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### A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

#### WORK PICTURE

This month's article will highlight the work picture going into 2023. We have fielded a lot of questions about various jobs, so I wanted to address those and what we are seeing.

As an overview, Oregon still dominates the work picture with data centers, solar, wind and battery storage. Not only in our jurisdiction, but in the remote counties just outside of our jurisdiction. Our local contractors are staying busy with the industrial, commercial, and schools as well.

In LaGrande ARC Electric will be hiring for the hospital expansion and we should be seeing them start to hire in late fall and run through most of 2023.

The Darigold Plant in Pasco has had limited information about the actual construction of the \$500 million facility. We had thought it would start this year based on initial reports. Rumors have been going around lately stating that the job has been bid but we have not found any information to support that. According to the contractors we have spoken to, early bidding may start towards the end of 2022 and we don't expect construction to start until 2023. We may see some initial underground work done by the Port to get ready for the facility.

An 80 MW Solar farm in Moxee, Goose Prairie, should be bidding this year to start work in the spring of 2023 that will finish by the end of the year. We have a handful of contractors looking at bidding this work.

The Prosser Hospital is currently in limbo, as it was scheduled to be started by now, but it appears that their board has chosen to do more review before moving forward.

Hanford Cleanup has received full funding for the next fiscal year in order to continue moving forward with planned jobs, so we should see hiring from our contractors performing that work. Our Commissioning Techs are around 200 strong and WTCC will be taking applications in the next couple of month to back-fill attrition. This number will be around 15 or so.

You can always check the 'Job Forecast' page from the website as we try to keep that current and it will evolve with efforts to make it better and more accurate. As you can see, 2023 looks strong to the point of needing more electricians and expanding our apprenticeship numbers to meet the needs of the industry.

Summer is here and so is County Fair Season and all that comes with it. Local 112 will be part of the Umatilla County Fair, Benton Franklin County Fair, and CBJLS in the way of parades and 4H. If you have kids showing animals send me a text with their name and animal(s) they are showing. Umatilla County Parade is on Saturday, August 6th in Hermiston and the Benton Franklin County Fair Parade is on Saturday, August 20th in Kennewick. I would encourage you to bring your family and ride the Local 112 float. Please call the hall so we can get a headcount. Also, put September 10th on the calendar for our Local 112 picnic at Columbia Park.

We are starting to coordinate with Union Sportsmen's Alliance to perform a project at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank. We will be building 10 ADA blinds for hunters and will involve building the frames and delivering them to the site.



### ORGANIZING REPORT

#### BLITZING—IT'S HOW WE GET OUR WORD OUT

Last month we had our first organizing blitz in two years since the start of the pandemic. The first day Tracy Prezeau gave those in attendance the Member to Future Member class the afternoon before the first night of door knocking and as usual, it was excellent. Since our most dire need for electricians right now is for those who have an Oregon license, that is who we focused on. We were also able to get a list of people who graduated from an apprenticeship program from the state of Washington, and we hit those doors as well, since they can reciprocate. All in all, we hit 290 doors and talked to 109 people. We had organizers from Spokane, Everett, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Salem, and Medford travel to our local to help us with the blitz. In addition to staff organizers, we also had a couple rank and file members from Spokane and Seattle take time off work to come help us out. While we rely on our sister locals to help our blitzes be successful it's really our members participation that means the most, long term. The more members we have with experience talking to unrepresented workers, the less we must rely on our sister locals and if we have situations arise where we have unfilled calls, we can organize mini blitzes where that work is. So, I would like to especially thank our own members who participated in our blitz this year. Without you we wouldn't have been able to talk to nearly as many people as we did, but I do have one more ask of you— get one of your co-workers to attend next year. You are now one of those with experience and if you offer to go out with them, they may feel more comfortable knocking on doors with someone they know. We have already put at least one person to work with our contractors as a direct result of our organizing blitz and several more have already reached out to us and we expect to continue to see more people reach out over the coming months.

*Rylan Grimes, Membership Development Rep.*

### COMMISSIONING TECH CORNER

It's been an exciting couple of months at the VIT Plant. We are moving ever closer to melter heat up. Our punch list items have been cut in half and we are getting more systems to operation status. The mechanical handling group is hard at work getting all the cranes and support systems up and running. We have a class of CT's that will be finishing systems training in August and coming to crew shortly after. It's easy to miss how much is being accomplished when looking day by day, but when we look at monthly checks, the progress is amazing.

*Nic Armstrong, Steward*

#### AUGUST MEETINGS

Tri- Cities	August 4th	7:00 pm
Hermiston	August 11th	7:00 pm
Yakima	August 18th	7:00 pm
Executive Board	August 25th	5:30 pm
RENEW	August 10th	6:00 pm
Safety Committee	August 9th	6:00 pm

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**APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING**

**TRAINING DIRECTOR  
JOB OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) fund and oversee the apprenticeship program. A board of Trustees comprised of (4) IBEW and (4) NECA members oversee the Training Director and all operations of the JATC. The Training Director reports to and is accountable to the Committee.

Applicants should be knowledgeable of DOL and Washington State Labor and Industries Apprenticeship Standards and understand the importance of non-profit ERISA Trusts, applicable to jointly managed Trust funds. As a Trust Fund Administrator, the Training Director would be responsible for the preparation and maintenance of financial statements, annual audits, budgets, IRS required filings, investments, and expenditures. Accurate monitoring, recording, and reporting all activities of the local training trust funds is imperative.

The selection process will consist of an evaluation and interview conducted by the JATC Committee. Applications will be accepted immediately, and the application window will close August 5th, with interviews being conducted the following weeks. A job description and minimum qualifications are available on the JATC website and IBEW LU 112's website. Submit resume and cover letter detailing how you meet the minimum qualifications to: **TRAINING DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

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*In Memory*

**John Stillwaugh  
1945—2022**

Brother John Stillwaugh passed away on June 11, 2022 at the age of 77. Brother Stillwaugh was initiated into Local 112 as a Residential Wireman in 1975. In 1981, he entered the construction apprenticeship program and became a journeyman Wireman in 1983. He was a 46 year member of the IBEW. Early in his career, John worked for shops in the Yakima area and later went to Kaiser Engineers in the Hanford Project in 1991, where he stayed until his retirement in 2011.



**SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS  
ARE HERE !**

We are in need of players to fill out the rosters for both the co-ed and men's softball teams. Softball messages are coming out and the city will be providing info at the end of July. We need to get the info from those wanting to play. Sign ups are ongoing until about Aug.30, but again, we will be getting hard dates at the end of the month. The plan is to have at least 3 total hit rounds before leagues start.

*Moses Torrescano, Committee Chairman*

**Retirees' Breakfast**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH -9:00 AM AT THE HALL**



**SAFETY SPOT**

**162 Deaths in Washington State and 132 in Oregon last year!**

What could have caused so many deaths? It's something we get to work, play, and live with every year. If not taken seriously, it can lead to life changing consequences. This is something that has affected my family. My wife's grandfather (Clayton) used to own a ranch in Othello, WA. After a long hard day working in the hot summer sun he decided to have a couple drinks while he was getting dinner ready. He was found several hours later. He had suffered from severe dehydration which led to his death. Clayton was a healthy guy in his early 60's who loved boating, fishing, and his grandkids. He is also guy I never had the opportunity to meet.

I recently heard a quote in a safety conference, "That which we pay attention to improves!" One of the most important things we can pay attention to is our bodies. Only you know your body. If you are getting too hot or need a drink, take a cool down break. Because our bodies are different, only you know how much water you should drink and when you need to cool down. The problem is sometimes we let ourselves get in the way. We want to get things done. That is why we need to be open and honest with ourselves and our coworkers and encourage each other to take a break. The job will be there when you get back, but if we don't take care of ourselves and coworkers, we may not be! 294 workers in Washington and Oregon died of heat related illnesses last year. Let's not become another number!

**Avoid alcohol, sugary drinks, and/or caffeine**

Tricky fact—some liquids work against hydration! Drinks like coffee, sugary sodas, beer, wine and hard liquor, lemonade, sweet tea, energy drinks, and smoothies, are all culprits. They are loaded with sugar, sodium, and other ingredients that remove water from your tissues. Consider swapping some of these out daily or rehydrating with more water for each dehydrating drink you consume.

*Landon Keller, Bldg. Trades Craft Safety Rep.*

*Butch Manthei, Committee Chairman*

*David Glessner, Committee Member*



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