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Letter to Members

Hello Members of Local 840! For those of you that don't know me, my name is Jeff Watson. I have been a Field Representative at the Local since January 3, 2023. I am a St. James, MO native of which I live with my wife of almost 18 years and my son. I'm an outdoors kind of guy and like spending time with my family while hunting, fishing, camping, or aiding my son with his 4-H projects. I have shadowed Brad to learn as much as I possibly could to help progress not only myself but all others in the Union.

I look forward to meeting you on jobsite visits in the months to come or feel free to swing by the office.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out, my number is 573-308-2271.

Fraternally,
Jeff Watson



25 Year Service Pin

Pictured Left - Jim Dillon receives his 25 Year member pin from recently retired Local 840 Business Manager Brad Turner. Congratulations Jim and thank you for your service!



Brad Turner Retirement

Brad Turner, former Business Manager for Local 840, retired February 29th after 30 years of service. Thank you Brad and we wish you a long and enjoyable retirement!

Pictured Left - Local 840 Business Manager Jeff Watson and Brad Turner receiving his retirement gift.



Union Laborers Will Work on I-70 Expansion Project

Union contractor - Millstone Weber - Named Contractor for \$405 Million First Phase

Union Laborers will be building the new expansion of Interstate 70. In the next several months, travelers along Interstate 70 between Columbia and Kingdom City will be seeing union Construction Craft Laborers busily working on the first-phase of Interstate 70 Expansion Project. MillstoneWeber was named as the successful contractor for the \$405 million project. MillstoneWeber and their design team of Jacobs Engineering and Lunda Construction were awarded the project by the Missouri Highway and Transportation Committee on February 14th.

This project utilizes a different procurement process than that historically used by MODOT. This project utilizes a design-build method in which teams are provided a framework of what MODOT would like to have built, but instead of MODOT doing the design for the project, bidders will develop their own designs based on the framework outlined by MODOT. The MillstoneWeber team successfully competed against one other design-build team led by Emery Sapp and Sons and Capital Paving. MillstoneWeber's innovative design includes the required added third lane in either direction, as well as added safety features and most importantly new concrete on all three lanes in each direction along the 20 miles of the project between Columbia and Kingdom City. Their successful proposal also included innovative re-designs of the I-70/Highway 63 interchange in Columbia and I-70/Highway 54 interchange in Kingdom City.

Construction is scheduled to start later this summer with a completion date in 2027. MODOT is planning to have public meetings later this spring to discuss the project status and overview how traffic will be routed during construction to ensure as little disruption as possible.

The I-70 Expansion Project is a multi-phase project that will add a third lane in each direction between St. Louis and Kansas City. The Columbia to Kingdom City section is the first of six phases that will be awarded. The second phase will be awarded in late summer/early fall of this year and will stretch from Wentzville to Warrenton and include adding lanes along Highway 61 between Chesterfield and Wentzville; reworking the I-70/Highway 40-61 Interchange; and eliminating the "S" curve under the railroad bridge along I-70 at Wentzville. Completion of the overall I-70 Expansion Project is slated for late 2030.

For information on this project, please visit MODOT's Improve I-70 webpage at:

<https://www.modot.org/improvei70/columbiakingdomcity>

Lunda Construction is currently working on the I-70 bridge across the Missouri River at Rocheport and are using Construction Craft Laborers for that project.



MILLSTONE WEBER

Focus on Training

Meet Your Instructors...



Kurt Belcher

- Local 42
- Apprentice Graduate
- Underground Utilities
- J.W. Bommarito/Castle Contracting

Before I became a union Laborer, I was not sure what I wanted to do in life. I decided to go to college and I received my bachelors degree in business administration from Westminster College in 2010. Right after graduation, I did an internship with a life insurance company selling insurance. I realized pretty quick that being in a suit and tie was not for me. I met my wife in 2013 and realized that if I don't get a good paying job with benefits she might not stick around. Therefore, my brother, who is a union Laborer, got me a job with J.W. Bommarito. I started my Laborers apprenticeship with Laborers Local 42

in 2014 and graduated to a journeymen in 2016. J.W. Bommarito is a full-service site development and utility construction contractor and it is there that I found my passion for underground utilities like water, sewer, and storm mains. In 2019, I started working for Castle Contracting. There, I continued working on pipe crews installing pipe ranging from small downspouts and trench drains to deep sewer lines. I enjoyed working with superintendents, project managers, and my crew to safely and efficiently navigate through the ground and avoid all the obstacles along the way. It was challenging and exhausting some days but coming home everyday to my wife and kids makes it all worth it. In November of 2022, I got hired on as an Instructor at the Laborers-Contractors Training Center in High Hill, MO and now I get to share my experiences, knowledge and passion with all the Laborers that come to the training center. When not at work I enjoy spending time with my family and friends at the lake of the Ozarks. My son and I spend time doing the things I love like hunting and fishing and he's starting to enjoy it as well.



NEW!

Solar Installer Training Classes are now forming!

Contact the Training Center for more information on classes.

Get trained to work in the fast-growing solar energy sector!



Make Sure You're Prepared for the Construction Season!

Warm and dry weather this winter has allowed work to continue at a strong pace. However, it will be picking up even more as we move into the spring and summer months. Make sure you have everything in place to be able to maximize your work opportunities. Checking out the schedule of classes at the training center is a sure fire way help make sure you are prepared for the construction season!

Scan the QR code above for the latest classes.

Sun Sense: Tips for Working Safe in the Sun and Summer Heat

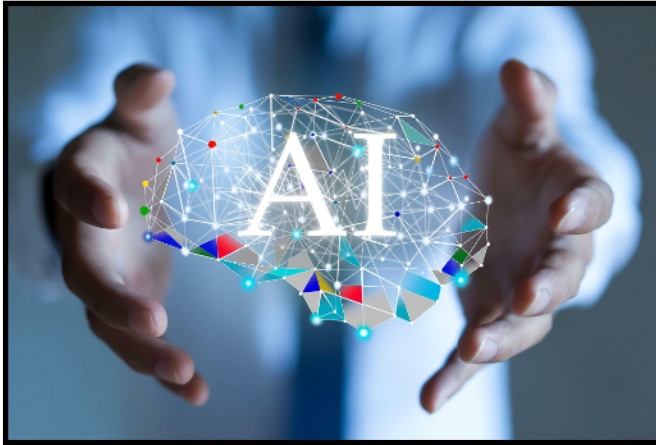
1. Seek shady spots.
2. Drink Water. Lots of water.
3. Wear temperature regulated and UV protective clothing. Ensure the clothing is lightweight and breathable.
4. Cover the skin as much as possible including neck covers.
5. Wear a hat with a wide brim to protect vulnerable areas such as your nose, ears, cheeks, and forehead.

Artificial Intelligence in Construction

What does it mean for us as Laborers?

Everyone is talking about Artificial Intelligence (AI) these days. We hear news stories about how AI will revolutionize how we work, how we learn, how we communicate, how we pretty much do everything in our daily lives. What exactly is AI? What does this all mean to us as Construction Craft Laborers?

The development of technologies is growing you imagine not having pocket today? Seems like doesn't it? In fact, it was we had not even heard imagine how much we development of AI and its faster pace.



Such quick development benefits and concerns. construction industry.

whether it be new tools or equipment on the jobsite, new methods of construction, new advancements in PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), and many other ways. The use of artificial intelligence in the construction industry will happen, and is already happening. Right now, AI is primarily being employed in the pre-construction phase of projects. AI is being used to help engineer and design buildings and projects. This can reduce the time and costs it takes to get a project to the construction phase. This can have a positive impact for craft workers. It is also being utilized in project management applications that can also be a positive for craft workers.

artificial intelligence related at an unimaginably fast pace. Can an Iphone or Android phone in your they've been around for ever just a little over 15 years ago that the term "Iphone" or could even depend on it today. The applications is growing at an even

of new technologies can bring many Change is inevitable, even in the Our industry is always evolving

The old adage, "the only thing that's constant is change" remains true. The construction industry is always changing and evolving. We as Laborers have benefited from many of these advancements in terms of added work jurisdictions, more work opportunities, enhanced jobsite safety, and technologies that allow us to have longer careers in a field we love. Artificial Intelligence is here and is going to play a larger role in our industry. Understanding and anticipating what that growing role will be is important. Fortunately, the Laborers are well positioned to look over the horizon and prepare not only for the jobs we have today, but also for the jobs of tomorrow.

Recruitment & Outreach



Missouri LECET's Recruitment and Outreach Specialist, Mike Howard, is criss-crossing eastern Missouri. He is meeting with high school counselors, students, community groups and organizations to promote the many benefits of having a career in the union construction industry as a Construction Craft Laborer. We are actively working to help meet the manpower needs of our contractors. To date, we have visited over 120 high schools and technical schools, plus many more community groups and organizations. If you know of any family members, friends, or others who may be interested in a career as a Construction Craft Laborer, please feel free to have them scan the above QR code for our LiUNABuildsMO.com website. Additionally, direct them to the Apprenticeship Office (www.lctcmo.org/apprenticeship) or your local union. We are also working with our signatory contractor partners in this effort and are sharing information on upcoming career fair and related events. If your contractor may be interested in learning more about where we will be and the career related events we will be attending, please have them contact your local union and/or Mike Howard at the MO LECET office (314-291-0373).



Upcoming Member Events


Don't miss a good time and chance to win some prizes! Join your Laborer Brothers and Sisters at the upcoming member events! Several events are planned throughout the year. Information on the upcoming events is below. **Go to WWW.MOLECET.ORG for registration forms under the "Members" tab.** Also, be sure to check out your local union website and social media sites for more information on these and future events!

Missouri Kansas Laborers' District Council

Sporting Clay Shoot

SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024
BLACKHAWK VALLEY SHOOTING PRESERVE IN OLD MONROE, MO
OPEN TO LIUNA MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS
ENTRY FEE: \$50 (100 ROUND SPORTING CLAYS)

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED
 Entries received on the day of the event will be accepted on a cash-only basis




Bring your own shells
 No shot size larger than 7-1/2
 Shotguns only (none larger than 12 gauge)
 Ear & eye protection required
 Juniors must shoot with an adult

REGISTRATION 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
 SHOOT BEGINS AT 9:00 AM
 SCORES IN BY 1:00 PM

1259 BREVATOR RD.
 OLD MONROE, MO 63369

1st Place Award for Men, Women, Junior & High Overall Member



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Laborers Crappie Tournament

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2024
MARK TWAIN LAKE
 (HUCK'S HALL, 19199 BUZZARD'S ROOST ROAD)

OPEN TO LIUNA MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS
ENTRY FEE: \$60 PER BOAT
\$10 PER BOAT TO PARTICIPATE IN BIG CRAPPIE POT (100% PAYBACK TO WINNER)

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED
 Entries received on the day of the event will be accepted on a cash-only basis



OFFICIAL RULES:

- Must follow the lake regulations with regard to limit and size
- Each team may weigh-in up to 15 fish
- Live bait and artificial lures are permitted. Anglers can use a maximum of 2 rods per angler
- No more than 2 anglers per boat, at least one angler being of adult age
- Boats late for weigh-in will be disqualified
- A valid Missouri Fishing license is required in order to participate

BOAT CHECK-IN 5:30 AM AT HUCK'S HALL
LAUNCH AT ANY LEGAL BOAT RAMP ON MARK TWAIN LAKE AFTER CHECKING IN
WEIGH-IN AT 2:00 PM AT HUCK'S HALL (DO NOT BE LATE)
 Amount of cash prizes will be determined by the number of boats entered in the tournament
75% payback on top 5 places



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4 Person Scramble Members Golf Tournament

SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2024
WARRENTON GOLF COURSE, 24805 SOUTH STATE HIGHWAY 47

OPEN TO LIUNA MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILY AND/OR GUESTS (ONE TEAM MEMBER MUST BE A LIUNA MEMBER)

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
 Each team MUST be registered by May 17, 2024



DIRECTIONS FROM I-70
 I-70 to Exit 193 (Warrenton Exit)
 Head South on Hwy 47 for 3.5 miles
 Golf Course will be on your right

TEE TIME 7:00 AM
 ENTRY FEE \$55 PER PERSON
 4 PERSON TEAMS, INCLUDES: GOLF, CART, BEVERAGES AND FOOD AFTER TOURNAMENT
 PRIZES FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE IN 2 FLIGHTS



Missouri Kansas Laborers' District Council

3-D Archery Tournament

SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2024
LABORERS' TRAINING CENTER- HIGH HILL, MISSOURI
OPEN TO LIUNA MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST
 ENTRY FEE: ADULTS-\$15 KIDS (16 & UNDER) \$10

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED BY FRIDAY AUGUST 2, 2024
 Entries received after this date or on the day of the event will be accepted on a cash-only basis



NEW TARGETS!

REGISTRATION: 7:00-8:30 A.M.
 SHOOT: 7:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
 AWARDS PRESENTATION TO FOLLOW
 SCORE CARDS MUST BE IN BY 12:30 P.M.
 LUNCH SERVED BEGINING AT 11:00 A.M.

1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE PRIZES IN 5 CLASSES

BOWHUNTER
 TRADITIONAL
 WOMEN
 JUNIOR (13-16 YEARS OLD)
 CUB (12 AND UNDER)
 HIGH OVERALL MEMBER

No RANGE FINDERS
 No SCOPES
 No STABILIZERS OVER 12"



Project Highlights

Quaker Windows addition in Freeburg, MO under roof - Versules Construction



Versules Construction building an addition to Fatima School in Westphalia, MO.



Logan Excavating finishing up concrete work on the entrance of the new Phelps County Road Department building.



Don Maggi Construction installing new service lines to a new subdivision being built in St. James, MO.

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LOCAL 840 CALENDAR EVENTS

Union Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
at the union hall.



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media to keep up-to-date on all of the
latest news, events and issues.

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Twitter X: LiUNA840