

# LOCAL 197 NEWS

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## Work Situation

Work is still slow. We have 21 JWs on our inside Book I with no inside apprentices off and 125 travelers on Book II.

On the Residential Book I, we have 4 wireman off and 4 residential trainees off.

Teledata Book I has 3 installers with 2 trainees off.

**If you are layed off, please make sure that you remember to resign at the local every 30 days on your anniversary date. We have had to remove some people because they did not resign. The Local is not required to call you and remind you to resign.**

We have placed 10 JWs on regular calls this past two weeks. However, we are expecting some layoffs to occur soon. The residential work is a little slow also.

## Congratulations to new Journeymen Wiremen and Residential Wiremen

Effective April 22<sup>nd</sup> the following inside apprentices were promoted to Journeymen: Jason Bohm, Karonji Carr, Dustin Ingram, Arlen Leman, Marion Long, Tony Palmer, Matt Strupp and Justin Walker.

In May, Corey Moore and Matt Springer will complete their inside apprenticeships also.

Ed Fick, Cory Gerdes & Kevin Revels completed residential training and were promoted to Residential Wiremen.

## HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT SAT. -MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

**Plans are being made for this tournament. If you are interested in participating, please call the hall. R. S. V. P.**

**\*\*\*We need to get a count so that we will know how to plan for food. \*\*\***

## May 25<sup>th</sup> Union Meeting

This is an important meeting for members to attend. Nominations will be held for the various offices and Executive Board positions to be filled at this year's election. Letters were sent to members with election information. Absentee Ballots will be available on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Union office. Matt Wall has been appointed as election judge.

**The election will be held on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 am to 11 am at the hall.** To vote in the election, a member must be in good standing. You must be current with your dues.

## Dues Reminder

Check your dues receipts. You should be paid through June 2005.

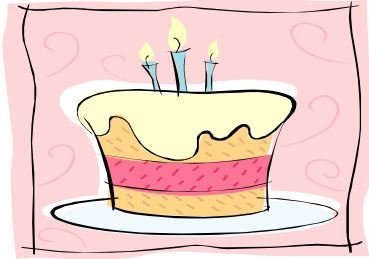
## **BNJATC NEWS-**

### Welding & Control Journeyman Classes

Thanks to all who attended and continue to support JW training. Fall Control Class is being planned. Watch for dates.

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**SURPRISE  
BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE  
FOR  
ED WARTENA  
80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**



Sat, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
1 – 3 p.m.  
The Water Tower  
LeRoy, IL

If you cannot attend the party but would like to send a card to Ed his address is:

The Meadows  
3517 Sassafras Street  
Bloomington, IL 61704

**IBEW LOCAL 197 SOFTBALL**

Softball season is underway. Our IBEW team plays on Friday nights at Pepper Ridge West.

May 6<sup>th</sup> - 9 p.m.      May 13<sup>th</sup> – 8 p.m.  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8 p.m.      June 10<sup>th</sup> – 9 p.m.  
June 17<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m.      June 24<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m.

July 8<sup>th</sup> – 8 p.m.      July 15<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m.

Schedules are available at the hall.

Sign negotiations are in progress. The new agreement will be effective June 1, 2005.

**AUGUST BLOODDRIVE**

On Saturday, August 20th, the Bloomington-Normal Trades and Labor will hold a drive at the Laborers' Hall. Our goal is 50 pints of blood.

Please mark your calendars to donate. We always need donors.

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**YEARS OF SERVICE – The International recently sent a 50 Year Pin to be presented to Howard Cotton and a 55 Year Pin to be presented to Sheldon Eft. The pins were taken to our retirees by Jerry & Rich.**

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Address & Phone Changes

Per our constitution, it is the member's responsibility to keep the local union aware of their current address and phone numbers. This is very important so that members receive any mailings from the local and the International. Your phone number is important in calling a member for a job opportunity or in an emergency situation.

**Useful Websites for IBEW Members**

BNJATC – [www.bnjatc.org](http://www.bnjatc.org)  
(school calendar & apprentice news)  
H & W Website – [www.neca-ibew.org](http://www.neca-ibew.org)  
Spectera (vision benefits) = [www.spectera.com](http://www.spectera.com)  
IBEW website- [www.ibew.org](http://www.ibew.org)





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