

The LABOR Paper

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Congratulations to Matt Bender, Carpenters Local 237, who was honored at the January 30, Better Built Awards dinner. He was awarded the prestigious 2025 "Construction Person of the Year" award. This award is giving to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the Union Construction Industry.

See the February 20th issue of The Labor Paper for additional pictures and list of honorees from the dinner.

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Please reach out to Sharon Williams at 309-264-1119 or email: sharon@westcentralbtc.org

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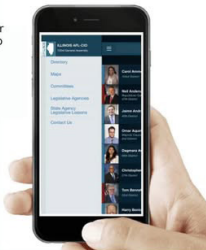
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LECET/LIUNA DONATE TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The Great Plains Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET), in partnership with LiUNA Local 996, is proud to announce a significant donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Livingston County. Alongside this contribution, Vissering Construction, based in Streator, Illinois, has begun work on a new construction project to enhance the Club's facilities, ensuring the organization can better serve the community's youth.

"At Great Plains LECET, we are dedicated to building strong communities, and that starts with investing in our youth," said Dane Simpson Director of Great Plains Laborers Employers Cooperation Education Trust, inc. "We are thrilled to support this project and work alongside trusted partners like Vissering Construction to ensure the Boys & Girls Club has the resources and infrastructure needed to thrive."

The construction project, led by Vissering Construction, includes constructing a 17,700 intergenerational community center in Fairbury, Illinois.



UNION SISTERS OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Meeting Sponsored by:
Ironworkers Local 112



MEET AND GREET
DRINKS AND BRING A DISH TO PASS!

Monday February 24, 2025

6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Ironworkers Local 112 Hall

3003 N Main • East Peoria

We will be discussing the Garden of Hope Project

For Women who work in non-traditional careers



Union Sportsmen's Alliance Inaugural Sporting Clay Shoot

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Registration: 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Shotgun Start: 9:30 a.m.

Individual & Sponsorships Available

Oak Ridge Sportsman's Club
13001 Weishaupt Rd • Mackinaw
For more information, please email:
sharon@westcentralbtc.org



The Labor Council of West Central Illinois is looking for donations for their Adopt-A-School partner, Harrison School, now called Annie Jo Gordon Community Learning Center. They are asking individual union members and labor unions to either donate money (checks payable) to the Labor Council of West Central Illinois and/or a supply of copy paper,

Kleenexes, hand sanitizers and markers with eventual delivery to the center. All monetary donations should be mailed to the Labor Council at 5835 N Galena Rod #101, Peoria, IL 61614. If you have any additional questions, please email amy.flynn@local.united-way.org. Any donations will help this effort.

EPI LAUNCHES POLICY WATCH TOOL TO LEARN ABOUT ACTIONS AFFECTING WORKING AMERICANS

The Economic Policy Institute has launched Federal Policy Watch (<https://www.epi.org/policywatch>), an online tool to document actions by the Trump administration, Congress, federal agencies, and the courts that affect working people and the economy. Maintained by a team of economists and lawyers, Federal Policy Watch will serve as a one-stop shop for cataloguing and analyzing legislation, regulations, executive orders, and court rulings as they unfold.

Already, the tracker documents and explains the actions on immigration coming from the Trump administration. Federal Policy Watch will focus on a range of issues, including workers' rights, unions, and organizing; race and gender equity; jobs and wages; health and safety; retirement security; trade; taxes; and attacks on regulations. Notably, Federal Policy Watch will allow users to track whether new proposals were developed by the nongovernmental Department of Government Efficiency or if they parallel policies outlined in Project 2025.

"Our tracker will shine a light on new policies and help advocates, voters, and the media answer the question of whether policymakers' actions help the wealthy or everyday Americans," said Celine McNicholas, EPI's director of policy and government affairs/general counsel who leads the new project.

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Labor Council of WCI schedules Trivia Contest

The Labor Council of West Central Illinois will be sponsoring their annual Trivia contest on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the UAW Hall, 3025 Springfield Road, East Peoria, Illinois. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and Trivia will start promptly at 7 p.m.

The cost varies on what level of participation:

- \$400 Brainiacs Level includes team of eight, name listed on all printed materials, recognition at the contest and round sponsor;
- \$300 Smarty Pants level includes team of eight, recognition at the contest; and
- \$150 Know it All level includes round sponsor.

Please make checks payable to Labor Council of West Central Illinois and send to 5835 N Galena Road, Suite 205, Peoria, IL 61614. For information, please contact Amy Flynn at 309-674-5181 or email at amy.flynn@local.unitedway.org.

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