment. Failure to report will result in an automatic fifty dollar fine.

**SUB FUND TIME LIMITATION:** Please be reminded, per the Plan Document: Each time a participant receives a State Unemployment check, he/she must mail or deliver the receipt, check stub, or a copy of the check to the Administrator's office within thirty (30) days of receipt of said State Unemployment check. Any request for a benefit payment past the thirty (30) days will be denied per the Plan Document.

**NOTICE TO ALL:** When you move into the Medicare Advantage Program, your deductible balance for the year, is supposed to carry over. Whatever you have paid toward your annual deductible, prior to changing over to Medicare Advantage Program, should follow you. As with any system, there can be flaws. Please keep an eye out for any charges, related to your deductible balance not being carried over, when you move into the Medicare Advantage Program. If you receive a charge that should have been covered by your deductible, please contact the Fund Office.

**BENESYS:** When calling the Fund Office, Benesys, please be sure to get the name of the person providing you information. Lately, we have been experiencing some incorrect information being provided to our members. In order to make sure the correct information is provided, it helps to have a name so the Union Office can call Benesys, correct the person providing incorrect information and find out why they are providing our members with incorrect information.

**SICK AND INJURED:** Please keep all our sick and injured members in your thoughts and prayers.



## Local 47 Heat and Frost Insulators

**Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47**  
LANSING – \*The next Regular Meeting will be held Friday, July 12, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., and will be held at New JATC Training Center, 16475 Ingersoll Road, Lansing, MI 48906.

To ensure all Active Members and Retirees are receiving their Robo calls please make sure you have not blocked the following number: (804) 441-8365. There are several members who have the number blocked and therefore are not receiving the Robo Calls. These calls are only used for important notifications from the Local Union Business Manager and funeral notifications. If you are not receiving these calls, please contact the Local Union Office and we will double check to make sure we have the correct number in the system or if you may have blocked the number.

Please notify the Local Union Office with any phone and home address changes. We need the most current member information throughout our system, TIC's, and the with the International.

If you are Non-Active retiree or Surviving Spouse and would like to continue receiving the Building Tradesman please contact the Union Office to let us know.

Thank you to all the Members and their families who helped make our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual a success. We look forward to seeing everyone for next years Picnic!

Local 47 will hold its annual Golf Outing Saturday, July 20, at Royal Scot in Lansing. Call or text the office with the names of your team by July 5. Cost is \$75/ golfer, \$300/foursome.

**Per the Rules and Procedures:** Members must notify the office within 24 hours of being laid off or charges may be placed, you can do so by calling or texting the office at (517) 708-0665 with your layoff date and the name of the Contractor you were laid off from.

Members must notify the office before ANY overtime is worked.

**Pension and Health Welfare:** Joshua Kroell (989) 385-2671

Allied Workers Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds  
6525 Centurion Drive  
Lansing, MI 48917-9275  
Toll Free: (800) 323-8079  
Telephone: (517) 321-7502  
Fax: (517) 321-7508

Joshua Kroell will be available via phone to answer any questions regarding Pension, Welfare and Vacation Funds. Joshua is the Secretary for the Pension, Welfare, Vacation and Special Benefits and can be reached by phone at (989) 385-2671, or by mail at: P.O. Box 1498, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804.

To all active members, if you have not sent in your Coordination of Benefits Form, your Spousal Form, or your Birth Certificates for your Children, no one will be covered on our insurance until these items are sent to TIC. Please call TIC immediately at (800) 323-8079 and get the above-mentioned forms into the fund ASAP and you will be reinstated retroactively.

Remember that Auto and Motorcycle accidents are not covered by our plan. Auto and Motorcycle accidents should be covered by your personal Auto Insurance policy.

Members having questions regarding Pension and Welfare Fund please contact TIC International at the numbers below or log onto their Website: www.heatfrostlocal47benefits.org

**Please complete and return the working spousal forms to TIC.**

JATC Coordinator Phil Wilson (616-466-8736)

Applications are open for the Apprenticeship Program. Call the Union Office.

Under Duties of Apprenticeship, Section 5.3 part L, page 4 of the Apprenticeship Standards states, "According to the Apprenticeship Standards you are required to accurately fill out the online work report for NO later than ten (10) days from the end of the current work week."

**Good and Welfare:** We hope everyone stay in good health!



IN 2011, THE PREVIOUS owner of Michigan Central Station in Detroit made an initial effort to improve the property, with the start of a window replacement project. Here Asbestos Abatement Local 207 members employed by Professional Abatement Services hand scraped paint and caulk from a window.

Photo credit: Building Tradesman file photo



## Abatement Workers Local 207

**Abatement Workers Local 207**

TAYLOR – There are a lot of upcoming projects slated for early Spring so be prepared for work. When you do return to work in sites, remember to call



KEVIN MEAGHER

in if you are unemployed for help with future placement. Updated, working telephone numbers are necessary to help you with work placement. Do not get caught without the necessary current job site credentials.

Work in other areas of the region will be picking up in Tennessee and OHIO as well as Kentucky. Schoolwork will be firing up very soon so be prepared with all of your paperwork in order.

With most state agencies working from home during this pandemic filling out on-line renewals is the way to go. They

are processing much quicker than traditional mail in applications. If you have any questions about on-line applications or what states, you may want to get a license for do not hesitate to call the office or my cell. **If you can recommend anyone that you know can handle this work have them, call the office to get an application filled out and sent in so we can get them into the next class. You can also fill out application on our website WWW.local207.ORG**

**Upcoming Training classes CSI Refresher June 29th 8-4pm Call and register**

**Check with the Office to ensure the classes will occur as scheduled.**

– All classes will be held at Local 207's office @ 26453 Northline in Taylor.

– Classes begin promptly at 8AM and end at 4PM, followed by a Lead Awareness Update.

If you are due to expire and need one of these refreshers now, please call the Taylor Office (1-800-207-5622) to register.

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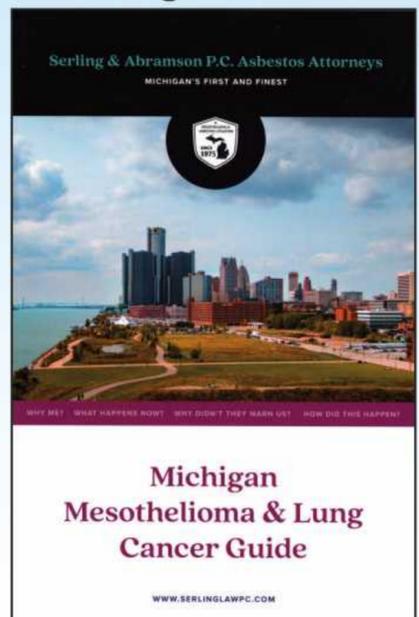
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THE SOUTH CONCOURSE at Michigan Central Station is shown above left, in an early photo; above center, in its wrecked, flooded state (which would have made a good skating rink in the winter) and the version under renovation by a swarm of building trades workers in 2022, above right. Passengers from arriving trains would walk through this space. Most of the original intricate brick-work on the walls was able to be retained in the renovation. Photo credit, left: Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library Photo credits center and right, Marty Mulcahy

# Behold: Michigan Central Station!

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In 2018, I decided it was time to change that by reimagining this station as a place of possibility again. Over the past six years, Ford Motor Co. and teams of forward thinkers, designers, community leaders, and more than 3,000 skilled tradespeople have worked to bring this landmark back to life.

Ford and Michigan Central assembled a dream team to breathe new life into the stunning Beaux-Arts building – from its classical façade to its ornate interiors, including the Grand Hall with its 54-foot Guastavino tile vaulted ceiling, to the arcade, ticket lobby, and restaurant. Since renovations began in late 2018, more than 1.7 million hours have been spent meticulously returning the station to its original architectural grandeur, while retrofitting it with modern technology and infrastructure to support its next chapter. More than 80 subcontractors worked on the project.

“I wanted Michigan Central to be beautifully restored but also reimagined for so much more,” Ford said. “This will be a place for the community to enjoy and a destination for visitors from all over. We will have restaurants, music, art, and great retail. And the innovation that will happen here, with startups and companies big and small, will help ensure Detroit preserves its title as the Motor City for generations to come.”

Originally designed by architects Warren & Wetmore and Reed & Stem, the same team behind New York’s famed Grand Central Station, Michigan Central Station first opened its doors in 1913 as one of the country’s most spectacular transportation terminals. It saw 4,000 daily passengers at its peak, but, following decades of declining rail travel, was shuttered in 1988 and sat vacant for three decades.

“Our construction teams have accomplished what many thought was impossible,” said Ron Staley, executive director of historic preservation for Christman-Brinker, the Detroit-based joint venture that led the restoration work. “The result is amazing, like no other project any of us have worked on in our careers, and I look forward to everyone experiencing the space at this week’s opening and for generations to come.”

Construction teams looked to old and new technologies to ensure accuracy to historical standards and to preserve, re-create, and repurpose different aspects of the building from all chapters of its life. For example, to source more than 600 tons of limestone, Ford and its partners located the same quarry in Indiana that provided the original stone for the station’s exterior more than

100 years ago. The quarry, like the station, had been closed for three decades, and needed to be reopened for the project.

“Everything Ford could save, we did, and other elements were re-created through technology and tenacity,” said Melissa Dittmer, head of place at Michigan Central. “At the same time, it was important to us to respect the station’s extraordinary past, including its ongoing role in Detroit’s cultural landscape. Weaving these histories through repurposed, state-of-the-art spaces will enable us to create an inclusive, forward-looking building that can propel innovation for the next 100 years.”

Christman/Brinker Project Manager Rob Yallop, leading a media tour of the building last month, said “organizationally sequentially, the job for all of us and the trades was a huge challenge.” He said project leaders divided the building into sections, and then the tradespeople into different teams. The placement of temporary enclosures allowed work to proceed, “to keep the trades from working proficiently and not on top of each other. It actually worked out pretty well.”

Austin Giesey, also a project manager for Christman/Brinker, said it was the tradespeople who made the project successful.

“We had 550 tradespeople at peak employment, and you look back and actually, for everything that took place, it was a smooth job; a safe job,” he said. “This has been one of the most iconic jobs in the country, and they (the tradespeople) are the ones who made it happen. They were there when we took everything apart and then we put it back together. Credit to everyone who helped get us to the end.”

Michigan Central Station, along with “NewLab” next door, the newly renovated 1930s-era former schoolbook depository, will provide 640,000 square feet of cultural, technology, community, and convening spaces “designed to inspire creative collaboration between established companies, universities, growing startups, youth initiatives, students, and other stakeholders,” Michigan Central says.

Additional renovation facts:

- 8 million bricks make up The Station, which if laid end to end would stretch about 1,000 miles.
- 1,300 square feet of terra cotta cornice was restored.
- 102,000 square feet of windows were replaced or restored.
- 4,200 new light fixtures were installed, including recreations of three massive chandeliers in the Waiting Room and Grand Hall.
- 3.5 million gallons of water were pumped from its basement, and 3,990 cubic yards of debris were hauled out of the building.

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**Michigan Painters District Council**

**District Council 1M**  
**Business Manager:** Robert Gonzalez  
**Meeting date:** 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., with the Executive Board meeting at 6 p.m.  
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**Place:** 1473 N. 30th St., Galesburg, MI 49053  
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**Business Rep:** Scott Mikulen  
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**Place:** 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI.  
**Web site:** www.iupat-local514.org.

**Local Union 826**  
**Business Rep:** Rocky Ackerman  
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**Place:** 3115 Joyce St, Burton, MI 48529

**Local Union 845**  
**Business Rep –** Fred Frederickson  
**Meeting date:** 1st Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.  
**Place:** 419 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933  
**Local Union 1052**  
**Business Rep –** Jake Fluty  
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**Place:** 3115 Joyce St., Burton MI 48529

**Local Union 1803**  
**Business Rep:** Josh Ovalle  
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**Place:** 7677 Midland Road, Freeland, MI 48623.

**Local Union 2352**  
**Business Rep:** Jeremy Haviland  
**Meeting Date:** 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave., Warren, MI.

**Local Union 2353**  
**Business Rep:** Tony Parker  
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**MOVING REFUSE** materials through the former main waiting room at the Michigan Central Station project in April 2022 is laborer Sammy Peaster of Local 1191. He was employed by Brinker.

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**PDC 1M WARREN –** Dear Members, **DC1M WEBSITE:** www.iupat-dc1michigan.org



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**LOCAL 357 GLAZIERS AND GLASSWORKERS 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY.** Congratulations to Local 357 on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on Saturday. It was well attended with +200 people in attendance. 100 years of commitment, dedication and service to the Glazing Industry and this Union. **To another 100 years! Congratulations!**  
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**IUPAT District Council 1M MICHIGAN**

**Local 591 Sign, Pictorial & Display**

**Sign Pictorial & Display 591**  
 WARREN – The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday July 2, at 6:30p.m. Trustees and union stewards meet at 6:00 p.m.  
 Members must be in good standing (dues up to date) with district council 1 app or receipt of paid dues to attend meeting  
 Anyone possessing a union membership and who willingly works at a nonunion shop doing union work can have charges preferred against them under Sec. 16.4, and 19.8 of the District

**Council By-laws**  
 Any questions on local union issues, please call Jeremy Haviland at 586-899-0183, your Business Representative.  
 Questions pertaining to Local 591 Pension Fund issues call 248-645-6550 and/or Health Care issues call 248-358-3340 or 800-482-8736 which will then be answered directly through fund office.  
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**IUPAT District Council 1M MICHIGAN**

**Local 357 Glaziers & Glassworkers**

**Glaziers & Glassworkers 357**  
 WARREN – Our next union meeting will be held on Monday July 1, at 6pm. This meeting will be a “special called meeting.” We will be nominating a Trustee for local 357. Please make every effort to attend. **IUPAT DC1M Union Hall. 14587 Barber Ave, Warren Michigan 48088**  
 On Saturday June 8 we held our Local 357 100th anniversary party, at the Vintage House in Fraser. Thank you to the hundreds that attended. Thank you to our Officers, Contractors, and all the Local 357 Brothers, and Sisters that made this party special. Congratulations Glaziers, and Glassworkers Local 357 on 100 years of excellence!

The IUPAT pension has updated the pension website. There is new information that could be helpful. Iupatpension.org

The IUPAT has a new app that you can download. It’s called IUPAT Mobile Member Portal. You can find this in the app store, and it is a free app. Once you download this app, you will need your union member id to log in. You can find your member id printed on your quarterly union card. It’s a helpful tool to track

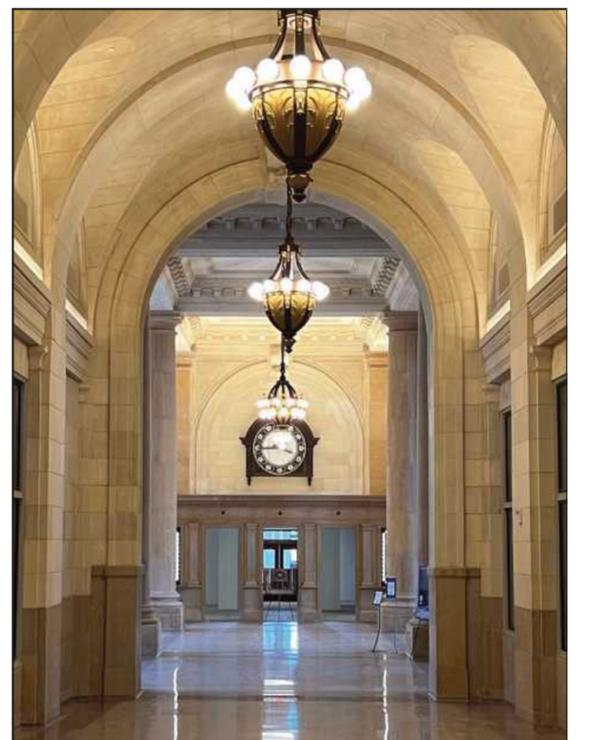
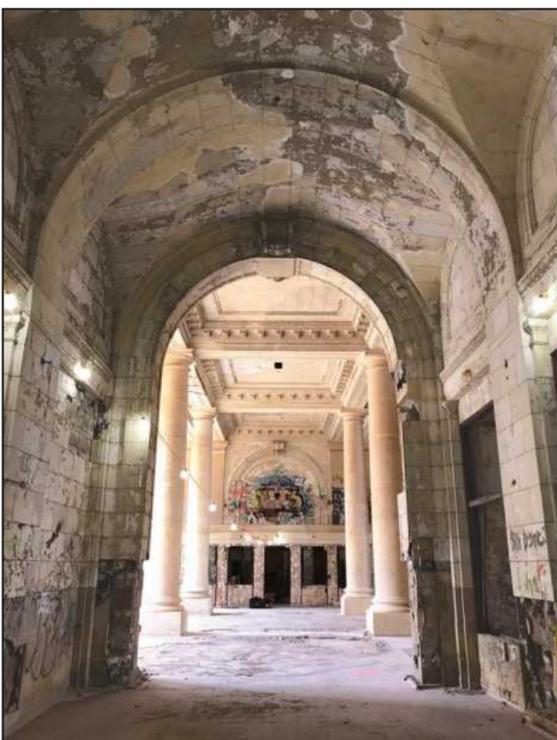
your hours worked, and it also has a digital copy of your union card.  
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When traveling to work out of town, all members are reminded that they must check in with the local that you are working in as per the International Constitution and our local C.B.A.  
 The Fund Office address is Michigan Glass and Glazing Joint Funds, P.O. Box 966, Troy, MI 48098-066; phone number: 248-641-4957; fax 248-813-9898.

If you are in need of safety modules, please contact your employer if you are employed or the union office @ 586-552-4478, if you’re not. Any questions call the hall or call the Council @ 586-552-4474. Participation is very important to keep our union strong, so try to make it to a meeting.  
**-Business Rep- Don Stepp**



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THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL’S Arcade to the ticket lobby is shown above left, in 1919. Above center is the ruined, graffitied, pre-renovation view. Above right is the restored version. The iconic clock above the ticket counter was meticulously restored using old photos and returned remnants of the old clock.



## Outdoors Tracking fish



From the Michigan DNR

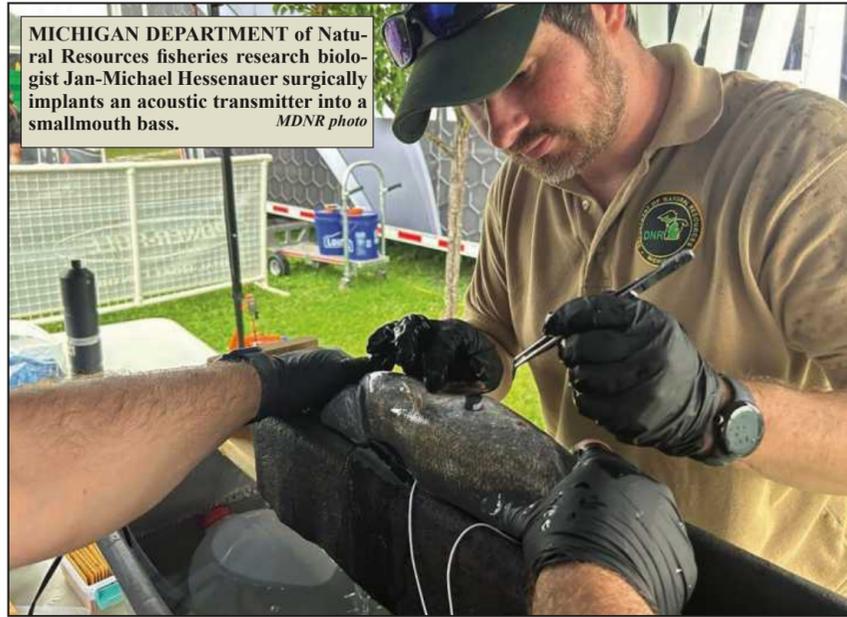
We all know fish swim and move. But the when, where and why often remains a mystery for anglers and fisheries managers alike.

Managing fish populations requires a comprehensive understanding of fish behavior – driven by the biology of the fish and the environments they live in – as well as the anglers who value and enjoy Michigan's world-class fisheries. Understanding angler behavior is relatively easy because people talk and can tell us what they like to catch and what motivates them to fish. Fish behavior, on the other hand? Well, that is more of a challenge.

The animals we are passionate about, both as anglers and resource managers, aren't vocal and remain hidden in the depths of Michigan's waters, where their movements are mostly unseen. Fortunately, fisheries managers in Michigan have adopted an advanced technology to unravel the mysteries of when, where, why and even how far fish travel. That technology is acoustic telemetry, and the information gained from this high-tech tracking method is helping fisheries managers address a variety of challenges, including conserving native stocks, controlling invasive species and understanding habitat use.

**Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System network.** Deciphering fish movement patterns in the Great Lakes with acoustic telemetry became much easier in 2010, with the creation of the Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observations System. The GLATOS network uses cutting-edge technology to repeatedly observe the location of individual fish across short time intervals.

The ability to record the location of an individual fish over time is a substantial advancement from previous methods that solely relied upon knowing the release location of a uniquely marked fish and a subsequent recapture location, often provided by an angler. While the data from these methods are informative, a major shortcoming is that they provide no information on how the fish



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT of Natural Resources fisheries research biologist Jan-Michael Hessenauer surgically implants an acoustic transmitter into a smallmouth bass. MDNR photo

behaves between the time it was released and recaptured.

So how does acoustic telemetry work? The GLATOS network functions as a surveillance grid, consisting of receivers, or "listening stations," strategically placed throughout the Great Lakes and capable of recording detections of fish that have been implanted with individually coded acoustic transmitters – or "pingers" – that the receivers are constantly listening for.

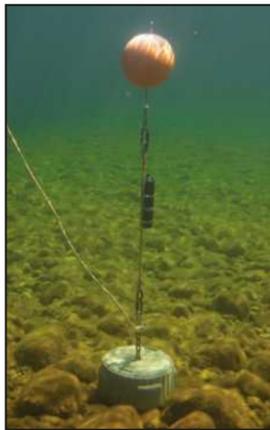
This network of receivers and pinging fish provides vast spatial coverage of some of the largest lakes in the world and is supported by intensive collaborations among several state, federal and tribal fisheries resources agencies, universities and nongovernmental organizations.

There are currently more than 3,000 receivers in the Great Lakes Basin in the process of detecting pinging fish. An astonishing 24,000 fish have been implanted with acoustic transmitters since the GLATOS network was created, providing fisheries managers with year-round, 24/7, fine-scale fish behavior data that was never available before.

Read on for a snapshot of what biologists have learned

about some of Michigan's most popular fish species:

**Lake Michigan whitefish.** Lake whitefish yields in Lake



**AN ACOUSTIC receiver anchored underwater. More than 3,000 receivers in the Great Lakes Basin are currently in the process of detecting signals from fish implanted with individually coded acoustic transmitters.** (Photo credit: T. Binder, Great Lakes Fishery Commission via GLATOS)

Michigan and Lake Huron have declined by more than 50 percent since the early 2000s. Although the reasons for these declines remain somewhat unclear, the lasting effects of invasive species on Great Lakes habitat and food webs are certainly at play. For example, the smothering of rocky spawning reefs by invasive zebra and quagga mussels may be reducing lake whitefish egg deposition and survival.

As part of an effort to ultimately restore this lost reef habitat, researchers from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and other agencies are using acoustic telemetry to characterize fine-scale movement patterns of lake whitefish on several reefs in northern Lake Michigan during the fall spawning season. Many acoustic receivers are placed closely together over the spawning reefs to precisely determine the position of acoustic-tagged fish and their spawning locations. Pairing these positional data with high-resolution maps of the water depths and lake bottom around the reefs allows researchers to examine the habitat characteristics that

concentrate lake whitefish during the spawning season.

These data indicate that shallow reef complexes have "hot spots" for spawning activity that often correspond with shallow, low-sloping, rocky ridges. The collection of eggs on these hot spots has affirmed that acoustic telemetry data can be used to correctly identify spawning locations where egg deposition is occurring. Researchers are now using these high-resolution data to prioritize experimental invasive mussel removal efforts on spawning reefs to locally increase egg deposition and survival.

**Saginaw Bay walleye.** Decades-long jaw-tagging experiments have shown that some walleye leave Saginaw Bay for the main basin of Lake Huron, but before the GLATOS network was available, little was known about the actual proportion, timing and range of their movement. Acoustic telemetry led to the discovery that nearly 40 percent of Saginaw Bay's walleye migrate into the main basin by June 1 each year, with no movement out of the bay later in the year. The fish that leave Saginaw Bay travel long distances and repeatedly go to the same destinations each year before returning in the fall to overwinter and spawn again the following spring.

Researchers aren't sure why some walleye migrate and others remain residents of the bay, but whichever behavior they exhibit is consistent each year. These details about fish movement are very important for stock assessment and for setting fishing regulations, because they help managers understand when and where fish will be susceptible to angler harvest.

More recently, acoustic telemetry is being used to learn where walleye are spawning in Saginaw Bay and how these spawning fish use the different rivers and reefs in the bay. This work will help fisheries managers know which spawning locations are the most important to protect and perhaps pursue improvements to fish passage in rivers or restore reef habitat.

**Muskie and smallmouth bass in the Lake St. Clair-Detroit River system.** The muskellunge and smallmouth bass fisheries in Lake St. Clair and its connecting waters are world-famous and renowned for their high catch rates. The Michigan DNR and its partners have been using the GLATOS network to

better understand the behavior of these two species that are the target of substantial angler effort in southeast Michigan.

Acoustic telemetry revealed widespread movements of muskie throughout Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and Lake Erie, including the movement of one fish from its tagging location in the Detroit River all the way to Buffalo, New York, and back!

Movements like this demonstrate the potential connectivity of Great Lakes muskellunge populations, the movement potential of individual fish, and the importance of collaborative and well-coordinated interagency fisheries management for populations that cross state and provincial borders.

Meanwhile, investigations of smallmouth bass in Lake St. Clair demonstrate that they tend to remain in relatively confined areas within the lake, like Anchor Bay in the northern part of the lake or the Mile roads on the western shoreline, despite frequent movements within those areas. This behavior suggests that the Lake St. Clair smallmouth bass population could be comprised of different subpopulations of fish, which may have their own demographics. The characteristics of these unique subpopulations must be accounted for when managing the lake as a whole.

**Can anglers assist with acoustic telemetry research?** Yes! Anglers can and do provide a great deal of help with ongoing acoustic telemetry studies in the Great Lakes. Many of the fish that are currently pinging have external tags on their bodies that indicate an acoustic transmitter is implanted inside. When anglers catch one of these fish, they should call the phone number on the external tag or visit the Michigan DNR Eyes in the Field online reporting system.

If the fish is harvested, the DNR can make arrangements to collect the acoustic transmitter, which can sometimes be reused in another fish. When a fish with an acoustic tag is captured by an angler and released, reporting the location helps biologists to confirm the fish is alive and verify its location.

By Todd Wills, Seth Herbst, David Fielder, Jan-Michael Hessenauer, Ben Turshak & Chris Vandergrout,\* MI Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division staff members and \*director of the Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System

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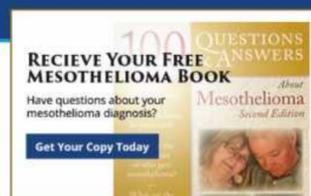
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