



**IBEW Local 146**  
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**Regular Union Meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00PM**

**Job Referral Bid Line Open:**  
**5:00PM to 7:00AM**

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 IBEW Decatur



3-5	Decatur Celebration	
<b>10-16</b>	<b>DON'T FORGET TO RE-SIGN</b>	
14	Tuesday	Union Meeting 6:00PM
14	Tuesday	Retiree Lunch
21	Tuesday	JATC Meeting 4:00PM
28	Tuesday	E Board Meeting 6:00PM



3	Monday	Labor Day —
All Offices will be closed		
<b>10-16</b>	<b>DON'T FORGET TO RE-SIGN</b>	
11	Tuesday	Union Meeting 6:00PM
11	Tuesday	Retiree Lunch
18	Tuesday	JATC Meeting 4:00PM
25	Tuesday	E Board Meeting 6:00PM

2018 Holidays

The Union Office, METC and Credit Union will be closed in observance of the following holidays.

Labor Day

Monday, September 3

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 22

Veterans Day (in lieu of 11th)

Friday, November 23

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

## THE DAY OF WORKING FAMILIES

# LABOR DAY 2018

## September 3rd

**“We Are One”**

The 2018 Labor Day parade will follow the traditional parade route through Downtown Decatur. Line up will begin at 9:00AM in the vicinity of Franklin Street near the Macon County Sheriff’s office, stepping off at 10:00AM. The exact location has not been determined. Check with any parade volunteer that morning.

Anyone who wishes to drive a contractor vehicle should plan on being at the staging area early. We would like 1 truck from each area contractor if possible. A truck will be available for retirees to ride in.

T shirts will be at the parade staging area for those walking in the parade and candy will be provided for distribution along the parade route. Candy CANNOT be thrown from vehicles or floats.

The annual Picnic in the Park will begin at 11:30AM in the main pavilion at Fairview Park. Food, refreshments, entertainment, bounce houses and an ice cream truck will be provided.

Each person will need a wristband for entry to the picnic. Local #146 has purchased these and will have them available at the parade line-up. For those just going to the picnic, wristbands may be picked up at the Union Office starting Thursday, August 30th or from a Local 146 officer at the picnic.



**2017/2018 School Year — Book Fees and First Night of Class**

**Books**

**Fees:** 1<sup>st</sup> Year: \$771.56 2<sup>nd</sup> Year: \$611.38 3<sup>rd</sup> Year: \$656.72 4<sup>th</sup> Year: \$561.68 5<sup>th</sup> Year: \$634.14

**Early Pick-Up** – Books are planned to be available for purchase and early pick up starting Monday 8/13/18. **Please call ahead** if you plan to purchase and pick up your books early. Books may also be purchased during your first night of Primary RCT. **Checks/money orders made payable to METC. NO CASH and NO PLASTIC.**

**Primary RCT**

**First Night of Class:**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year** Instructors and Apprentices: **Tuesday August 28, 2018 at 5:30 pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Year** Instructors and Apprentices: **Thursday August 30, 2018 at 5:30 pm.**

**Class/Instructor Assignments:**

1<sup>st</sup> Year: Alf Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Drew Karr 3<sup>rd</sup> Year: Dillon Lewis 4<sup>th</sup> Year: Nate Frederick 5<sup>th</sup> Year: Marc Stuart

IBEW Local #146 would like to say “Thank You” to the following brothers that have faithfully and loyally served our brotherhood for over 30 years.

30 Years - Michael Birge, Joe Brown, Steve Deters, Paul Dial, Rob Hart, John Koehler, Harry Maxeiner, Jeff Nadler, Mark O’Dell

35 Years - Dan Allard, Mike Hall, James Johnson, Henry Koester, Brian Oyler, Richy Ray, David Stuart, Fred Thomas

40 Years - Robert Angell, Robert Barnes, Warren Elder, Derrol Fleischmann, Michael Fowler, Al Green, John Heise, Mark Krey, Marion McVey, Jerry Ohl, Christopher Propst, Joe Thompson, Ernest Turnage, Joe Webb, Danny Zimmerman

45 Years - James Gillies, David McCullough, Jack Priest, Neil Reeser, Danial Waite, Ken Warner, Steve Young

50 Years - James Brummitt, Ken Burger, James Crosby, Teddy Elsea, Steve Fisher, Warren Goodrich, Johnnie Laukaitis, Ken Manley, Earl Poe, John Taylor

55 Years - David Allen, William Harnish, Stephen Williams

60 Years - Donald Brunner, Donald Walker

65 Years - James Daugherty

# DECATUR CELEBRATION August 3-5, 2018

As Local 146 has done for 30+ years, we continue to offer the electrical maintenance throughout the Celebration venue during the event. Sign up now to secure your preferred 3 hour shift. Slots begin Friday afternoon as vendors start their set-up and run through tear down on Sunday night.

**WE POWER THE PARTY!!**

## Mideastern Illinois Labor Council

### Annual Family Picnic

**Saturday, August 25, 2018**

**Noon to 4:00PM**

### Fox Ridge State Park

7 miles south of Charleston on Route 130

Free food, entertainment and brotherhood

Come and enjoy slow roasted beef,  
hot dogs and sides

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the day with fellow brothers and sisters and their families.

## Business Manager's Report

Hello brothers and sisters.

I'm happy to report that work remains pretty good in Local 146 as we head towards the end of summer. In fact, work for IBEW members is good in most places around the country. Here at home we have several projects underway and many more just getting started. Every hospital in our local is undergoing renovations and/or additions and work at our industrial facilities is staying strong for the most part. We are monitoring a few large projects proposed for our area and if things pan out work could remain good for the foreseeable future. Fuyao Glass in Mt. Zion (formerly PPG) is reportedly looking at a major expansion estimated to be in the \$500 million dollar range. Cronus Chemicals and Thyssenkrupp (general contractor) are meeting almost weekly working out issues and planning for the Fertilizer Plant near Tuscola. We still don't have a start date for this project, but I can tell you that discussions between the Building Trades, Cronus, and Thyssenkrupp have increased significantly over the past couple of months and we are being told that a construction contract is very close to being signed.

Another large project that we are actively involved with is the proposed wind farm in Dewitt County. There is some opposition to this project by residents who are concerned about several issues ranging from noise pollution and flicker effect to declining property values and the effects on birds. I'm not trying to make light of opponents' concerns, but most of the arguments against wind energy are either founded in rumor or have been promoted by groups that are opposed to green energy. Berkeley Lab, which is a science lab of the Dept. of Energy, conducted a study of residents living near wind farms and found that over 90% of residents living within 5 miles of a wind farm either said they felt positive about the turbines or were neutral. Only 8% of the respondents had a negative or somewhat negative opinion. If you look at residents closer to the turbines (within half a mile) 75% had a positive or neutral opinion, and 25% had a negative or somewhat negative opinion. The largest number of complaints against wind was due to the way they look. I challenge you to find any issue in America right now that has 75% support. We probably don't even have 75% of the population that believes Russia is our enemy! Like any project nobody wants something built in their backyard, but how many of us would be employed if we had no projects being built in somebody's backyard.

The biggest news to report on is the Supreme Court's decision in the Janus vs. AFSCME case. For those of you that don't know, this case was backed by Governor Rauner and paid for by anti-union organizations from the very beginning. Mark Janus was an employee of the State of Illinois and no longer wanted to pay AFSCME, his "fair share" of the cost of representing him. Decades of precedent in Federal Courts was overturned when the current Supreme Court ruled that all public employees are no longer required to pay their agency fees (dues) even if they are covered under a collective bargaining agreement that is negotiated by a union. This effectively makes "Right To Work" the law of the land for all government employees in the United States, regardless of whether your state is a RTW state or not. Now, unions are required to represent workers who are not members or agency fee payers. This is nothing more than a direct attack on organized labor by those groups interested in weakening our ability to fight for wages, benefits, and working conditions. If unions have less money coming in they will be forced to cut staff and resources and will not be able to provide service to their membership. I think it is reasonable to expect that it won't be long before anti-union groups like the Illinois Policy Institute take a case to the Supreme Court challenging the union security clause in private sector agreements which would make the entire country "Right To Work". By the way, Mark Janus has now joined the Illinois Policy Institute and is working for its Liberty Justice Center.

This is a DIRECT RESULT of the 2014 and 2016 elections. In 2014 when Bruce Rauner was elected Governor in Illinois his primary mission was and still is to destroy labor unions in this state. He has spent tens of millions of dollars to turn Speaker Madigan into a supervillain and you need to look no further than Madigan's support of organized labor to understand why. If it were not for Speaker Madigan, organized labor would be in a much weaker position in Illinois. In 2015 Governor Rauner started the case of Janus vs. AFSCME and was able to circumvent the legislative process to achieve what he couldn't democratically.

The 2016 election was important for many reasons, but maybe the biggest reason was the ability of the President to appoint Supreme Court Justices. With the election of President Trump and his appointment of Neil Gorsuch to the court organized labor has been dealt a blow that it may take decades to recover from. If the Republicans in the United States Senate had held hearings and confirmed Obama's Supreme Court Nominee Merrick Garland in 2016 we likely would have avoided the situation. And we certainly would have avoided it if Hillary Clinton was President. This is why elections matter! If we as union members can't unite at the ballot box to protect our ability to collectively bargain, the middle class in America will be a thing of the past. I know that the majority of our membership wants to make good wages, have decent health insurance, be able to retire with dignity and aren't thinking about politics every day. Too many people fall for the divide and conquer rhetoric that is spread by conservative special interest groups and end up voting against their own best interests. Union members need to wake up and see that corporate interests have more power in government now than at any time since the Great Depression and the income gap between the wealthy and everyone else shows that. Your vote matters, make it count and vote your paycheck this fall.

In brotherhood,

*Jash*

## Union Meeting Announcements

### Proposition for Membership:

Juan Negrete-DIE	Travis Stotler-DIE	Jed Shumaker-1st Yr App
Kyle Brumleve-1st Yr App	Jake Wade-1st Yr App	Lance Hunt-1st Yr App
Anthony Pruemmer-1st Yr VDV App	Chris Brewer-BMS	Ian Mundstock-Resi Trainee
Noah Hutchinson-CW	John Thornton-BMS	

### Accidents/Illness/Births/Sympathies:

5/6	Brian & Eric Buchanan's mother passed away	6/22	Scott Tondello had surgery
5/14	Sam Richardson broke his collar bone	6/22	Cody Burns has a new baby girl
5/20	Thomas Luttrell was in a car accident	6/25	Travis Funneman had surgery
6/3	Jason Gentry's father passed away	7/5	Tom Gadberry has a new baby boy
6/5	Jason Beasley broke his knee	7/8	Levi Nadler has a new baby girl
6/15	Gary Bonds had back surgery		
6/17	Paul Shelton & Dan Whipple's grandmother passed		

	<u>Door Prize</u>	<u>50/50</u>	<u>Credit Union</u>
June	Jake Wade	Lynette Barringer	Jake Wade
July	Darin Hill	Bernie Gillies	Antonio Douglas



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!  
IT PAYS TO ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETING\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

June Union Meeting had 46 in attendance  
July Union Meeting had 54 in attendance



### In Memoriam

Brother Bear Logue passed away on July 18, 2018 at the age of 70. He was a 50 year member of the IBEW.

May we offer our condolences to the family and friends of our brother and may we always cherish the memories.

IBEW Local #601 41st Annual Invitational Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament  
August 11th and 12th  
Prairie Park  
2000 E Washington St in Urbana

Local 146 has registered a team for this tournament. If you would be interested in participating, please call Justin Martin at 217-619-6097 for details.