Plumbers and Pipefitters UA Local Union 441

Business Manager's Report

**Investing in Training**

Let me begin by thanking the membership and the contractors for their willingness to support the change to a day school format for the LU 441 Apprenticeship Training Program. This is obviously a big change, but one that will enable LU 441 to achieve the best training program available. This type of program has proven to create a much better environment to achieve maximum potential from apprenticeship training programs. We will now be able to focus specific training in areas that were not possible with the old format to better meet the needs of our members and our contractors. Each apprentice, after completing their first and second years of general training, will now be able to complete their last three years by choosing a specific area of the trade best suited for their own talents and interests and the needs of the Local Union whether it be HVAC, Pipefitting, Welding, Plumbing, etc.

Thank you also goes to the State JAC Committee for their due diligence over the last two and one half years investigating the various aspects of day school format and making certain that it was the right move for our training program. After looking at all the pros and cons and communicating with various other Local Unions that have implemented day school over the past 12 years, it was clear. This will not only take our training program to a whole new level of professionalism, it will at the same time enable our Local Union to advance as well. Superior training is our edge over the non-union. Let’s take advantage of it.

**Apprentice Competition**

Congratulations go out to four Local 441 Apprentices that traveled to Chicago last month representing the state of Kansas to compete in the regional level of the United Association Annual Apprentice Competition. The competition was held at the training center of Pipefitter’s Local 597.

Representing Local 441 and the state of Kansas were: Welder Apprentice Thomas Broekus; Fitter Apprentice Gregory Walker; Plumber Apprentice Steven Otter; and, HVAC Apprentice Lance Berry (see photos on page 2). Although none of the Local 441 apprentices won the competition in their respective trades, all four were excited about the competition and appreciated the opportunity to measure their skills against members of their trade. The four winners from the regional competition in Chicago will now go on to compete for the national title as part of the annual UA Instructor Training Program.

**Holcomb Update-Draft Permit Issued**

The Holcomb Expansion Project reached an important milestone on June 30th when the Kansas Department of Health & Environment issued the draft permit for the project. This is a significant step forward in the development of the project and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the project team. The draft permit includes an Inclusion Plan that outlines the steps necessary to ensure that the project is built in compliance with all applicable regulations.

Laurie Shadrick Attends June 14 Union Meeting

Laurie Shadrick, United Association Safety and Health National Coordinator, attended the June 14th Union meeting to present a grant check in the amount of $70,281 to PPATKS and Local Union 441.

The money was used to purchase HVAC training equipment, weld shop equipment, and projectors. This is the second grant received from the UA Training Department since the consolidation of the training program in 2006, for a total of $262,080.74.

The previous grant was used to purchase welding machines, computers, an HVAC Trainer, and projectors that were distributed to the training centers as needed. Prior to the consolidation, grants had been received by the Topeka and Frontenac training funds for welding equipment and other electronic training aids.

Business Manager Richard Taylor and Training Director Kerry Stone accept a check from UA Safety and Health National Coordinator Laurie Shadrick at the June 14 meeting.
Apprentice Updates

By Kerry Stine, Training Director, PPATKS

Plumbers and Pipelayers Apprenticeship Training of Kansas again participated in the UA Apprentice Contest on the State and Regional level. The State Plumber and HVAC competitions were held at the Topeka Training Center and the Pipelayer and Welder competitions were held at the Wichita Training Center. Those competing for Plumber were Sam Gonzalez, Billy Wyre, and the first place finisher Steve Otter. The HVAC competitors were Justin Koerner and Lance Berry, who finished first. Judges for the HVAC and Plumbing were Bill Bassett with Latimer Summers and Bob Collard of Collard and Associates. Instructors Rick Salyer, Brian Burnett, Dan McCulloch, Shaan O’Keeffe, Steve Ridgeway and Dave Jellison developed and supervised the competition. Tools were provided by Plumbing by Carlson, McElroy’s and P1 Group. Prizes were provided by McElroy’s, P1 Group, Ferguson of Topeka, Mid-States Supply, Local 441, and PPATKS.

The Welding and Pipelayer competitions were combined with the first-place finisher representing Welding and the second-place finisher representing Pipelaying. The contestants were Andy Goodman, Greg Walker, who finished 2nd as Pipelayer and Thomas Brockus, who finished 1st as Welder. The Pipelayer and Welding Competition was judged by Mike Magennis and Clyde Henson with Piping and Equipment Co. and Bob Phillips with Occidental Chemical Co.

The design for the weld project was made by Tom Nearhood with Piping and Equipment Co. The competition was developed and supervised by Paul Preston, with the assistance of Calvin Startzman, Aaron Marshall and, Jeremy Biering. Prizes were provided by Lamptron Welding, Local 441, and PPATKS.

The four first place apprentices attended the Region 4 contest held at the Pipelayers Local 597 Training Center in Mokena, IL. Region 4 states include Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana.

Not all the states participated so there were only seven participants each in Welding, Pipelaying, HVAC and Sprinklerfitting, and six participants in Plumbing. I was in charge of scoring for the entire competition this year. After last year’s competition, I noticed an error in the scoring, so they figured that I could count and put me in charge this year. The competition took place over June 8, 9 and 10 and covered all aspects of the industry. Six hours of the competition was devoted to written testing which covered general knowledge, blue print reading and category specific questions. The rest of the competition involved hands on projects related to each category. The competition level was high and the scores were close in all categories. We had hoped to make it into the top three in at least one category this year, but didn’t quite make it.

Our apprentices performed at a very high level and represented Local 441 and the State of Kansas well. If you should run into one of them on the job or on the street, be sure to congratulate them on a job well done.

McKinney Visits 441 Office

On June 9, State Treasurer Dennis McKinney, center, visited the Kansas Pipelayers Apprenticeship Training Center in Wichita to announce his re-election candidacy, shown here with Mechanical Contractor Association President Matt Hildreth and Business Manager Richard Taylor.

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Manhattan/Fort Riley Area

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Along with the numerous UA Contractors currently working in the area, many other Contractors are aggressively pursuing future projects. The non-union competition is always present and can range from an unknown Mom and Pop Shop, to Kellogg/Brown & Root currently working at Fort Riley. Our Fair Contractors have been able to employ additional 441 members, but the rain, rain, rain, has slowed hiring for some projects. A large area competitor has had some major lay-offs and reduction in work hours recently. To keep from laying some others off, they have loaned them to other unfair contractors.

I want to say thank you to the Brothers that have come from throughout 441 to man the work. I really appreciate the hard work and conscientious effort put forth to help make the partnership with Fair Contractors successful.

I hope everyone had a great July 4th, and look forward to seeing you at the meetings or on the jobsite.

Fraternally Yours,

Phil Petty (785) 539-8977
Organizer/Business Representative

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Employment Dispatch

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Although we still have members out of work, I believe we have turned the corner. The journeyman list is down from 264 to 180 and improving every day. Statewide we took in 31 new apprentices and all have been dispatched. There are only four apprentices on the out-of-work list as of date.

Work at NCRA refinery in McPherson continues to hire. Between Piping & Equipment and Logan Co. there are well over 100 members in that plant. Also scheduled is a turnaround this fall at NCRA.

We have attended two pre-job meetings in regards to the Lawrence Energy scrubber project. Foley is on site and will slowly take manpower for the limestone prep work. Sterling Boiler was awarded the Super Mechanical package and will start ramping up on manpower this fall. The bulk of the work will not happen until 2011.

Atlantic Plant Maintenance and P1 Group have secured work at Wolf Creek for the 2011 spring outage. There will be some pre-outage work to start in early September.

Also coming this fall will be an outage at Jeffrey Energy Center.

Along with all the industrial work, there are numerous hospital and school projects being done by our contractors in the state.

Finally, I want to congratulate each of the Local 441 apprentices who competed in this year’s UA apprentice contest. I know the Local 441 Training Department, both Kerry Stine and Kenny Englert worked hard to insure our participation in the contest and once again we had an outstanding group of apprentices. It is great to have such an outstanding group represent Local 441 and our training program. Congratulations!

In closing, always think SAFETY for yourself and the Brother and Sister beside you.

Fraternally,

Bill Urton (316) 265-4291
Business Representative/Dispatcher

Wichita Area Zone 1A

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

July brings new life to our industry and a promise for a positive future. I would like to break my article up in four categories: area activities; area projects; non-union activities; and goals for the area.

Area Activities:
The draft air permit has been issued for the Holcomb Station project. Included in this process is a public comment period. There will be three locations of public comment starting August 2nd in Overland Park, August 4th in Salina, and August 5th in Garden City. Everyone is invited to attend one or more meetings to give comment in favor of this project. I will be attending most if not all meetings to represent our local union. In addition, 2010 is another election year. We will be meeting with politicians both locally and statewide to give the membership updates on candidates of pro-labor status. We must support candidates come November for the prosperity of working men and women in Kansas.

Area Projects:
The work in the area is coming to life. Our contractors have many projects on the books throughout Zone 1A. BG Products, Barton Solvents, and NCRA Re entry have projects our membership will have employment opportunities on. Also coming this fall will be an outage at Jeffrey Energy Center.

Non-Union Activities:
Much of the current school bond work in the Wichita area is going to the non-union. I have been working with many work

ors to educate them on the benefits of UA membership. The key to market recovery is organizing. We must organize for the future of our membership and our signatory contractors success. Our cause is to level the playing field between union and non-union contractors. We have had many successful endeavors and look for more in the future. We must keep a long term goal in mind as one of the purposes of a local union is to organize.

Goals For The Area:
First and foremost is to represent our membership in this area. I strive meet monthly with our contractor representatives and job sites to create a positive relationship of labor and management. I visit at least 20 non-union job sites every month to educate workers on the benefits of union representation and collective bargaining. I meet regularly with city and county staff for the purpose of promoting union labor and quality craftsmen. I look for every opportunity to promote and represent Local #441. It is my long term goal to achieve 50% of the market share for this area. My door is always open for new ideas and discussion on any topic for the benefits of our membership. Contact me anytime.

Thank you for your time and talents,

Fraternally,

John H. Shepherd Jr. (316) 265-4291
Plumbers & Pipefitters of Kansas Local #441
Wichita Area Business Representative Zone 1A

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JATC Day Training
By Kerry Stine, Training Director

On June 28, 2010, the State Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee voted to go forward with Day Training starting this fall. This decision was made after the membership of Local 441 voted to increase the contribution to the Training fund by $0.20.

The hard work is in full swing for the Training Department at this point. We’re like the “70’s movie and song “Smoky and the Bandit,” “we’ve got a long way to go and a short time to get there.”

The biggest hurdle has been crossed with the selection of instructors. The instructor staff includes Assistant Training Director Ken Englert, Lead Instructor Paul Preston, Steve Hogard, Calvin Startzman and Dan McCulloch. While each instructor has a particular craft background, the structure of the training program will utilize every instructor in teaching all the crafts at various times.

Ken Englert, who came on board in February, has almost more years of apprentice training experience than the rest of the instructor staff combined and that includes me. Kenny started out as an instructor in 1981 in the Wichita zone and has taught college level courses at Wichita State University. He has taught many different apprentice classes over the years, acted as Director for a period of time, and has been involved with 1st year classes and some certiﬁcations over the last 10 years.

Prior to taking this position, Kenny was a project manager for MSI of Wichita, overseeing their pharmaceutical work in McPherson and recently coordinated the ﬁnishing work on the Wichita Arena project. Kenny brings valuable management and oversight skills to the program and will be in charge of the instructors and the day to day operation of the actual apprentice training through PPATKS.

Paul Preston has been providing journeyman welding training since last October as well as instructing 4th year apprentices for the past two years. Paul was working for Piping and Equipment Co. prior to joining PPATKS and has taught in a tech school setting in years past. Paul has good skills in developing lesson plans and has an excellent relationship with the apprentices and Journeymen that he has been instructing.

Steve Hogard brings a wealth of certiﬁcation background to the training program. Steve has been the primary Instructor in the Frontenac Zone for the past 10 years and has acquired many of certiﬁcations necessary for the program. This was a concern for me in building a day school program and Steve takes a big load off the program by taking an instructor position. Steve also brings valuable insight into running a contracting business as he ran his own contracting business for eight years.

Dan McCulloch brings valuable HVAC and supervision skills to the day school program. Dan has been teaching 5th year and refrigeration classes at the Topeka training center for the last 11 years. Prior to taking the day school instructor position, Dan was the General Superintendent over construction for P1 Group. Dan has been involved with building service departments from the ground up and brings a “jump in with both feet a runnin” attitude that is difﬁcult to beat.

Calvin Startzman rounds out our instructors. Calvin has worked for Piping and Equipment Co. for the past 15 years. Much of that time has been running out of town and out of state work. Calvin will be bringing valuable manpower skills as well as a much needed pipelining presence to the program. In traveling to different training centers around the country, attending the apprentice contests, and also hearing it from our membership, it has become apparent to me that our biggest difﬁculty is in the area of pipelining. Calvin’s background and knowledge will go a long way in bringing our program into the proper balance.

I would like to thank all those that I have worked with over the last four years. Your help and service is greatly appreciated. Lastly I would like to thank one individual who without his help and friendship, my job would have been almost impossible, and that is Rick Salyer. The membership will never know the countless headaches, hours, and grief that he never asked for compensation for or how many times he placed the good of the program over his own personal desires. He honestly deserves the admiration of every member of Local 441 and without a doubt has my utmost admiration. Thank you Rick.

Please help us to make our training program the best it can be by praising when you see the good, encouraging when you see the discouraged, criticizing in a spirit of true helpfulness and being excellent mentors and examples to the apprentices who come through our program.

Frontenac Area
Dear Brothers and Sisters:
Welcome to Summer! Work in Southeast Kansas remains slow, however, we still have some Union Contractors bidding in the area. We are still struggling against out-of-state, non-union contractors for much of the work on these jobs. It is tough to compete when the bids are as much as 40% difference. But we will remain optimistic. Kansas Workers for Kansas Jobs, maybe we can keep them on their own side of the Line. And maybe a little help for The State House?

Jobs, which are currently bidding in the area, are the Municipal powerhouse in Coffeyville, the Chautauqua County Jail, Pittsburg State University, Parsons State Hospital and a new Community Health Center in Baxter Springs. Also, there is talk of a possible new hospital in Allen County. I am hopeful we will see some activity from our own contractors on these jobs.

The UA Weld certiﬁcation test was in the Frontenac area this June. And we had another good turnout for it-17 men signed up for UA-24 test with 15 passing.

I am pleased to report the Special Order of Business Meeting over Allocation of Money in Frontenac Zone 1B was a great success. Thanks to all the Brothers who attended almost a 40% turnout. We voted to divide the $1.80 as follows: $0.20 Education Fund; $0.20 Local Pension; $0.10 on the check; $1.30 KSR/Annuity.

Fraternally Yours,
Mike Wolownik (620) 231-4280
Frontenac Business Representative – Zone 1B

Topkea Area East
Brothers and Sisters,
We have been going through a very rough economy with very little work. Over the past month or so the list has done very well for the times. I’m seeing employers starting to pick up more jobs and little by little fewer out of state contractors bidding on the smaller jobs. This is a good sign meaning there are a few jobs closer to home for the out of state contractors, and just a little better odds for our own contractors in the bidding market. I’m not saying we are coming into good times by any means, but I’m glad to see more brothers off of the list.

We need to take care of our jobs as we come off the list to keep our contractors competitive so they will bid more work to get the rest of the brothers off the list.

On another note, it looks like we are going to have a day school with our apprenticeship. I can’t see anything but good in this. This will allow for contractors to bid anywhere in the state, allow for organizing, help introduce apprentices to other apprentices around the state, less miles driven by apprentices, less time for apprentices away from families, the training will be done with a fresh frame of mind not coming a lot of miles just off a long day of work, not having to duplicate or triple equipment will allow more of a selection of equipment to be trained on, and so many more advantages to mention.

I hope everybody has a nice summer.

Fraternally yours,
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Topkea Business Representative
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UA Local #441

Plumbers & Pipefitters

Monthly Union Meetings

KANSAS LOCAL #441 UNION MEETINGS
Second Monday of every month, 7 p.m.
(316) 265-4291/1330 E. 1st Street, Wichita

Next Meeting Dates:
Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11

UA LOCAL #441 RETIREE MEETINGS

Frontenac Area Retirees
Meet Tuesday mornings at Home Café, Cherokee, KS at 8 a.m.

Lawrence Area Retirees
No monthly meetings scheduled. We encourage a group to establish meetings and let the Hall in Wichita know when.

You are also welcome to attend other area retiree meetings.

Topeka Area Retirees
Meet every Wednesday morning at Hardie’s at 21st and Wanamaker at 8 a.m.

Wichita Area Retirees
Meeting at the Hall, 1530 E. 1st Street N., on the first Wednesday every month at 10 a.m.

Breakfast is the second Wednesday of every month (except December) at 9 a.m. at Spears Restaurant, 4523 W. Maple, Wichita.

Note: All retirees and spouses and former members’ widows are welcome to attend any of the area meetings.

Visit YOUR website: www.UA441.org
Upcoming Area Picnics
Mark Your Calendar!

WICHITA AREA
Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sedgwick County Zoo, 5555 Zoo Blvd, Wichita

TOPEKA & LAWRENCE AREA
Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Lake Shawnee Shelter House #6,
East Side of Lake Shawnee By Golf Course

FRONTENAC AREA
Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Lincoln Park Shelter #3, Pittsburg, KS
(W 12th & 69 Bypass, go east one block at Lincoln Park)

Lawrence Area
Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Work in the area is slower than we would all like to see. Power House has some new construction that should help out later this fall.

Day school for 441 apprentices is going forward and will start in September of this year. This is a positive change for our union and will make our future stronger. I see our apprentices getting a better education, which strengthens our trade when they go out on jobs.

The City of Lawrence has purchased Farmland Chemical Plant. This includes 400-plus acres that will help build the future of Lawrence. It will tie in with the East Hills Industrial area, which many of our members helped build. This purchase should create jobs for us in the future.

Remember your political favorites who have supported the union during elections in August. They need your votes! Hope everyone is enjoying and having a safe summer with family and friends.

Fraternally yours,
Denis Wittman (785) 843-3151
Lawrence Business Representative
930 E. 28th Street
Lawrence, KS 66046

Local 441 and the Building Trades will interview candidates and publish a list of endorsed candidates based on their support of labor concerns. As we have done in the past, Local 441 will mail out information explaining how you can register if you are not already registered and also information and forms that will allow individuals to take advantage of absentee ballots if more convenient.

National Pension Update
In June, all locals participating in the National Pension were notified that a 20% increase based on current contribution rates is required due to the underfunding of the Plan. Currently this increase is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2011. As most of you are aware, during the negotiation process earlier this year Zone I-A, the Wichita Zone, was not able to reach an agreement and had its negotiations decided by the Industrial Relations Council (IRC).

Through this process, it was established by the IRC that the Zone I-A contractors would provide the additional increase to the total package needed in that Zone for the 20% increase to the National Pension contribution rate starting January 1, 2011. Zone I-A was the only Zone under negotiations this year. The other three Zones had previous negotiations in prior months prior to the notification of the required increase to National Pension was communicated. Therefore, if the increase has to take place January 1, 2011, it will have to come off wages in those Zones.

I have drafted a letter to National Pension requesting that the increase for Zones I-B, II-A, and II-B be delayed until June 1, 2011. The letter explained that this is our normal contract date and the needed increase could then be taken out of negotiated increases to total package. National Pension has informed me that their next Trustee meeting is in September. They will consider our request at that time and let us know of the outcome. The membership will then be notified promptly.

Picnics
It is time once again to start planning the area picnics around the state. This annual event represents an extension of our union family. It presents an opportunity to renew old friendships. It also allows us the opportunity to share those friendships with our family members and provide a little more insight to our activities and experiences on the jobsite, the bonds that are created, and the significance and magnitude of those relationships.

Each year the participation in these events grows and develops more and more into an expected and anticipated tradition for the membership of Local 441. The dates and locations for each area have been set (see schedule on this page). Many of you have experienced and enjoyed this event over the years and I encourage you to participate again this year and if possible, attend more then one. It is a good time for all!

Work smart, work safe, and God bless.

Job Hotline: (316) 269-2472

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Environment (KDHE) published the draft air permit in the Kansas Register, thus beginning a 45-day public comment period for the project.

The public comment period opened on July 1, 2010, and concludes August 15, 2010. During this time frame public hearings will be held. Following is the public hearing schedule:

Aug. 2, 2010 at Blue Valley Northwest High School, 135th and Switzer in Overland Park, KS
Aug. 4, 2010 at the Highway Patrol Training Center Auditorium, 2025 East Iron in Salina, KS
Aug. 5, 2010 at Garden City Community College, Joyce Auditorium, 801 Campus Drive in Garden City, KS

All public hearings will begin at 2 p.m. and run until all participants present have an opportunity to offer written and/or verbal comments but no later than 5 p.m. If necessary, the public hearing will reconvene at 6:30 p.m. and continue until all verbal and/or written comments have been submitted by participants. It is critical that Local 441 members and other Building Trades members show up in support at these hearings. This could have a huge impact in determining if and when the final construction permit is issued. Please contact me directly if you are interested and able to attend any of the hearings. Also during this time it is likely that lawsuits will be filed by environmental groups. Depending on the severity of the lawsuits, this could further delay the project. With all this being said, Sunflower’s hopes are that the project will break ground sometime in 2011. As stated before this will be a union project.

Political Scene
It is obvious with all the political advertisements and yard signs that the 2010 election is in full swing. As always there are many critical races that will affect labor both in the primary election on August 3rd and the general election on November 2nd. Please exercise your right and obligation to vote for the candidate of your choice by making sure you are registered and educated about the issues each candidate is supporting.

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The Health & Welfare Office handles your local pension information, KSR (401k), and general questions regarding your health insurance (such as your status in qualifying for insurance benefits.)

If you have specific questions regarding your insurance, such as a list of doctors, please refer to the numbers listed below for Blue Cross and Delta Dental.

Health & Welfare Office
www.ppi-fund.org
(316) 264-2339 or (800) 423-6517

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas
www.BCBSKS.com
(800) 432-3990 or (785) 291-4180

Delta Dental of Kansas
www.DeltaDentalKS.com
(800) 234-3375 or (316) 264-4511

If you have a Pension through the United Association, the National Pension office is where you call for any questions related to your pension.

If you are close to retirement and are ready to start the paperwork, please request an application for a retirement packet from National. Also request a work contribution history report from National Pension as this will assist you in the process.

National Pension (800) 638-7442
Local Pension/KS Annuity
(316) 264-2339 or (800) 423-6517

United Association Website: www.ua.org
American Income Life
Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy

Recently, 441 offices have heard some questions from various members about American Income Life. You might recall that this time last year you received a letter from 441 about a new benefit made available to active members through American Income Life.

The Accidental Death & Dismemberment Policy is for a face amount of $2,000 and is provided at no cost to members. You may have sent in a beneficiary card with your name, address, phone number and designated beneficiary. If you did, a representative of American Income Life may have or may be calling you. If you are interested in other insurance plans available through American Income Life, that would be a separate policy and totally at your discretion. If you are not interested in anything further, just tell the representative that and they will not contact you any further.

The Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit stands no matter whether you choose to have any other type of insurance through their company as long as you are a union member. If you have any questions you can contact American Income Life at 1-800-495-1213 or your may contact the Public Relations Representative for our area, Dee Hettinger, at (316) 516-1788.

Medical Gas Bill Passes with 441 Support

Austin Stone (4th from left) was injured from an improperly installed medical gas system that allowed too much nitrous oxide and not enough oxygen which resulted in permanent damage to the young man. This new bill will require third party inspection and testing of the system before used by the public. UA441 was instrumental in providing information and support to ensure the bill was passed.

Building Trades Meeting: Relationships and Opportunities

The Kansas State Building Trades Quarterly Meeting held in Emporia on June 16 gave the Building Trades an opportunity to thank legislators for their efforts in the last political session and also recognize Gov. Parkinson for working out a compromise which allowed progress for the Holcomb Power Plant to continue.

Sen. Laura Kelly and House Minority Leader Paul Davis
Jim Garner, Kansas Secretary of Labor

Greensburg Community Center
After 2½ years, the Greensburg Community Center building was dedicated to Kiowa County on Friday, July 16, 2010, by the Building Trades. The entire project was completed with volunteer labor and donations from across the country and even Canada.

The 60 X 120-foot structure contains offices, two public restrooms with showers, a kitchen, a state-of-the-art environmentally-friendly HVAC system, and a large open area for special events.

Holiday Schedule

2010 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, September 6th - Labor Day Holiday (All Zones)
Thursday, November 25th - Thanksgiving Day Holiday (All Zones)
Friday, November 26th - Day After Thanksgiving Holiday (Zones IB, IIA, IIB)
Saturday, December 25th - Christmas Day Holiday (All Zones)
Monday, December 27th - Day After Christmas Holiday (Zones IB, IIA, IIB)

2011 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 1st - New Year’s Day Holiday (All Zones)
Monday, May 30th - Memorial Day Holiday (All Zones)
Monday, July 4th - July 4th Holiday (All Zones)
Monday, September 5th - Labor Day Holiday (All Zones)
Thursday, November 24th - Thanksgiving Day Holiday (All Zones)
Friday, November 25th - Day After Thanksgiving Holiday (Zones IB, IIA, IIB)
Monday, December 26th - Christmas Day Holiday (All Zones)
Tuesday, December 27th - Day After Christmas Holiday (Zones IB, IIA, IIB)

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