



# LOCAL NEWS

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**UNION MEETING**  
**THURSDAY,**  
**March 2, 2017 at**  
**7:00 pm**



## WORK PICTURE

There have been many calls for men put in over this past month. Thompson Electric has taken four Journeymen, Metro took one man and Enerfab has taken two men to work at the new Pork Plant down the road from the Hall. Both Thompson and Enerfab have said they plan on taking more throughout the month of March.

Local 22 has had open calls and construction work throughout the nation is still booming. If you are interested in seeing America and making a lot of money while doing it the opportunities are limitless. Many of our local signatory partners agree that this year looks to be another great year for local construction.



## APTITUDE TESTS SCHEDULED

Sioux City Electrical JATC had the aptitude test scheduled **April 14th** with interviews following in May.

Please let anyone you know who has expressed an interest in getting into the apprenticeship that they must get their request for an application in as soon as possible!

## CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

**WHAT: PLC Class**

**WHEN: March 21 & 22, 2017**

**TIME: 5:30-8:30 P.M. Each Day**

**WHERE: Local 231's Hall**

**Limited to 12 people**

**WHAT TO BRING: Lap top with Windows 7 or 10, if possible.**

Please call the Hall to register since space is limited.

**WHAT: SEARCHING THE CODE**

**WHEN: April 5 & 12, 2017**

**TIME: 5:30-9:00 P.M. Each Day**

**WHERE: WITCC Gaylord Smith Bldg, room C-141**

**Limited to 30 people.**

**Credit: 8 Hours Code towards renewal of Iowa, Nebraska, & South Dakota Electrical Licenses.**

**WHAT TO BRING: 2014 NEC Required.**

**WHAT: NEC REQUIREMENTS FOR ARTICLE 230**

**WHEN: May 8 & 15, 2017**

**TIME: 5:00-9:00 P.M. Each Day**

**WHERE: WITCC Gaylord Smith Bldg., room C-141**

**Limited to 30 people.**

**Credit: 8 Hours Code towards renewal of Iowa, Nebraska, & South Dakota Electrical Licenses.**

**WHAT TO BRING: 2014 NEC Required.**

Contact the JATC Office to sign-up.  
712-274-6474 or Richard.moon@witcc.edu





Local 231 extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Dusty Small on the loss of his father, Donald.

Donald W. Small, 81 of Sioux City passed away Monday, January 23,

2017 at his home with his family by his side.

Donald was born April 20, 1935 in Plymouth County, the son Donald E. and Eunice (McCrill) Small. He graduated from Central high school. He married Barbara J. Comstock at Calvary Lutheran Church in Leeds.

He was truly a people person. He worked for several years at American Family Insurance. Thereafter, he started his own company, Total Insurance, which he ran for many years until he retired. He also loved motorcycling and traveling to state parks enjoying the wildlife. He especially liked to hand feed the deer behind his home.

Don loved watching westerns, especially John Wayne, playing cards, and spending time with family and friends.

Local 231 extends its sympathy to the family and friends of deceased member Owen Hiniker.

Eileen Mary (Kellen) Hiniker, 87, of Cherokee, passed away Thursday, Dec 22, 2016, at her residence. Owen died on February 1, 2013.



Eileen was born on January 6, 1929 in LeMars, Iowa. She graduated from Mankato School of Business and worked as a secretary/bookkeeper in Mankato, Minnesota.

She married Owen on October 18, 1948 at St. Columbia Catholic Church in Iona. She was active in Democratic politics for 28 years and served as the treasurer of the Cherokee County Democrats for 12 years. She also enjoyed working the county elections.

Eileen continued to read our monthly news letters even after Owen's death. Owen was a IBEW member for 50 years and Eileen felt the IBEW was a large part of their lives.

She will be lovingly remembered.

Local 231 extends its condolences to the family and friends of Bruce Ballinger on the loss of his step mother, Emma.

Emma Louise Ballinger, 87 of Elk Point, SD passed away Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at her home.

Emma was born on August 31, 1929 in Brooklyn, NY. She married Reynold Ballinger in 1971 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elk Point.

She was loving, generous, and giving of both her time and resources to loved ones and charitable causes.



### ORGANIZER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a short, but busy month. I spent three days in Des Moines for the State Building and Trades Convention. This was new and informative experience for me.

The first day was a workshop explaining the Preferred Bidder Language's benefits and how to debate it with officials. This is a common sense process with similar language that was passed by the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors on a bipartisan vote of 5-0. The presenters also warned us the Iowa House is preparing to introduce legislation preventing cities and counties from adopting it.

The second day had very knowledgeable speakers educating us on the recent election and results. That afternoon was spent at the State Capitol watching the House and Senate pass bills eliminating The Public Sector Collective Bargaining Agreement; Chapter 20. This was a very eye opening and somber event. One Iowa House member said, "Their raises can only be 3% or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower." This can have very long reaching effects.

The final day addressed current concerns facing the Building Trades. A stand out speaker was IA Senate Minority Leader Rob Hogg. He assured us that 2018 will be an exciting election. After his speech Dean Bradham (UA33 organizer) and I had the chance to talk with him. Senator Hogg views Northwestern Iowa as an opportunity for Labor friendly candidates. We look forward to the challenge.

The last week of February Jason and I will be attending the 11<sup>th</sup> District Membership Development meeting in Omaha. These are always informative and educational.

The rest of month was spent doing job and contractor visits throughout our jurisdiction. We have some good opportunities in our jurisdiction. You cannot help but be positive. Even with recent events, I still feel our future is brighter then ever.

Fraternally Yours,  
Craig Levine

#### NIPCO NEGOTIATION

NIPCO negotiations are set for this year and our first meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2017 at NIPCO.

Please plan on attending this meeting if you are with our NIPCO group.

#### SOUP KITCHEN SCHEDULE REMINDER FOR 2017

If you volunteer for the Soup Kitchen or would like to, listed below are the dates we serve this year. Be at the Soup Kitchen at 5:00 P.M. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The dates are as follows: **March 22**, June 21, September 20 and December 20th.

#### REMINDERS

**Dues are \$39.00 per month for 2017.** If you are more than three month's behind in dues, there is a \$30.00 reinstatement fee charged by the I.O.

Make sure you're current on Death Benefits.

Visit Sioux City Electrical JATC's website at [scjatc.org](http://scjatc.org). Continuing Education class, information on apprenticeship and much more can be found on their site.

If you need to change your beneficiary information, please contact the Hall.

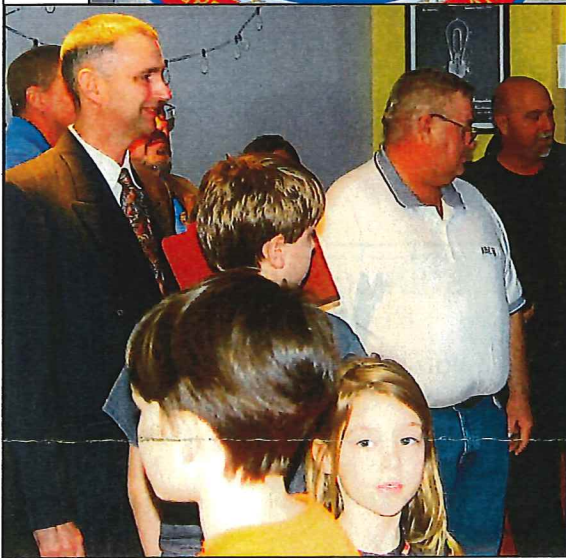
If you have a change of address, please notify the Hall.



## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Children's Miracle Network Themed room at Unity Point Health St. Luke's Foundation

Brothers and Sisters of IBEW 231 contributed \$15,000.00 in support of the St. Luke's Children's Miracle Network as a sponsor of a pediatric patient themed room. We can be proud to consider our selves a wonderful sponsor of this cause to motivate children to be active, feel comfortable, and promote a faster recovery during their hospital stay.

Jason Bowman, Craig Levine, Jim Schultz, Andrew Garlinghouse, Dan Reynolds, Bill Ferguson, and Rob Ferguson attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on February 22, at Unity Point to celebrate and unveil the newly children's themed room. This room called "Love & Light" will mesmerize kids with glow-in-the-dark wall art, a light-up drawing board, light installations that can turn 96 colors at varying speeds and a craft table to create their own engineering wonders.



## Moonlighting

I have been advised that there may be some apprentices who are choosing to act as Contractors in that they are doing side work for profit. Please let me remind any who are choosing this path that getting caught could mean your career and possibly charges being filed along with some sort of legal reprimand should something they work on fail and somebody or something get hurt in the process. Our contractors are bonded, licensed and insured and the wages we demand of them should not be forsaken by members who choose to do work at a cheaper rate thus breaking down conditions for us all. If you have a family member or a civic/community program you are willing to donate time to, this is not moonlighting, but it is in the best interest of all that you notify the Hall and your current employer. We have done much for our community and that is a good thing, unless it reaches the point that it hurts our contracting partners, thus the membership's livelihood. If you are Moonlighting, please stop it now! Getting caught is a huge gamble on your part!

**Ideal Tools Elite Tradesman Competition National Winner**

We are excited and proud to announce our IBEW member Alan Bermudez placed 6<sup>th</sup> nationally out of all union and non-union competitors! He was one of the 64 invited winners out of 23,000 participants. The judging factors were time, quality and all work had to meet code standards.

Al has been an employee for Thompson Electric – Sioux City for 5 years and is in his 4<sup>th</sup> year apprenticeship.

The two day competition started by wiring a single pole switch to a light and outlet. This eliminated 1/2 of the invitees and Al was seeded 8<sup>th</sup> overall. The wiring challenges consisted of wiring a 220 volt range outlet which included cutting the hole in the drywall, fishing the wire down and finishing the job and wiring a 4 receptacle outlets with GFI's. The final challenge was to pull 40 ft. of wire through EMT and wire an outlet, switch and light.

Winning was quite an accomplishment for Al and all of us are very proud of his accomplishments!



**Can you help solve this mystery?**



We recently came across this adorable baby picture and would like to have help identifying who mom and dad are so that we can return the photo.

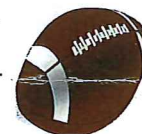
If you have any clues, please call the Hall.

**LOCAL 231'S WEBSITE**

Be sure to visit Local 231's website at [www.ibew231.com](http://www.ibew231.com) or [www.ibew231.net](http://www.ibew231.net) or [www.ibew231.org](http://www.ibew231.org). The site has been updated. Feel free to submit your suggestions about what you would like to see or add to the site. We look forward to your input to help make our site outstanding!

**UNION NIGHT AT THE BANDITS GAME**

The Western Iowa Labor Federation has scheduled a Labor Night at the April 29<sup>th</sup> Bandits game. Northwest Iowa Building Trades will be breaking out their grill and serving brats, burgers and fries. We will also be handing out free tickets to the game.



So come enjoy the game and brotherhood as the Bandits take on the Western Michigan Ironmen Tailgate start at 4:30PM at the Tyson Event Center parking lot.

**MEMBERS WITH DELINQUENT UNION DUES**

These members are behind for Jan., Feb. & Mar.: **Alan Bermudez, Trent Boyle, Nicholas Conrad, Brent Corio, Steve Dirks, Dean Dowling, Jeffrey Eichmann, Shannon Fitch, Jared Foster, Nicholas Hoffman, Thomas Holden, Tanner Kollbaum, Kyle Lamprecht, Jeremy McPherson, Chad Muecke, Mark Oberg, Aaron Sailer, Eric Smith, John Staiert, John Swanberg, Kelly Van Buskirk, Jason Ward, and Justin Wiebesiek** If payment is received before March 31st the \$30.00 reinstatement fee will be dropped.

These members are behind for Dec., Jan., Feb. & Mar.: **Rod Bartels, Dave Cancino, Zackery Hansen, Josh Jones, Dave May, Tim Paul.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee.

This member is behind for Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb. & Mar.: **Kalen Kluender, Matt Schooley, Steve Schram, Kregg Stalcup, Ryan Vakulskas and Tony Vaul.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee.

This member is behind for Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb. & Mar.: **Ray Kiefer.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement

