

THE LOCAL REVIEW



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 3rd**
Office Closed
- **July 6th**
John Boos
Committee Meeting
4 PM Effingham
- **July 8th**
Cub Club
6 PM - Effingham
NEW LOCATION
104 N. Second St.
Suite A
- **July 20th**
Member Meeting
6 PM - Champaign
- **July 22nd**
Southern Committee
Meeting
6:30 PM - Wheeler

RECENT NEWS

Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Golf Outing at Lick Creek Golf Course in Pekin, Illinois. Your support helped make the event a success and contributed to the MACRC Southern Region Scholarship Fund, which provides educational opportunities for the families of our members throughout the region.

We also enjoyed spending the day with our brothers and sisters from Carpenters Locals 237 and 270. Thank you to all the golfers, sponsors, contractors, and volunteers who made the event possible.



Retiree Seminar

Local 243 recently hosted a Retiree Seminar to help members better understand and prepare for the transition into retirement. Representatives from the Health & Welfare and Pension Funds provided valuable information on retirement benefits, eligibility requirements, healthcare coverage, and pension planning. The seminar gave members an opportunity to ask questions and gain a clearer understanding of the resources available to them as they plan for the future.

We thank the Fund Representatives for their time, expertise, and continued commitment to helping our members build a secure retirement.

Questions about retirement, pension or helthcare coverage? Contact CIC Health and Welfare at (217)732-1919 or the Carpenters Pension Fund at (800)448-5825.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

7/6 - 7/10: Construction Safety

7/11: Ergonomics

7/11: Residential Carpet

7/18: Welding – Basic

7/25: Welding – Basic

7/25: Silica Awareness & Ergonomics

7/25 - 7/26: Rigging (CITF) Refresher

All classes are held at:
MACTC-Pekin Campus
904 Brenkman Drive
Pekin, IL 61554

Visit mactc.org to enroll.

IN THE COMMUNITY

United Way Service Project

Members of Local 243 recently volunteered their time and skills to complete repairs and improvements at United Way of Champaign County's building. Projects included gutter supports, deck board replacement, and door repairs. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped make a positive impact in our community. Your efforts demonstrate the pride, skill, and solidarity of our Local.



SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

As temperatures continue to rise throughout the summer months, heat-related illnesses become a serious concern on jobsites. Watch for the signs and know the difference.

Heat Exhaustion

Early Warning Signs:

Heavy sweating, Headache, Dizziness, Weakness, Nausea or vomiting, Thirst.

What To Do:

Move worker to shade/cool area, Provide water (small sips), Remove excess clothing, Cool with wet towels or ice packs, Seek medical attention if symptoms worsen.

Heat Stroke

Medical Emergency – Call 911

Confusion or altered behavior, Slurred speech, Loss of consciousness, Seizures, Very high body temperature (104°F+), Hot, red, dry or damp skin.

What To Do:

Call 911 immediately, Move to cool area, Remove clothing, Apply aggressive cooling (water, ice, airflow) Stay with worker until help arrives.

KEY REMINDER: If they're sweating and responsive – treat for heat exhaustion.

If they're confused or unconscious – call 911 (heat stroke). Safety is everyone's responsibility.

CHECK OUT THIS RESOURCE: [AIHA Heat Stress App](#)