

THE LOCAL REVIEW



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ **April 6th**
John Boos
Committee Meeting
4:00pm Effingham
Event Center
- ▶ **April 8th**
Cub Club
5:00 PM Champaign
- ▶ **April 20th**
Member Meeting
6:00pm Champaign
- ▶ **April 22nd**
Southern Committee
Meeting 6:30pm
Muddy Saloon
- ▶ **April 27th**
Retiree Seminar
5:00 - 8:00 PM

RECENT NEWS

Retiree Seminar

Thank you all who participated in the vote! The retiree seminar will be held on Monday, April 27th. This session is designed to help members better understand and prepare for retirement. Representatives from Health & Welfare and the Pension Funds will be available to provide personalized retirement resources and answer any questions. Keep an eye out for an invitation by mail, and be sure to register.

Leadership in Action

Thank you to those who attended the February Journeyman Leadership Conference. We are still looking for participants for the upcoming 212 Leadership Trainings. If you're interested in developing your skills and taking a more active role in the union, we encourage you to get involved. Fill out the interest form on our website:

www.carpenters243.com/212-leadership

IMPORTANT INFO

Tax Fraud Days of Action

Tax Fraud Days of Action highlights how tax fraud hurts workers, cuts funding for public services, and gives dishonest contractors an unfair advantage. Join us in Champaign on April 13th for a chance to raise awareness and stand up for fair wages and a level playing field. Learn how you can help at stoptaxfraud.net.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

4/4 - 4/5: PITO - Industrial & Rough Terrain

4/5 - 4/12: ICRA - Best Practices in Healthcare Construction

4/11: Scaffold Refresher

4/11 - 4/19: Millwright - Rigging (CITF)

4/18: First Aid/CPR/AED

4/18: Transit - Total Station

4/25: Grid

Visit mactc.org to enroll.

212 Leadership Dates:

- April 9–11, 2026
- June 4–6, 2026
- October 8–10, 2026

Interested? Fill out the interest form on our website.

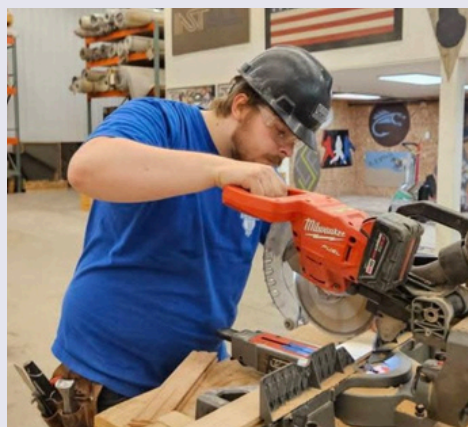
IN THE COMMUNITY

Local 243 is proud to support Parkland College's Early College and Career Program. Business Representative, Houston Kirby, instructed a class, providing hands-on training and mentorship while demonstrating metal framing techniques.

Programs like this help develop the next generation of skilled tradespeople through real-world experience and guidance. To date, 8 students from this program have gone on to become union carpenters, showing the impact of early training and mentorship.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Zach Hottman



"I have great appreciation for the Carpenters Union and all that it's done for me. It helps me to provide for my family and gave me a place to belong. I've learned the meaning of brotherhood and I am grateful for where I am. Becoming a carpenter was the best decision of my life."

Zach joined the Carpenters Union in June 2022 after graduating high school, choosing a career in the trades over college. After reaching out to Carpenters Local 243, he quickly discovered a passion for working with his hands and building his skills as a carpenter. He enjoys seeing projects come together from start to finish, including one of his first jobs installing flooring at International Prep Academy in Champaign. He later graduated from the apprenticeship program and became a journeyman in February 2026.