

# Buckeye Engineer



## Local 18 CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 4 8-Hour Forklift, Industrial & Rough Terrain – Cygnet Training Center
- 6 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs. **(D-4/5 mtg. at new building, 3860 Towne Blvd., Franklin)**
- 11 8-Hour Forklift, Industrial & Rough Terrain – Miamisburg Training Center
- 13 All Districts – Membership mtgs. **(D-4/5 mtg. at 3860 Towne Blvd., Franklin)**
- 15 Dist. 1 Info mtg. – Ashtabula
- 15 Dist. 2 Info mtg. – Lima
- 18-26 Science of Big Machines COSI – Columbus
- 20 Dist. 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 25 Executive Board mtg. Columbus District Office, 1 p.m.
- 26 Semi-Annual State mtg. **New Location**  
Hilton Columbus/Polaris  
8700 Lyra Drive 43240, 10 a.m.

### JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- \*5 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs. **(D-4/5 mtg. at 3860 Towne Blvd., Franklin)**
- 9 CCO Refresher – Cygnet Training Site
- 11 All Districts – Membership mtgs. **(D-4/5 mtg. at 3860 Towne Blvd., Franklin)**
- 13 Dist. 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 16 CCO Refresher – Cygnet Training Site
- 18 Dist. 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 20 Dist. 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 23 CCO Exam – Cygnet Training Site

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## REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

June is upon us, the grass is growing and the orange barrels are blooming along the highways. That is the smell of work and dollars for the membership. We are anticipating a good construction season in most parts of the state.

Cleveland however, is the exception to the rule. Contractors have been notified that due to the Republican National Convention construction in downtown Cleveland will shut down June 1 through July 31, 2016 for security reasons. Two months out of the prime construction season will impact all construction workers in the Greater Cleveland area.

I was recently invited to speak to the Board of Directors of PTT Group regarding the construction of the ethane cracker plant in Belmont County and Local 18's availability of manpower. At this point it seems that everything is moving forward toward start of construction in the second quarter of 2017.

This project will require many CCO crane-certified Operating Engineers on pickers, large hydraulic and long boom lattice cranes. If you are a crane operator and have been putting off getting your CCO, this is the time to get it. The \$5 billion construction project will employ many Operating Engineers on site work, roadway and plant construction.

Thank you PTT for choosing Ohio as your site!

The lawsuit over the 1954 agreement between our craft and the Laborers is nearing the end of the discovery phase. After that, the judge will decide if it has enough merit to move to trial.



**We're in  
the midst of  
a very good  
work season.**

As a recap, the 1954 Agreement laid out the foundation for operation of forklifts and similar equipment, conveyors and drills, to the extent that equipment is to be manned by operators and the load tended by Laborers. This is something the Laborers have forgotten as they encroach on our jurisdiction, taking away work and hours from our membership.

As we see surrounding states eliminate their prevailing wages laws and fail to fund their highway budgets, it brings more competition to our signatory contractors here in Ohio. It is not unusual to see several out-of-state contractors bidding ODOT projects.

These contractors are driving down prices and in many instances taking jobs from our contractors. Your organizers

are working hard to go after these contractors and get them signed to our agreements. We will never quit organizing as every day brings a new challenge to maintain market share in construction.

Joe Lucas has decided to retire after 18 years of serving the membership of Local 18. We wish Joe and his wife Candy a long, happy healthy retirement. Joe's dedication in representing this local union will be missed. Congratulations, Joe!!!

I have taken Darrin Morgan from field representation and moved him over to Pipeline Representative. Darrin will do a good job and continue where Joe Lucas left off.

In addition, I have hired Thomas Larkins as Business Representative to take Darrin's place. Please give Tom and Darrin your assistance.

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#### Main Office

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#### Cleveland District Office

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GPS CLASS – Heath Hill at Cygnnet.

## DUES SCHEDULE

Any member of Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18RA or 18S who does not have his/her current dues paid maybe suspended. Dues are payable on a quarterly basis on the first day of each quarter (30-day grace period), with the exception of 18D and 18S to be paid on a monthly basis.

The following quarterly and monthly dues schedule for Local 18 and its Branches and Owner/Operator members is effective until October 1, 2016 **when a new dues schedule will go into effect.**

Local 18 \$62.25 per quarter  
+3% Administrative Dues\*  
Local 18A \$62.25 per quarter  
+3% Administrative Dues\*  
Local 18B \$62.25 per quarter  
+3% Administrative Dues\*  
Local 18C \$47.25 per quarter (Shops)  
+2% Administrative Dues\*  
only when working for Dealer/Rental  
Shops. 3% Administrative Dues  
when working for other shops, i.e.,  
Highway Heavy Companies\*  
Local 18C \$53.25 per quarter (Stone  
Quarries, Material Yards, etc.)

Local 18D \$23.00 per month  
Local 18G Two times the employee's hourly  
rate per month to be paid quarterly  
Local 18RA \$62.25 per quarter  
+3% Administrative Dues\*  
Local 18S Two times the employee's  
hourly rate plus \$8.50 per month to be  
paid monthly  
Owner Operator members  
\$146.25 per quarter  
Reduced Dues \$41.25 per quarter

**Michael R. Bertolone**  
Financial Secretary

Contributions or gifts to I.U.O.E. Local 18 are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

\*On October 8, 2012 at all district membership meetings, the membership approved an amendment to Article VIII, Section 1, of the Bylaws, increasing the administrative dues to 3% of gross wages for all members of Local 18 except Local 18C Quarry and Sand & Gravel Pit members, Local 18D, Local 18G and Local 18S members. The membership also approved an increase of administrative dues to 2% of gross wages for 18C equipment shop members. The Executive Board, at its October 28, 2012 meeting, approved January 1, 2013 as the effective date for implementation of the dues increase.

# LOCAL 18 INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF REVENUE RECEIVED AND EXPENSES PAID (Arising From Cash Transactions and Depreciation) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>Revenue Received</b>			
Members' Dues and Other Revenue . . . . .	\$17,060,451	\$2,844,719	\$19,905,170
Net Assets Released from Restrictions . . . . .	1,100,229	(1,100,229)	
Total Revenue Received . . . . .	<u>\$18,160,680</u>	<u>1,744,490</u>	<u>19,905,170</u>
<b>Less: Direct Expenses</b>			
Per Capita Taxes . . . . .	2,160,636		2,160,636
Dues Refunds . . . . .	10,180		10,180
Total Direct Expenses . . . . .	<u>2,170,816</u>		<u>2,170,816</u>
<b>Net Excess of Revenue Received over Direct Expenses</b> . . . . .	<u>15,989,864</u>	<u>1,744,490</u>	<u>17,734,354</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
District Office Salaries and Expenses . . . . .	7,293,169		7,293,169
Headquarters Salaries and Expenses . . . . .	2,440,511		2,440,511
Local Newspaper Expenses . . . . .	536,536		536,536
Membership Group Life Insurance . . . . .	237,099		237,099
Net Rental Loss . . . . .	13,378		13,378
Total Operating Expenses . . . . .	<u>10,520,693</u>		<u>10,520,693</u>
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses before General and Administrative Expenses</b> . . . . .			
Administrative Expenses . . . . .	5,469,171	1,744,490	7,213,661
General and Administrative Expenses . . . . .	1,980,112		1,980,112
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses Before Other Gains and Losses</b> . . . . .	<u>3,489,059</u>	<u>1,744,490</u>	<u>5,233,549</u>
Gain on Sale of Real Estate . . . . .	20,541		20,541
<b>Net Excess of Revenue Received over Expenses Paid</b> . . . . .	<u>3,509,600</u>	<u>1,744,490</u>	<u>5,254,090</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
December 31, 2014 . . . . .	23,851,391	3,108,258	26,959,649
December 31, 2015 . . . . .	<u>\$27,360,991</u>	<u>\$4,852,748</u>	<u>\$32,213,739</u>

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>	
Collections from Members . . . . .	\$19,879,479
Interest Received . . . . .	22,247
Collection for Rent . . . . .	3,720
Payments to Suppliers and Employees . . . . .	(14,080,344)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities (Below) . . . . .	<u>5,825,102</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>	
Proceeds from Sale of Real Estate . . . . .	\$112,406
Proceeds from Sales of U.S. Treasury Bills . . . . .	5,699,636
Proceeds from Sales of Automobiles . . . . .	28,647
Purchases of U.S. Treasury Bills . . . . .	(8,093,724)
Purchases of Land and Depreciable Assets . . . . .	(3,987,669)
Net Cash Used for Investing Activities . . . . .	<u>(6,240,704)</u>
<b>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b> . . . . .	<u>(415,602)</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents – Beginning of Year</b> . . . . .	<u>16,812,299</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents – End of Year</b> . . . . .	<u>16,396,697</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
<b>Net Excess of Revenue Received over Expenses Paid</b> . . . . .	5,254,090
<b>Items not Affecting Operating Cash</b>	
Depreciation . . . . .	614,768
Gain on Sale of Real Estate . . . . .	(20,541)
Increase in Market Value of U.S. Treasury Bills . . . . .	(3,444)
Increase in Prepaid Expenses and Deposits . . . . .	(17,230)
Decrease in Liabilities . . . . .	2,541
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities (Above)</b> . . . . .	<u>\$ 5,825,102</u>



# LOCAL 18 INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Arising From Cash Transactions and Depreciation) DECEMBER 31, 2015

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$16,396,697	
U.S. Treasury Bills – More than Three Months		
Maturity (at Market)	8,097,168	
Prepaid Expenses	54,990	
Deposits	6,602	
Total Current Assets		\$24,555,457

<b>Land and Depreciable Assets</b>	12,346,259	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(4,665,593)	7,680,666

#### Other Assets

Charitable Contributions Committee Fund – Bank Account	23,312	
Members' Program Fund	24,439	
Total Other Assets		47,751
Total Assets		<u>\$32,283,874</u>

### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

#### Liabilities

Refundable Fees	188	
Payroll Withholdings	22,196	22,384

#### Fund Balances

Charitable Contributions Committee Fund	23,312	
Members' Program Fund	24,439	
Unrestricted Net Assets	27,360,991	
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	4,852,748	32,261,490
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>\$32,283,874</u>

## BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

We, the Auditors of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, have participated in a review of the financial statements audited by the independent Certified Public Accountants as of December 31, 2015.

By doing so, we have satisfied ourselves as to the proper maintenance of accurate books of Accounts and Records by the officers and employees of the Local Union. We have inquired into various matters pertaining to the Local Union's accounting activities and financial position.

Based on our examination and on the aforementioned certified audit, and under the provisions and authority of the International Constitution, Article XXIV, Subdivision 2, Section (i), we, the undersigned Auditors, report that the books and accounts of the Local Union have been properly maintained and are fairly presented in the audited financial statements.

BOARD OF AUDITORS  
LOCAL 18, IUOE  
Gary M. Marsh  
Thomas J. Perevosnik  
Darrin D. Morgan

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

We, the Trustees of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, have discussed and reviewed the financial statements audited by the independent Certified Public Accountants as of December 31, 2015.

In reliance thereon, we have satisfied ourselves as to the proper care and safety of our Local's funds and other property and have determined that the Local is covered by adequate bonding insurance, as required by law and good business practices. We are satisfied that the Treasurer and other Local Union Officers and employees have maintained the proper control over Local Union funds and property.

Therefore, under the provisions and authority of the International Constitution, Article XXIV, Subdivision 2, Section (h), we, the undersigned Trustees, certify as to the disposition and care of the Local Union's property as reflected in the audited financial statements.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
LOCAL 18, IUOE  
Scott R. Stevenson  
Jefferson S. Powell  
Brett A. LaFaso

## President



**Tom Byers**

After a fairly dry spring, it appears the 2016 work season is now in full swing. As you will see as you read the reports from the districts around the state, there are major projects ongoing in all areas.

Tunnel work continues in District 1, and the Innerbelt Bridge project is progressing nicely. In District 2 there are shutdowns and refinery work keeping operators busy. There is also work at the Oregon Clean Energy facility and work on I-75. District 3 has major projects including the Portsmouth Bypass, the first phase of the Buckeye Lake Dam remediation, and quite a few highway jobs in Columbus and the surrounding highways.

In District 4/5 work has started on the Gemma Middletown Energy Center which should provide work for at least a year for a good number of operators. District 4/5 also has several large projects in the I-75/U.S. Rt. 35 area. District 6 has many operators working on pipelines, oil and gas processing plants, and major slips up and down the river.

The shops were pretty busy throughout the winter and continue to look to expand and hire more mechanics. So if you know anyone interested in working in our shops have them contact Shop Representative Ron Krohn for more information. Locals 18S and D have had their ups and downs, with several organizing victories, which helped offset the closing of an 18S and 18D larger unit in Coshocton.

During the winter when work slowed down, Local 18 conducted staff training and dispatcher training, and new representatives were sent to a training seminar sponsored by the International.

The inventory of grievances grew over the winter but many of them were resolved in the early steps through the efforts of the business and district representatives. Several have been referred to arbitration and are ongoing.

ODOT work is anticipated to be plentiful at least through the next state budget cycle and apprentices recently indentured into the program should be kept busy.

Thanks to all the members who attended the Labor History classes over the winter and the Steward Refresher classes this spring! Attendance was very good in all districts.

The District 6 classes were held in our BRAND NEW union hall, and it was great to see everyone enjoying OUR new union hall. For the first time, we also held a well-attended Labor History class in Old Washington at the Guernsey County Fairgrounds.

The Retiree clubs across the state are active again as the retirees travel back from their well-deserved wintertime activities. It is always nice to sit and trade stories at the retiree meetings.

A big thank you to all the members who continue to help when we call for help attending public meetings, protests and testimonials to support Local 18.

I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2016 work season.

## Legislative



**Mark Totman**

State legislators most likely will be on summer break as you read this article or just finishing up any last minute legislation before break. Presumably they will be out until after the November elections.

The legislation we have been working on at the statehouse lately has been the Contractor Labor bills (Residency Bills) S.B. 152 and H.B. 180 to **PROHIBIT a public authority** from requiring a contractor to employ a certain percentage of individuals from the public authority's geographic area to work on the construction or professional design of a public improvement.

Also we have **stopped** the "Force Account Bills" of H.B. 333 and S.B. 210 which would have raised the thresholds that township trustees can do on roadwork and other projects.

The problem is not so much with the townships' increases, but as soon as we allow this legislation to go through, the counties and municipalities would follow suit wanting to raise the thresholds for their projects to allow their workforces to do more road paving, bridge work and similar projects that would affect Local 18 members.

We will always be against the raising of any Force Account Limits at any level of government because it takes away funding for private sector projects that we as Operating Engineers work at to make a living every day. It also serves the taxpayers of the state because these projects are all competitively bid.

Our combined lobbying efforts with our contractor associations have stopped this de terminable legislation once again!

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## Medical Review



**Lisa Cianciolo, MRO**

With summer right around the corner, the warmer weather, picnics, sporting events and being with friends and family while having a "few" alcoholic beverages can seem of no consequence.

While people are taking the risk of driving over the legal limit at night, more are getting

in their cars the next morning while still under the influence, without realizing they are over the legal limit to drive. Whether it's OK to drive the next morning depends on how much you've drunk – and if you've left enough time for your system to get rid of the alcohol.

The amount of alcohol in your bloodstream depends on three things: the amount you take in, over what period of time and the speed at which your body gets rid of it. Alcohol is removed from the blood at the rate of about one unit an hour. But this varies from person to person.

It can depend on your size and gender, as men tend to process alcohol quicker than women; how much food you've eaten; the state of your liver and your metabolism. Imagine you're drinking until three or four in the morning and you wake up at 8 a.m.

If you've had six or seven drinks, you could still be under the influence of alcohol in your body when you start your day. This is because your body can only process around one unit of alcohol an hour. With several units of alcohol still in your body you would still be over the drink drive limit.

There's a mixture of mechanisms at work when your body processes alcohol, mainly enzymes in your liver doing their job of breaking down alcohol. This process takes longer if your liver is damaged or not working normally. There's nothing you can do to speed up the rate alcohol leaves your system.

Having a cup of coffee or a cold shower won't do anything at all to get rid of the alcohol. They may make you feel slightly different, but they haven't eliminated the alcohol in any way.

If you're thinking about driving the morning after you've been drinking, consider how much you had, and how late into the night it was before you finished your last drink.

There's no fail safe way to guarantee all the alcohol you've drunk has left your system, so it's important not to take risks. When you're under the influence of alcohol at any level, the skills you need when you're driving or operating heavy equipment, such as hand eye coordination, are impaired.

There are common sense reasons and legal reasons you don't want to be out on the road or at work putting yourself and others at risk.

## Safety



**Brett LaFaso**

On February 9, while sweeping the west bound lane of Eckel Rd. in Perrysburg, a broom operator attempted to make a U-turn. A passenger vehicle following three cars back attempted to pass two other vehicles and the broom at the moment he made the U-turn, striking the broom in the front left corner. The police officer on the scene determined that it was not the operator's fault and cited the civilian driver. There were no injuries.

On February 16, a crew was dismantling a water tower with the use of torches from a man-basket. A second crane was to be used to lower the cut pieces to the ground. An employee failed to connect the second crane to the two-ton piece of half-inch plate steel he was cutting. The piece fell 120 feet to the ground landing next to another employee. The piece bounced and struck the employee causing serious injuries, including two broken ribs and a head laceration. This accident could have easily resulted in a fatality. The cause of the accident was not properly securing the load before finalizing the cut.

An accident of this nature could be prevented by properly securing the load before finishing the cut and also by making sure the area below is clear of any personnel who can be hurt or equipment that can be damaged.

On March 15 an accident occurred when an apprentice/oiler was walking on the car body of a Manitowoc 2250 crawler crane taking measurements when she slipped on some leaking oil. As a result, she fell off of the crane

to the ground breaking her wrist in multiple places. She also suffered some minor scrapes and bruises.

The accident could have been avoided by observing consistent housekeeping practices, especially paying close attention to oil leaks.

On March 19, an accident occurred while an operator was unloading pipe off a rail car using a Vac-u-Worx pipe handler. The operator lifted a piece of pipe but noticed it was not centered. He set it back on the rail car to re-pick it but the pipe rolled off of the car to the ground. The steward jumped up on the track to talk to the operator and found him in a semi-conscious state.

It took the operator several minutes to compose himself enough to climb off the excavator. The steward transported him to the emergency room for medical attention. There was no medical condition identified at that time. The member has since returned to work with the contractor.

The impact of poor safety practices can be calculated in so many ways. The most common is in the wallet. If you are injured at home and incapable of working, the cost to you and your family is palpable. Conversely, good safety practices promote a long and healthy lifestyle.

Many examples come to mind. Three points of contact when mounting or dismounting equipment prevent you from jumping down and putting premature wear and tear on your knees. Proper lifting techniques prevent back injuries which have a tendency to compound with age. Wearing safety glasses even for the most mundane tasks at home prevent eye injuries and irritation from dust and debris. Look out for your fellow Brother and Sister operators on the job so they can go home at the end of the day. They may someday return the favor.

## Organizing



**Gary Siesel**

Local 18's Organizing Department, with the work of the organizers and business agents (along with members' help), had an increase in the first quarter of 2016 over the previous 11 years in the number of new contractors signing one of Local 18's agreements.

This brings on a challenge to the department to keep up this trend. So, we are asking if you, as a member, know of a contractor who would be a good organizing target, to contact us or your district office.

Successful organizing requires the dedication of the membership not only in this effort but also by being the best Operating Engineers in the industry.

The following is the newest group of signatory contractors since our last Organizing report:

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## Quarries



**Doug Leidy**

Our members in the quarries have had a very busy year. Currently the majority of our members have been recalled and are performing maintenance. Some were only laid off for two to four weeks.

Some of the quarries took advantage of the mild winter and performed production on days the weather permitted.

We have had a couple of incidents with lock out/tag out. If you are not sure if you should lock out/tag out anything that you are working on you should lock out/tag out to protect your job especially if you are performing maintenance. Most lock out/tag out incidents are zero tolerance and the members end up getting terminated. The company says the procedure is left up to the member to lock out/tag out.

Some of the members at the asphalt plants were recalled to perform maintenance on the plants, and some of the plants are running production.

## Legal

**Timothy Fadel, Attorney**

The following is an updated report of my activities regarding pending cases with Local 18 and its members since my last report in January, 2016.

**Local 18 v. Laborer's International Union of North America, et al.:** Local 18 filed a breach of contract action in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio against the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), the Ohio Laborers' District Council and several local affiliates of the laborers' union. *We are currently engaged in the discovery process which consists of re-*

*viewing documents and procuring deposition testimony concerning areas related to the Complaint.*

**Local 18 v. Laborers 310 (CNR Trucking):** Local 18 filed a lawsuit in the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County alleging that Laborers Local 310 unlawfully interfered with Local 18's agreement with CNR Trucking. *The matter was dismissed by the court and the Union is evaluating its appellate options.*

**Local 18 v. Norris Brothers Co., Inc. (Nestle Grievance):** Local 18 filed a Petition *continued on page 9*



# Apprenticeship and Training

**Don Black, Administrator**

We are adding on to the Richfield training site as a result of the overabundance of training available. Additions will include a larger break room and classroom, a 150-foot addition to the all-weather building as well as a 24 x 150 foot lean-to on the all-weather building.

Construction should start shortly with completion by November 1. We are still working on the details, but believe we will be able to tie into the city sewer system. When this happens we will also be adding on to the restroom. Hopefully, in the fall we can add to and repair the parking lot.

Work for our apprentices last year was good but this year looks even better. We plan to indenture about 180 new apprentices this year. We congratulate these new apprentices and wish them a long and prosperous future as Operating Engineers with Local 18.

As members, any support and assistance you can give to help our apprentices get established in the industry is greatly appreciated. A note to the new apprentices: "get back to the training site and start working on machine upgrades, forklift certification and your CDL."

The IUOE National Training Fund offered training classes this past winter and spring to help meet the demand for skilled operators for pipeline construction projects. The IUOE held two classes for Angle Dozer, Excavator and Sideboom. The training classes also focused on upgrading skills in the operation of the John Henry Rock Drill. We thank the members who participated in these classes.

Apprentices have completed their spring block field-training requirement and are currently looking forward to a busy summer of on-the-job training. If an apprentice is not working we encourage him or her to come to the training site and get their fall block-training completed.

The more you learn, the more you will earn. We urge apprentices to attend all Union meetings as well as the state union meetings. The new Standards of Apprenticeship require apprentices to attend at least three (3) union meetings per year.

COSI – The Center of Science & Industry – in Columbus will host the "Science of Big Machines" from June 18 through June 26. As in the past, the Ohio Contractors Association and the Operating Engineers will provide equipment and manpower for the event. If any apprentices and/or members would like to help us please call the Logan training site at (888) 385-2567.

Recently the Training Program added three new Doosan Excavators, one new Doosan loader, a Bobcat mini excavator, a Bobcat skid steer and three used bulldozers, New Holland D85, CAT D3 and Komatsu D31 to the inventory.

We added many classes to our schedule this past winter to meet the members' needs and most classes were well attended. Remember STP certification is valid for five years. This class is required per our contract and is a good safety refresher. All members who complete the class will also get a 10-hour OSHA card.

Also, don't let your forklift certification expire. Recertification is required every three years. To recertify, you must take the classroom portion of the course, but the practical test is not required to recertify. As a reminder, all classroom for the forklift is one day. This will allow the practical to be taken at your convenience, and those who need recertification only have to attend one day to complete both their industrial and rough terrain requirement.

Any operator who may be dispatched to a job to perform trench excavation work is required to attend our 16-hour Trench Safety class. This class consists of eight hours of classroom and eight hours of hands-on instruction. We cover the OSHA standard, safe operation of equipment, handling trench boxes, locating and avoiding underground hazards, and competent person responsibilities.

During the last couple of years we have conducted many of these classes with a lot of our members attending. However, there are still some members who need this class so please call your regional training site to get scheduled for a class.

We developed and have offered many Crane Signaller classes. This class with a Signaller Practical, is designed for members to become qualified as a Signaller. We also revised our rigging class and now offer a 16-hour Rigging class. By successfully completing our Rigging class a member will be considered qualified.

Almost all of our contractors are using GPS grade-controlled equipment for dirt equipment. We offer a class designed for Operating Engineers who have experience performing finish work with manually controlled machines. The class uses Trimble's Machine Controlled Systems on graders, dozers and excavators.

The class also delves into using Global Positioning Systems and Automated Total Station Controls. We have updated some of our GPS equipment to stay current in this field.

We continue to offer CCO written certification and recertification exams at all of the sites and are administering Mobile Crane practical exams at all of our training centers: Tower Crane is at our Richfield Site and Overhead Crane is at Richfield, Cygnet and Miamisburg.

Any member who is interested in Tower Crane and/or Overhead Crane can take the written exams along with any other written exams. We also have an Articulated Boom

Crane (Knuckleboom) that is available for training or CCO testing. To make an appointment to train or test, call the site in your area.

We encourage all operators to take advantage of your training centers to maintain your skills and develop new ones through the various training classes that are available. You can sign up for any class by contacting your regional training center.

We look forward to a great construction year for our members and apprentices.

We thank the trustees of this program, and our members for their help and guidance in making this Training Program one of the best in the International Union of Operating Engineers.

*"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."*

– C.S. Lewis

## Fringe



**Carol Wilson,  
Administrator**

Spring is nearly over and summer is just around the corner. With warmer temperatures, everyone is getting outside working in their gardens, mowing lawns, or enjoying picnics, bike rides and leisurely walks. While these activities can be rewarding and fun, there is always a chance of developing a rash, respiratory infection or sinusitis.

As you have probably heard, the trustees of the Health and Welfare Plan have partnered with a telemedicine provider, American Well (Amwell) for a faster, convenient way to have a video consultation with a board-certified, licensed physician using your Smartphone, tablet or home computer.

Many of Local 18's members have already utilized Amwell's services and have said the program is easy to use. They like the convenience and privacy of having a doctor visit in the comfort of their home 24/7/365 and there is no cost to eligible Local 18 members and their dependents.

Amwell recently implemented a multi-way video feature that allows a patient to invite up to four guests to your live video consult. So you may now include a family member or other caregiver in your doctor's visit or the doctor's visit of a child. In addition to seeing

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# Pipeline



**Darrin Morgan**



**Kipton Siesel**

Pipeline season is upon us and we are off to a slower start than the last few years. Land acquisition, permits and public dissention have slowed things down.

The energy companies continue to drill wells in Southeastern Ohio that are producing tremendous results. It is just a matter of time until we start installing the cross-country transmission lines to get this product to market.

Price Gregory has started the Marathon Petroleum 50-mile, 16-inch Cornerstone Pipeline in Harrison, Stark and Tuscarawas Counties. Supreme Industries is doing the clearing with Southeastern Directional Drilling handling the HDDs.

Quest Construction has been keeping operators busy installing meter sets and valves

for Rice Energy in Belmont County. B. Miller Pipeline is also working for Rice Energy in Belmont County installing two miles of 16-inch gas line. By the time of this printing, Michels should be underway with the 17-mile clean-up in Harrison and Tuscarawas Counties, and we should know who is doing the 18 miles of cleanup and slip repair for Sheehan in Monroe, Belmont and Jefferson Counties.

## Installation projects

In Jefferson County, Mid-Ohio Contracting is installing 1,700 feet of six-inch steel gas line for Dominion East Transmission. Mid-Ohio is also in Guernsey County installing 760 feet of six-inch steel gas line for MarkWest Energy.

Ace Pipeline has several operators working on EQT's Ohio River connector project in Monroe County with Intercon doing the horizontal directional bore. LCM Industrial Contractors is installing crossovers, valves and regulators for Dominion Transmission in Northport Ohio.

Otis Eastern is installing interconnects for Spectra Energy in Washington County. MPS has picked up 29,000 feet of clearing for Two Guns Construction in the county. Contractor Rentals is doing integrity digs for Marathon Petroleum in Licking, Delaware and Marion Counties and is also installing 7,400 feet of four-inch poly pipe for Columbia Gas in Perry County.

Ohio-West Virginia Excavating is doing the road bore for C-3 in Monroe County.

Hopefully, this fall our clearing companies will be busy clearing for the Rover, Nexxus, Utopia and Leach Express pipelines. These projects will produce hundreds of jobs for Local 18 Operating Engineers.

Welded Construction has restarted the Oregon lateral line in Northwest Ohio after the project was all but shut down due to easement issues. Southeast Directional Drilling is boring 1,850' shot under the Maumee River and Valley Directional Drilling is doing the road bores.

This 23 mile 24" gas line will feed the new Oregon clean energy natural gas fired power plant, which is currently under construction. Also in Oregon, Midwestern Contractors is finishing its approximately 2,400' of 10" extraction project for BP Pipeline. Laney Directional Drilling was a subcontractor on this project.

Roberts Pipeline is working for Buckeye Partners in Wood County on several anomaly digs. Geeding Construction kept several operators busy in Findlay working for Buckeye Pipeline doing tie-ins for a 200' road bore under I-75, which was done by Kirk Excavating.

Mid-Ohio Contracting is doing testing/launcher receiver gate setting for Vectren in Miami County.

# Stationary Engineers



**Doug Pallaye**



**John Hardesty**



**Eric Eastwood**

We are half way through 2016 and Local 185 agents have been very active with negotiations, and working out grievances and other situations. Healthcare costs have stabilized at the negotiating table so far this year, but there have been more concerns over wages and language changes.

All management teams have shown many concerns over the upcoming presidential election, particularly the housing authorities, a concern caused by the possibility of losing public funding.

Since our last report, Local 185 has ratified contracts with: City of Shelby, CBRE-Stationary Group, Zanesville Housing Authority and Zoetis in Willow Island, West Virginia.

We currently are in negotiations with City of Findlay, 1100 Superior Ave. - Cleveland, Fresh Mark - Canton, Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority and National Gas and Oil in Newark

Other contracts that will be negotiated in the second half of this year by Local 185 agents are Keynes Brothers in Logan, CMC Maintenance in Akron, BP Building in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. Technicians, and CBRE Route Technicians in Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana.

The Stationary Department has still been busy assisting the Organizing Department by negotiating new contracts with

Urban Services and the Meigs Company EMS group.

It was reported earlier this year that Ohio Health Nelsonville had closed more of its services which resulted in the loss of six of our members. Then in March it announced more reductions which resulted in Local 185 losing five more members. This reduction took place on April 22.

Most of these members will be able to retire after receiving their severance pay and any unemployment compensation they are eligible for. As of April 23, we still had 21 members remaining with Ohio Health Nelsonville.

The Stationary Department represents 41 members who work for Fresh Mark at the Canton facility. They are classified as maintenance trainee, general labor in the plant or wastewater treatment plant and maintenance engineer.

During negotiations in April, management informed the negotiation committee that the Canton facilities production has increased exponentially over the last four years. One

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## Retirees



**Harold Pflager**

I have been visiting different retiree meetings in various districts, and it's good to see all the retirees made it through the winter.

I hope to visit each district twice this year and set a schedule for meetings next year.

A visit to the new 4/5 office building will take place this month for a combined meeting of both District 4 and 5 retirees.

The organizational meeting for the state picnic took place at 10:30 a.m. on May 11 at the Columbus hall. This will be our 30th picnic and we hope to do something special for the retirees. We hope well over 100 will attend the picnic this year.

We would like to see more of the recently retired operators attend our meetings.

These retirees will find that many of the operators they first worked with are attending the meetings where memories are exchanged, good times remembered and friendships are rekindled.

As I used to hear on TV, "Try it, you'll like it."

## Steward Training



**Joe Casto**

We have finished another year of the one night introductory Steward Training classes. We averaged 32 members in attendance per district. Everyone from first year apprentices to 30+ year Life Members attended the classes.

Along with steward's duties, we also promote professional, active and informed Operating Engineers who are going to carry this organization into the future.

Next year will be the three-night Steward class, so please watch the *Buckeye Engineer* for dates.

I thank all the members who came to the classes for your support and interest in stepping up to be stewards.

THANK YOU!

## Credit Union



**Cyndi Strnad**

As of March 31, 2016, the assets of the Ohio Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union were \$5,940,000 compared to \$5,593,000 as of March 31, 2015.

Outstanding loans to Credit Union members total \$3,312,000. Almost 65% of deposits in the Credit Union are currently

being used in low cost loans to members of Local 18 and their families.

For information about applying for a loan, getting pre-approval or learning our current rates, check our website at [oofcu.org](http://oofcu.org), e-mail [memberservice@oofcu.org](mailto:memberservice@oofcu.org) or [c.strnad@yahoo.com](mailto:c.strnad@yahoo.com). Or, call us at (216) 432-0300 or (800) 462-0549.

The Credit Union now has discount amusement park tickets for Cedar Point, Wildwater

Kingdom and Kings Island for sale in the office and online as well this year. Prices and the links to purchase tickets online are now on the Credit Union's website and in this issue of the *Buckeye Engineer*. Or you can call the office for more information.

Please remember to tell your union Brothers & Sisters about the Credit Union.

You're not just a member of the Credit Union, you're part of a family, and that's how we treat all our members. Thank you for your continued support!!



## Legal

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in State Court to compel the arbitration of a grievance against Norris Brothers Co., Inc. seeking damages because of the employer's decision to utilize individuals other than Operating Engineers to operate forklifts and skid steers. *The Court issued a decision finding that Local 18 had a lawful right to compel the arbitration of its grievance. Recently, the matter settled after the employer agreed to pay damages as required under its contract.*

**Local 18 v. Donley's Inc. & LIUNA 310/LIUNA 894 ("Donley's I, Donley's II & Donley's III"):** After Local 18 filed a series of grievances seeking damages as a result of a decision by a handful of Northeast Ohio employers to utilize individuals other than Operating Engineers to operate forklifts and skid steers, the employers conspired with LIUNA 310, LIUNA 860 and LIUNA 894 in order to file an Unfair Labor Practice charge alleging that a jurisdictional dispute was taking place at several projects in Northeast Ohio. *Local 18 is defending against the matter by asserting its contractual right to seek damages pursuant to the CEA Agreement's work preservation clause.*

**Local 18 v. Ohio Contractors Association (Hydro Excavator Equipment Grievance):** Local 18 filed a Petition to Compel Arbitration regarding the classification and pay rate for Hydro-Excavator equipment in the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The OCA removed the case to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. *After the District Court granted the OCA's Motion to Dismiss, the Union appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, which reversed the trial court's dismissal. The matter has since been referred back to the District Court.*

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## Shops



**Ron Krohn**

The work scope of our equipment shops looks good. They should be busy maintaining rental fleets, servicing customer repairs, working on highway projects and other projects across the state in anticipation of the large diameter transfer lines, which are still awaiting final

approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which may come later this year.

We have ratified the Hertz contract and will be negotiating with Gallo Equipment, McLean, Columbus Equipment, Southeastern Equipment and Selinsky Force.

We had our statewide stewards meeting in May, and as usual, it was very well attended.

I would like to thank all the stewards for their commitment and dedication throughout the year supporting our members.

I also thank our shop members for their support and attendance at the Labor History and Steward Refresher classes across the state.

We all have a vested interest in sticking together and remaining educated with the current issues threatening our way of living, such as Right-to-Work/Workplace Freedom. This will affect all of our families.

# District 1 — Cleveland



**Tom Perevosnik**



**David Russell, Jr.**



**Jack Klopman II**



**Jacob Siesel**



**Michael Bertolone**  
*Special Representative*



**Chris Camino**  
*Organizer*

With the 2016 construction season underway, several major projects are progressing. With that in mind, please check to make sure all your certifications are current.

In the city of Cleveland, Perk is busy on Phase II of the resurfacing of Woodland Ave. and College Way, with help from Burton Scot Contractors.

Chieftain Trucking & Excavating was awarded demolition with site work at the St. Martin DePorres High School addition on St. Clair Ave. Kenmore Construction has steam/chiller line work on East 18th St. for Cleveland Thermal. Vandra Brothers Construction is doing road rehab on West 140th St. Terrace Construction has intersection improvements at Ontario St. and Euclid Ave.

The second phase of the I-90 Innerbelt bridge is moving closer to completion. TGR is trying to complete this project late this year or early in 2017.

Independence Excavating and Guinto Schirack Engineering are constructing a pedestrian tunnel beneath the new 33-story downtown Cleveland Hilton Hotel. Utilicon is working on ADA ramps in multiple locations, also downtown.

The Public Square project in downtown Cleveland has Precision Engineering & Contracting, Terrace Construction, Midwest Equipment, Eclipse, R. J. Platten, Badger Daylighting and Hydracrete Pumping all busy on-site. The fountain/ice skating rink is still under construction. The race continues to complete this project before the Republican National Convention (RNC) in July.

The Dugway West Interceptor sewer project still has Walsh Construction, Aggravo, Cook Paving & Construction and Engineered Concrete Structures busy on Cleveland's east side near East 105th St. and St. Clair Ave.

Walsh Construction continues working on the Easterly tunnel dewatering pump station near the Shoreway and East 140th St. When completed at the end of this year, it will pump sewage from the Euclid Creek tunnel to the Easterly wastewater treatment plant.

Work on the Dugway Storage tunnel is ongoing near East 140th St. in Cleveland with Salini Impregilo Healy JV, Triad Engineering and Marra Services all starting on shaft work. Moretrench did some pressure grouting at shaft 1 and is now freezing shaft 1 to overcome water issues. Nicholson Construction will be doing work on shafts 4 and 5.

McNally was awarded the Dugway South sewer project on Cleveland's east side.

Kokosing Construction has ongoing mass excavation for clarifier tanks at the Euclid wastewater treatment plant. Its tower crane is up and running and now doing concrete. Kokosing also has ongoing tank work and upgrades at the Southerly wastewater treatment plant.

Nerone & Sons has sanitary sewer work at the Lakewood wastewater treatment plant.

Work at the Easterly wastewater treatment plant continues with Great Lakes Construction, Shook Construction and Chieftain Trucking & Excavating doing digester and facility upgrades. E.C. Korneffel has returned to pull sheeting.

Work at the new Cleveland Clinic cancer center at East 105th St. and Carnegie Ave. is

ongoing, with Donley's, Independence Excavating, Howard Concrete Pumping and Forest City Erectors on site.

Donley's remains across the street from the cancer center working on the new 3,000 car parking structure. The company is still working on the Clinic/CWRU Health & Education campus at East 105th and Euclid Ave. Forest City Erectors was awarded the steel and structural. Independence Excavating has some excavating to do on this project and Howard Concrete Pumping is pumping concrete for Donley's. Great Lakes Construction is busy around the Clinic working on the First Energy substations and Bus Ring Loop.

Work on Phase I of the Opportunity Corridor continues with Perk and Mr. Excavator on site. This project will connect I-490 to the University Circle area. Phase II was awarded in the spring to Great Lakes Construction.

J.D. Williamson continues the bridge replacement on Pershing Ave. over I-77 and is starting a pedestrian bridge over I-90 near East 185th St.

Great Lakes Construction continues working on improvements to the Buckeye/  
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**WORKING for TGR at the I-90 bridge are tugboat captain Scott Patterson and deckhand Dale Keillor.**



# District 2 — Toledo



**Brett LaFaso**



**Kipton Siesel**



**Doug Leidy**



**Ismael Gutierrez, Jr.**



**Ismael Gutierrez  
Organizer**

With Lima Husky Energy's spring 2016 turnaround finished, and the Davis Besse Nuclear Power Plant refuel outage completed successfully, the month of June started with the Oregon BP/Husky 2016 turnaround in full swing. There are many Operating Engineers on site working for contractors RMF/Nooter, AECOM, Nooter Construction, BMWC, Jeffers Crane Service and a host of others.

The Oregon Clean Energy project is starting to take shape. With abundant highway construction that is a staple of Local 18's work, members in District 2 will not have to look very far to find plentiful work this season.

Beaver Excavating continues working on Phase III of the I-75 reconstruction near Lima which is scheduled for completion by early fall. This phase begins at the Allen/Auglaize county line and continues north six miles to the 4th St. exit. Two lanes of traffic are being maintained in both directions without switching from old pavement to new pavement, except at the S.R. 65 intersection where crews will be working on the bridge.

Like Phase II, Phase III entails widening the I-75 corridor for future third lane expansion. Subcontractors are Tenmile Creek, Woodland Acres, Underground Utilities, Kokosing Construction, Oglesby Construction, M.P. Dory, DOT Diamond, Toledo Caisson, Jeffers Crane and Shelly.

Shelly has been awarded approximately five miles of four-lane resurfacing on state routes 65, 81, 117 and 309 within the city limits of Lima, in Allen County.

Underground Utilities is finishing the upstream regulators sewer separation in Lima. This project included installation of approximately 5,500 linear feet of 12- to 36-inch pipe and 27 new structures.

Helms & Sons is doing spot repairs and some new curb and storm sewer work on Lima's Main St. bicycle corridor. It is also working on parking lot repairs and resurfacing for The Ohio State University's Lima campus.

InfraSource Construction has been awarded a five-year blanket contract for Dominion Gas which includes replacing anti-

quated distribution gas lines in and around Lima. Cioffi & Son Construction is performing the rehabilitation work, which includes asphalt, concrete and topsoil restoration.

As mentioned above, the Husky Refinery in Lima recently finished its 40-day spring turnaround. RMF Nooter, Jeffers Crane and Madison Industrial employed approximately 100 Operating Engineers operating forklifts, carrydecks and hydraulic rough terrain cranes. Deep South utilized a Terex Demag CC 8800 1,600-ton crawler crane to perform the heavy lifting required for this project.

Smith Paving has been awarded sidewalk replacement throughout Spencerville.

Miller Brothers continues working on the I-75 third lane expansion in Hancock and Wood counties. Traffic is currently traveling on the newly completed sections of bridges over Eagleville Rd. and Rocky Ford Creek in the Wood County section of this project. Construction has begun on the outside sections of these bridges.

Miller Brothers also has reconstructed the inside driving lanes and median from C.R. 95 to the Hancock County line. Subcontractors on this project included Underground Utilities, CemBase, Oglesby Construction, Shelly, Miller Cable, Lake Erie Construction, Dot Diamond and Deitering Landscape.

Shelly continues working on its 8.13 mile section of the I-75 third lane expansion which begins where Miller Brothers' project ends in Wood County, and continues north. Shelly has completed the reconstruction of the median and the inside driving lanes and is currently working on the two outside driving lanes. This project is scheduled to be completed next month.

Subcontractors on this project include Shelly & Sands, Miller Cable, Tenmile Creek, Underground Utilities and Ebony Construction.

Miller Bros. is performing site work for the new PK-5 Eastwood School. When completed, this 80,811 square foot building will house 699 students. UUI is installing a new pump station and 15,000 linear feet of six-

inch force main utilizing a horizontal directional drill (HDD) machine. There are several packages of this project currently out to bid.

Kokosing Construction's I-75 third lane project in Wood County picks up where Shelly's project ends at approximately the first rest area south of the

U.S. Rt. 6/I-75 interchange continuing north for 8.82 miles. Construction of I-75 southbound from south of S.R. 582 to U.S. Rt. 6 has been completed.

Traffic is currently being routed northbound in this section so I-75 can be completely closed and reconstructed. Work on I-75 north and southbound south of U.S. 6 to the end of the project (south of the rest areas), the median and inside driving lane is completed and crews are currently working on the outside two driving lanes and bridges. Subcontractors include CemBase, Miller Cable, Lake Erie Construction and K&R Landscape. This project also has a July completion date.

Shelly will be resurfacing approximately three miles of various sections of state routes 51, 105 and 199 in Wood County.

Speer Brothers has been awarded installation of 4,949 linear feet of 12-inch water line, 19,404 linear feet of eight-inch water line, new fire hydrants and a water booster station in Bowling Green. Pavement repairs and seeding/mulching are part of this project.

B. Hillz is currently working on water line improvements on Manville, Third and Clough streets in Bowling Green. This project entails replacement of approximately 1,900 linear feet of eight- and six-inch water line.

The company is also working on the Rudolph Rd. sanitary sewer in Wood County. This project includes installation of 1,000 linear feet of 1.5-inch, 1,000 linear feet of 2-inch and 5,300 linear feet of 3-inch force main along with 37 grinder pumps. Precise Boring will perform the horizontal directional drilling for this project which should be complete by mid-September.

Gerken Paving has resumed its 13.58 mile two-lane resurfacing of S.R. 235 in Wood County. Ebony Construction, W. L. Marker and Zimmerman Paint are subcontractors on this project which will be completed late this month.

In Defiance County, Hanks Plumbing and Heating has been awarded construction of a

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# District 3 — Columbus



**Greg Greenlee**



**Chad Creeks**



**Mark Totman**



**Garold Baker**



**Brent McCarty**



**Robert Hughes**



**Jeremy Hinkle**  
*Organizer*

It has been a busy six months.

Newly signed contractor ASI, along with Ruhlin, are working on the dam at Buckeye Lake and should be done this month. There were 4.1 miles of berm placed, with ASI starting at one end and Ruhlin at the other end. This job used an estimated

425,000 tons of material.

Dock removal began immediately, using an amphibious trackhoe and the assistance of a rough terrain forklift. While the docks were being removed, installation of the 30-foot wide berm began, using several end dumps which were loaded by two rubber tire loaders.

Turnarounds were built every 1,000 feet to allow trucks a way to maneuver around one another but also to shorten the backing distance. Another newly signed contractor, Raito, used two soil mixing pile drivers constructing the seepage wall at a depth of 40 feet. Other subcontractors on the project included Mt. Carmel, Capital City Crane and All Crane.

Complete General is on site building new bridges and services roads at the Cherry Valley

Interchange in Granville. The company has moved 240,000 yards of dirt, and set the MSE wall in place. Bridge work and access roads will soon be completed.

Igel is in the Newark downtown area installing over 20,000 feet of sanitary and storm sewer pipe of various sizes and lengths.

In the Pickerington neighborhood of Mingo Estates, Columbus Asphalt is replacing sewer lines. Shelly & Sands has a roundabout in Carroll, which will ease the commute of many along S.R. 33. Along with the roundabout there will be several bridges built with access roads to nearby businesses. It is building an MSE wall, and doing the prep work for the bridge that goes over U.S. Rt. 53.

Ohio Bridge is in Zanesville working on a bridge replacement, which required two Capital City cranes and beams that had to be connected over the river.

In Reynoldsburg, Shelly & Sands is widening Taylor Rd. which will add an additional turn lane, and is also making sewer line repairs. Miller Pipeline is installing new gas lines in the area.

In Wyandot County, Kokosing started the work year resurfacing S.R. 53 in Upper Sandusky. Trucco and Foundation Services will be working on a slip repair on U.S. routes 23 and 30. At the National Limestone plant in Bucyrus, ES Wagner is preparing for this year's mining season by removing top soil.

Things are busy in Morrow County again

this year with bridge replacements. R & I Construction has All Crane setting bridge beams on T.R. 166/T.R. 191 and T.R. 161 in Ashley. Shelly & Sands worked through most of the winter on the six bridges over I-71 from Delaware to Cardington. It also is resurfacing U.S. Rt. 42 in Cardington. Ohio Bridge and Crawford Construction were low bidders on six bridges around Cardington.

In Marion County, the city of Marion is focused on infrastructure work with a multi-phase project at the Aqua water plant. Bowen Engineering is in the first phase of building a new water separating tank. Elite Excavating and Parks Enterprise have both been busy replacing water and sewer lines in the city. Shelly & Sands will be paving the projects after completion.

Parks Drilling, Capital City Crane, Igel and All Crane have been keeping members busy in Union County, with Honda's paint shop project. Shelly & Sands has been paving U.S. Rt. 36 from Marysville to Delaware.

The work on the Portsmouth bypass in Scioto County is moving along very well. Beaver Excavating is moving the majority of the dirt, and rock with about 30% completed. John R. Jurgensen is working on some bridges and on the on/off ramps to connect U.S. Rt. 23 with the new bypass.

North Suburban Maintenance, Follow the River and Solid Rock Construction are working on various parts of the job. The bypass has a completion date for the winter of 2018.

Members will be busy in Delaware County this year.

In Delaware, Double Z is working on the Stratford Dam Rd. intersection. Shelly & Sands is replacing the bridge at Panhandle Rd. and Trucco is reconstructing the intersection at N. Sandusky and U.S. Rt. 23.

McDaniel's, and McKinney Drilling are finished working on a new law office in downtown Delaware. Kenmore Construction is widening S.R. 750 in Powell, while Strawser and KD Complete Clearing started the Murphy Parkway extension.

Trucco was busy during the winter installing

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**ON THE JOB FOR**  
**T.G. Mercer in**  
**Chillicothe is**  
**Tom Hymes, Jr.**

# District 4/5 — Franklin



**Gary Marsh**



**Jeff Powell**



**Jason Baker**



**Justin Gabbard**



**Scott Stevenson**  
**Organizer**

Although some contractors managed to keep working into the New Year, it was hit and miss with some heavy rain spells off and on into the spring. Now that the workload has picked up, we look forward to a great work year with continuing interstate projects, resurfacing and bridge projects and road and street improvements.

The projects have also provided repair and maintenance work for the shops. We would like to stress that you practice safe work habits while on the job and around the job site. Always be aware of your surroundings and look overhead. Do not become complacent about safety when it comes to climbing or dismounting and operating your equipment. Have a safe and productive work year.

## Northeastern counties

Work in the northeastern counties is steadily growing with new projects started and awarded and others continuing on from last year.

Lunda Construction is currently building a new compressor station for Price Gregory in Washington Court House. The company has two operators at the site. Beaver Excavating also kept several operators busy on the job completing the access road and site work. The project is scheduled to be completed in July.

RA Miller is staying busy working on Beavercreek's city-wide curb replacement project. Barrett Paving has been awarded the intersection improvements on Grange Hall Rd. at Shakertown Rd.

John R. Jurgensen is well underway on the "Collective Paving" project consisting of various street repairs in Xenia. It has several crews working on milling and repaving. Also, in Xenia, Complete General has been awarded the S.R. 380 bridge repair where it spans the U.S. Rt. 35 bypass.

In Clark County, Shelly is keeping several operators busy on its countywide chip and seal project. Barrett Paving has been awarded a two-lane mill and fill on S.R. 4. John R. Jurgensen has been awarded the interchange reconstruction on the road.

Double Z Construction has started a bridge repair on S.R. 41. Mid American will be hydro-excavating the bridge decks. A&B will be doing the asphalt work and Bansal Construction is providing the electrical work.

Shelly has finished its Taft Ave. mill and fill project in Urbana, where A&B Asphalt is making steady progress on the city-wide asphalt repairs and improvements program.

In Logan County, Complete General Construction has been awarded a bridge repair on U.S. Rt. 33.

## Northwestern counties

RA Miller is working on the city of Hamilton's curb replacements on various locations throughout the city. Barrett Paving will be doing the paving work.

RA Miller is also replacing 4,000 feet of curb and gutters and 15,000 sq. feet of sidewalks in Middletown off S.R. 4.

Barrett Paving is laying the final 30,000 tons of surface asphalt on a six-mile stretch of north- and southbound I-75 in Sidney. The company has just finished resurfacing various streets in Kettering near Lincoln Park Rd. Welfle has milled more than 14,000 tons for this project and Barrett has paved more than 14,000 tons of surface asphalt.

At another mill and fill project in Kettering, Barrett has been working on Stroop Rd. between South Dixie and Shroyer Rd. Welfle is providing the milling work and Barrett is laying 4,500 tons of intermediate asphalt and 7,000 tons of surface asphalt.

Barrett Paving is resurfacing 12 miles of S.R. 503 south of the Darke/Preble county line to West Alexandria. This job includes 6,000 tons of base repair and laying in 17,000 tons of intermediate asphalt. Ebony Construction is doing the mill work and Complete General is working on the bridge over the Twin Creek.

Eagle Bridge has moved into the final phase of work on S.R. 27 in Oxford. The company is removing the temporary pavement and pouring the final pieces of the sidewalk. Barrett Paving is laying the final coat of asphalt.

Shelly is milling and filling patches on I-75 at S.R. 196 in Shelby County. It will be laying 4,000 tons of asphalt, and expects to be finished by mid-summer. The company is also working on S.R. 118 between St. Henry and Coldwater overlaying the current roadway and will be overlaying S.R. 703 from Celina to

St. Mary's. This project will require 23,000 tons of asphalt.

Peterson Industrial continues working at the Piqua water treatment plant off S.R. 66, finishing pouring the last 4,000 yards of concrete to finish the clear well and back wash tanks. Through the spring and summer there will be more than 30,000 yards of dirt used for backfill around the building.

Shook is working at the Sidney wastewater treatment plant where 3,000 yards of dirt will be excavated for a new aeration tank. Shook will also be finishing work on the ultraviolet building, pouring the remaining concrete and backfilling around the building.

Eagle Bridge is working on a total demolition and replacement of Michigan St. over the CSX railroad tracks in Sidney. Jeffers Crane is setting the concrete beams and Freisthler Paving will be laying the asphalt in early July. Lake Erie Construction will be on site in mid-July installing the guardrail and fencing to complete the project.

On I-75 at C.R. 25A in Troy, Complete General is working on the northbound lanes. John R. Jurgensen was on site in late spring milling 30,000 sq. yards of asphalt. Complete General removed the bridge deck over the Great Miami River and is replacing it.

The bridge over C.R. 25A was demoed and Complete General is working on new piers and abutments and pouring the new bridge decks.

Kokosing was busy through the spring working on I-75 in downtown Dayton. The company made the last bridge deck pour in mid-May. Barrett Paving was on site in late April laying 16,000 tons of base and 4,000 tons of intermediate asphalt. Kokosing dirt crews have been working on 3rd St. preparing for the new entrance ramp. Traffic on I-75 will be moving over to the new northbound lanes this month.

Kokosing is working on the exit ramp from I-75 North to westbound U.S. Rt. 35. The deck was removed and new beams were set in place. The company is pouring

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# District 6 — Akron



**Joe Casto**



**Darrin Morgan**



**Jim Cramer**



**Preston Yuzwa**



**Thomas Larkins**



**Mike Cramer  
Organizer**

There is no shortage of Highway Heavy or distribution work in the district, in spite of the fact it seems as if pipeline work has slowed down.

In Hudson in Portage County, Blackhorse Bridge Construction is reconstructing two residential street bridges. Catts Construction is tearing out and replacing sidewalks for the city of Hudson.

B.O.G. Construction is rebuilding the Metroparks overpass on S.R. 303 on the Cuyahoga Valley bike path. Kenmore Construction is excavating the westbound lane closure at the Summit St. roundabout in Kent. Marucci & Gaffney Excavating is replacing a box culvert in Hiram off S.R. 82. The company also is grading S.R. 14 for the widening project to S.R. 5.

VanTastic Crane Services is setting steel at the micro suites in Kent. 1127 Construction is working for Dominion on the 5,700 feet of distribution main on S.R. 59 in Kent and Stow.

AmQuip is hoisting roofing materials at the Kent State flats dorm project. Karvo Paving is on road construction at the Phillips Industrial Parkway complex to S.R. 43 in Streetsboro. Shelly is stock piling barrier wall for the I-80 project in the county.

Wenger Excavating and Northstar Asphalt have started back at the Akron Canton Airport in Summit County working on pavement replacement, curbs and drainage. Kiehl Building Services is working on the Akron Art Museum building foundation. In Streetsboro it is finishing grading the exterior of the landscape areas at the high school and at Campus Elementary. It is also starting site preparation at the Ronald McDonald House in Akron.

Kenmore Construction, Blue Iron Foundations & Shoring, Capital City Crane, Schnable Foundations and McCasson Foundations are at the sewer interceptor for Kenny Obayashi in preparation for the tunnel project.

H.M. Miller Construction is installing the water line on S.R. 18 in Akron. Kenmore Construction is installing the sewer on the Seiberling St. 72" sewer project. Canal Construction is pouring the cement on the Rack 13 water line project. Shelly & Sands is busy on the

westbound lane expansion in Fairlawn at the S.R. 18/I-77 interchange.

J.D. Williamson Construction is starting back up in Richfield on the I-271/I-77 bridge reconstruction. The Petty Group continues a Dominion distribution project at Tallmadge Circle. Great Lakes Construction is doing the bridge foundation replacement and pouring the bridge deck on I-271 at Ledge Rd. and S.R. 82. Great Lakes Construction, with Capital City Crane and Vermilion tree, are pouring cement to reinforce the sewer cap in Akron.

Karvo Paving will be starting back to work widening and paving on the S.R. 82 westbound lane in Macedonia. The company is grading the northbound lane of S.R. 91 in Twinsburg.

General Crane Rental is setting fuel cells for Costco's filling station in Boston Heights and Xtreme Elements is pouring cement on the exterior of the project. Cioffi Construction is installing the water line off Arlington Rd. and I-77 in Akron. Cavanaugh Building is grading for pavement at Cascade Valley Metroparks path and parking area in Cuyahoga Falls.

H.M. Miller is installing sewer on Otto St. pump station C.S.O. project, and has utility

relocation on S. Main St. for the upcoming I-76 interchange rehabilitation and re-routing of the exiting ramps. Northstar Asphalt is paving Massillon Rd. in Akron. Senn Construction is doing the excavation at the Akron Hospital building addition.

In Carroll County, Carroll County Constructors continues to add operators as it ramps up for plant construction work at the Carroll County energy facility. Beaver Excavating has several operators doing foundation work at the facility.

In Canton in Stark County, work is well under way and ahead of schedule at the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Hall of Fame village. The sports and leisure village is expected to generate \$15.3 billion dollars of net economic output over the next 25 years. Sitetech has several operators moving dirt, installing underground utilities and subgrading football fields. The company is installing new sanitary and storm sewers, also. Beaver Excavating has several operators digging footers, forming and pouring walls for the new building addition. The other phases of the project have not been out for bid yet.

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**BRIDGE REPLACEMENT in Belmont County being handled by Triton Construction with Dale Carpenter operating the crane.**



## Keep Ohio's Heritage (KOH)

*Continuing report by the KOH officers*

Keep Ohio's Heritage (KOH) continues its mission to Protect Ohio's Middle Class from the political zealots who want to serve their big business masters.


The billboard program is still going strong with 20 billboards across Ohio and Northern Kentucky. As our leases expire on these billboards, we sometimes change the artwork or message to keep the message relevant. We have begun to use the billboards to promote our Facebook and Twitter   accounts.

We recently updated two of our more popular billboards that are on the wall at racetracks in Attica and Fremont. The semi-truck trailer with the Right-to-Work  is a Lie message runs the highways of Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia weekly and has helped drive more people to our website for information.


Those who attended Local 18's Labor His-

tory classes this year got to see the video that KOH produced regarding Rep. Barbara Sears unemployment bill. If Sears had her way, the legislation would have put Ohio DEAD LAST in the country for unemployment compensation for unemployed workers.

It would have reduced the maximum claim to just 12 weeks, which is HALF of what unemployed workers now receive. We are closely monitoring this bill with Local 18's Legislative Rep and Local 18 Vice President Mark Totman.


Vice President Totman is also keeping a close eye on another bill, another attempt to push Right to Work  in Ohio by State Rep Tom Brinkman. In an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer, he calls unions "The ultimate zombies." If his bill gains any momentum, perhaps union members across Ohio can show Mr. Brinkman how many ZOMBIES can VOTE.




**RIGHT-TO-WORK **  
*isn't on the fast track at Attica Raceway in Seneca County.*



## Right-to-Work does not create a right to work!

Despite the misleading title, Right-to-Work  laws do not create a right to work, nor do they protect workers from being fired for unjust reasons.


What Right-to-Work  laws actually do is allow workers in union shops to accept the benefits of unionizing without paying their

share of the costs. The National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) requires unions to represent all employees in the bargaining unit.

All workers in the unit receive the increased wages and benefits negotiated by the union. All workers receive protection from unjust

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## Court strikes down Wisconsin's Right-to-Work law

Wisconsin's Right-to-Work  law, championed by Republican Gov. Scott Walker as he was mounting his run for president, was struck down early in April, as violating the state constitution.


Unions argued that Wisconsin's law was an unconstitutional seizure of union property since unions now must extend benefits to workers who don't pay dues. Dane County Circuit Judge William Foust agreed.

He said the law amounts to the government taking union funds without compensation, since under the law unions must represent people who don't pay dues. That presents an existential threat to unions, Foust wrote.

"While (union) losses today could be characterized by some as minor, they are not isolated and the impact of (the law) over time is threatening to the unions' very economic viability," he wrote.

Foust noted that no other state court had struck down a Right-to-Work  law on those grounds, but said he wasn't obligated to follow other states.

Republican Attorney General Brad Schimel promised to appeal the decision and said he was confident it would not stand, noting that no similar law has been struck down in any other state. Schimel has not decided whether to seek an immediate suspension of the ruling.

"We are confident Wisconsin's freedom-to-work  law is constitutional and will ultimately be upheld," Walker wrote on Twitter.

Republicans who backed the law dismissed the ruling, saying it will be reversed.

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## \*'Right-to-work' is a misleading name

"Cruz backs right-to-work" was the headline in a recent issue of this newspaper (*Wisconsin State Journal*). Is there someone who opposes the right to work?

It is most annoying that the media has adopted the Republican name for these bills. All the "right-to-work" laws do is allow some short-sighted workers to enjoy the benefits obtained for them by a union without having to compensate the union for its efforts.

We should call these laws what they are. The headline should have been: "Cruz backs right to freeloader."

\*Letter to the Editor from Richard Burnham, Madison, Wisconsin

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new aeration/booster pump station for the Brunersburg Water and Sewer District.

Vernon Nagel is finishing installation of both Wooded Acres and College Rd. pump stations in Defiance. The company is also working on a slide repair on U.S. Rt. 24 at mile marker 1.71. Tenmile Creek, K&R Landscape, Paul Peterson, Oglesby Construction and Smith Paving are subcontractors.

Rudolph/Libbe is construction manager for the construction of a new 217,279 square foot middle/high school in Defiance, which will house 1,363 students in grades 6-12. The site work package was awarded to Miller Brothers Construction which is currently on-site. The other packages are currently out to bid.

Helms & Sons is currently widening Clinton St. on the south side of Defiance. The project consists of adding a two-way left turn lane, improving drainage, improving pedestrian facilities and upgrading traffic lights. Garza Construction is performing the milling on this project which is slated to be completed by year's end.

In Paulding County, Vernon Nagel is replacing the bridge on S.R. 49 at mile marker 7.22. Newly signed Precise Piledriving will drive piling, Lake Erie Construction will install guardrail, Gerken Paving will lay the asphalt, Capital City will provide crane support and K & R Excavating & Landscaping will landscape the project.

## Washington Street reconstruction

Helms & Sons Excavating was awarded Phase 3 of the Washington St. reconstruction in Van Wert. This project entails widening and reconstructing .68 miles of roadway, new curbs, new sidewalks, new storm and sanitary sewers, new signs and new traffic signals. Completion of this project is scheduled for late October.

Miller Brothers is replacing the Damascus bridge on S.R. 109 in Henry County, building a 12-span pre-stressed concrete I-beam bridge with reinforced concrete deck on drilled shaft piers over the Maumee River. Three-quarters of the new pillars and the trusses are in place and work continues forming the deck to pour new concrete. Completion is scheduled for October 2017.

Also in Henry County, Kokosing Construction is working on a slide repair on S.R. 110 west of the Campbell Soup factory. This project includes drilling 500 holes ranging from 10-feet deep to approximately 42-feet deep, putting an I-beam in the center hole and constructing 1,600 feet of retaining wall to stabilize the roadway adjacent to the Maumee River. Completion is scheduled for September.



**DAY & NIGHT work continues at the Husky Refinery as Deep South Crane & Rigging uses a 1,600 ton Terex PC 8800 Demag crawler crane.**



Construction of Fremont's new WWTP is progressing nicely. The joint venture of Mosser Construction and MWH Constructors is keeping this project on track. Phase I, which was the site work package, was completed in 2015. D&R Demolition is currently working on taking down the old tanks to make room to build the new tanks.

Phase II, the liquid phase, has begun and consists of building tanks and aerators for the liquid waste. Mosser Construction is building the tank and Romanoff will be performing the electrical work. This large project has several phases and is still scheduled for completion late this year.

In Toledo, Kokosing Construction has begun work on the inside lanes of mainline I-75, reconstructing pavement from Dorr St. to Central Ave. The Collingwood Blvd. and Detroit Ave. entrance and exit ramps, the Lawrence St. entrance ramp and the Bancroft St. exit ramp have all been rebuilt and are now open.

This project also includes replacing the Dorr St. bridge and the Oakwood Ave. bridge deck.

The Dorr St. bridge is currently being formed for the concrete pour. Work continues on the upgrades to drainage structures along

the project which started in July 2014, and has an anticipated completion date of mid-to-late 2016. Work on the Oakwood Ave. bridge deck will begin once the Dorr St. bridge is completed.

Kokosing Construction recently was awarded two major reconstruction projects.

The Major Widening Project encompasses reconstruction and widening of I-75 between Lagrange St. and Chrysler Dr., and has a total of nine bridges to be widened. Subcontractors include Vermilion Land Clearing, Lake Erie Construction, Tenmile Creek, Ebony Construction, Miller Cable and Toledo Caisson. The project has an anticipated completion date of May, 2017.

The Major Reconstruction Project, which is the second of the two projects, also pertains to work on I-75. This project calls for reconstruction of 2.5 miles of I-75 by upgrading the interchanges, constructing a parkway including roundabouts, upgrading lighting, traffic control and signals and reconstructing 12 bridge structures. This project has an anticipated completion date of June, 2018.

Miller Brothers has started work on the I-475/U.S. Rt. 20 interchange. This reconstruction includes reconfiguring the current

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interchange to a single-point urban interchange (SPUI). The SPUI is an interchange in which the arterial and ramp entrances/exits are controlled by a single traffic signal. This can be more efficient than a standard interchange and takes up less space.

The work includes building a new two-span pre-stressed concrete I-beam bridge with reinforced concrete deck adjacent to the current bridge. This project will also include installing new lighting, traffic control and retaining walls.

Beaver Excavating is working on construction of the McCord Rd. railroad grade separation in Holland, which calls for realigning the current railroad position to a newly constructed parallel track approximately 80 feet off the original alignment to allow construction of more than 65% of the underpass.

Once that stage is completed, train traffic will be returned to its original alignment allowing Beaver Excavating to finish the remainder of its work on the underpass. The roundabout on the north and south sides of the underpass has been completed and is now in use.

The south side of McCord Rd. has been excavated and the MSE walls have been completed. The north side of the road has been excavated and Beaver Excavating is working on piling for the MSE walls. The pump station is under construction, and when completed, will divert water from the underpass into the storm sewer system.

PHC has been awarded the reconstruction of Clark and Front streets which includes laying new asphalt pavement, installing 12-, 18- and 24-inch storm sewers, new catch basins, new manholes and installation of new six-inch underdrains.

Underground Utilities has been awarded the relocation of Cedar Point Rd. /DuPont Rd.

in Oregon. This project includes clearing and grubbing, excavating approximately 24,000 cubic yards of dirt, 26,500 cubic yards of embankment, 56,000 square yards of cement stabilized sub-grade and various storm sewer from 6 through 48 inches.

Edward Kelly & Sons has been awarded Phase 2 of the Highland improvement project. This consists of constructing approximately 2,800 linear feet of four-inch sanitary sewer and force main sewer beginning near the intersection of Hill Ave. and Fearing Blvd. and continuing to the end of Shasta Dr. at Highland Park.

It also includes construction of a pump station, a six-foot diameter wet well and valve vault, electrical and control work and site improvements. The project also contains alternate bids for manhole replacement, approximately 710 linear feet of 33-inch sanitary sewer lining and a diesel standby generator.

Black & Veatch was awarded the Oregon Clean Energy Project (OCEP) which includes construction of a new 800 megawatt natural gas-fired power plant which will feature two modern gas turbines and one steam turbine. This new construction will utilize the latest technology and environmental controls.

George Gradel is currently installing the underground utilities, Mosser Construction is performing the foundation concrete work and Berkel & Company has finished installing 1,150 auger cast piles. Azco Integrated Construction is currently on site installing the structural steel for the steam turbine building, combustion turbine building and pipe racks. Burkhalter Rigging is transporting all gas turbine motors from the Toledo Port to the job site.

Mosser Construction continues working on the water treatment plant raw water improvements which consist of expanding the capacity of the low service pump station, replacing



**INSTALLING a 48-inch reinforced concrete storm pipe at Miller Brothers' CSO in Toledo is Doug Dennison.**

raw water pumps and chemical feed systems and installing a standby generator.

Helms & Sons has completed construction of a 13.4 million gallon raw storage pond, flow control vault and a pumping station. Speer Bros. installed approximately four miles of 24-inch inch diameter raw water line and appurtenances along with a meter vault at the OCEP site.

Crestline Paving & Excavating is currently working on the Arlington Ave. roadway reclamation in Toledo, milling 1.57 miles of pavement from Byrne Rd. to Detroit Ave., installing a bike path along Arlington Ave. from Byrne Rd. to Detroit Ave., shifting a portion of the road to make room for the bike path, making minor drainage improvements and installing a new water line from Byrne Rd. to West Medical Loop.

Mosser Construction has begun Phase I of the Heather Downs Pump Station renovation which includes a new power house and equipment. New soft starters for the existing pumps will also be installed, along with build-out electrical and mechanical systems.

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**DEFIANCE worksite has Chris Snyder and Charles Clouse (left) and Steve Lynch (right) working for Helms & Sons Construction.**





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example was the production of pepperoni increasing from 34,000,000 pounds a year to 80,000,000 pounds.

Even with changes in production processes, addition of production lines, new production equipment and packaging changes, our members have set the all-time lowest downtime records for all of Fresh Mark plants. The current production downtime at this point is six-tenths of a percent (0.6%). This is all a direct result of the 41 members' training, experience and professional attitude toward the

maintenance and repair of the equipment and processes that keep the more than 800 production workers producing the Fresh Mark and private branded products.

Local 18S represents the five facilities operators working for Zoetis in Willow Island, West Virginia. This group recently ratified a new three-year agreement that will extend through May 2019.

These members take care of all the on-site utility work such as cooling tower water and substation readings, and make sure the air compressors are working properly. They also

run the sanitizing treatment and waste water treatment plants.

Forbes Magazine recently named Zoetis as one of the best mid-sized companies in America and was ranked 81 out of 250 companies. Zoetis has more than 60 years experience working in the development of animal health products.

It is a global leader in animal health and was the only pharmaceutical company focused solely on animal health to make the list. This honor is terrific recognition of the workplace and culture the Local 18S members have built working there for many years.



**ON THE JOB in Aqua Ohio's Tiffin Division Distribution Dept. are (l-r) Steven Hensel, Johnathan Hall and Aaron Solomon, all D-2.**



**WORKING for Cytec Industries is District 6 member Dennis Sole, a utilities site service operator.**



**WORKING for Keynes Brothers are District 3 members (l-r) William Friesner, Roger Williams, Greg McCune, Tim Nessley and Charles Gretz.**



**AMONG the almost two dozen members working at Ohio Health Nelsonville are Mary Doughty (top left), Cindy Drake and Teri Brooks (left), David Stevens (above left) and Robert Davis (above right) all District 3 members.**

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**Local 18 v. Ohio Contractors Association (Brokk Equipment Grievance):** Local 18 filed a Petition to Compel Arbitration regarding the classification and pay rate for Brokk-type equipment in the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County, Ohio. *The OCA removed the case to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The matter remains pending before the District Court.*

**Local 18 v. Gary Lanoux (Pete Gould & Sons/Bechtel Corporation/Welded Co. ULP):** Union member Gary Lanoux filed an Unfair Labor Practice charge with the NLRB's Regional Office in Cleveland asserting that Local 18 breached its duty of fair representation. Local 18 denied these charges and litigated the case at a formal hearing before an ALJ. *The ALJ issued an Opinion and Order ruling in Local 18's favor after finding that Mr. Lanoux's charges lacked merit. The board subsequently adopted the ALJ's rulings in their entirety and the matter is now closed.*

**Local 18 v. Gary Lanoux (Michels Corp. ULP):** Union member Gary Lanoux filed an Unfair Labor Practice charge with the NLRB's Regional Office in Cleveland asserting that Local 18 breached its duty of fair representation. *The Union has denied any wrongdoing and is currently participating in the NLRB's investigatory process.*

**Local 18 v. Stephen Wiltse (Michels Corp. ULP):** Union member Stephen Wiltse filed an Unfair Labor Practice charge with the NLRB's Regional Office in Cincinnati asserting that Local 18 breached its duty of fair representation. *The Union has denied any wrongdoing and is currently participating in the NLRB's investigatory process.*

**Local 18 v. Anthony Allega Cement (Thompson Electric Subcontracting Grievance):** Local 18 filed a grievance after the employer (Anthony Allega Cement) hired a subcontractor (Thompson Electric) that was not honoring the terms of Local 18's agreement. *In accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, Local 18 is seeking all lost wages and fringe benefits.*

**Local 18 v. LIUNA 310, LIUNA 265, LIUNA 860, LIUNA 894 (PCS Builders, LLC., George Wischt & Sons Construction Co., Lallo Masonry & Concrete & Valentine Contractors ULP):** Several laborers' local unions filed numerous Unfair Labor Practice charges regarding Local 18's construction of its new District 6 Union Hall. *Local 18 successfully defended against the charges and the Laborers' appeal has been denied.*

**Local 18 v. Shelly-Stone Co.:** Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the refusal to pay earned vacation time to a bargaining unit member. *The Union referred the matter to arbitration. An arbitrator was selected and a hearing has been scheduled.*

**Local 18/CBC Services v. Jerry Smith (OCRC Charge):** Union member Jerry Smith filed a charge with OCRC alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct. *Local 18 has entered an appearance in the matter and is cooperating in the OCRC's investigatory process.*

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## Credit Union once again offers summer discounts



### Paramount's King's Island

	Your Price	Savings
Adult (ages 3-61, 48" or taller in shoes)	\$37.00	\$29.00
Junior/Senior (ages 3-61, under 48"/62 & older)	33.00	12.00
Adult (Two Day)	63.00	3.00
Adult Ride & Refresh (ages 3-61, 48" or taller, drink voucher must be redeemed same day as admission ticket)	44.00	-0-
Jr./Sr. Ride & Refresh (ages 3-61, under 48" tall/62 & older. Same drink requirements as above.)	40.00	-0-

**\*\*Special Offer Printed on Ticket:** Admission night after 4 p.m. for \$12.00 (Valid through 9/4/16)\*\*

### Cedar Point

	Your Price	Savings
Adult (ages 3-61, 48" or taller in shoes)	49.00	16.99
Junior/Senior (ages 3-61, under 48"/62 & older)	43.00	3.99
Two Day Ride & Slide (ages 3-61, 48" or taller)	84.99	11.00
Two days at both Cedar Point & Soak City for one person. Dates of visit do not have to be consecutive.)		
Soak City (ages 3-61, 48" or taller in bare feet)	31.00	6.99
Ride & Refresh (ages 3-61, 48" or taller in shoes)	55.00	-0-
One day admission to Cedar Point for one person along with an all-you-care-to-drink wristband good for 20 oz. fountain Coca-Cola beverages.)		

### Wild Water Kingdom

Adult (ages 3-61, 48" or taller in bare feet)	23.99
	Same at Gate
Junior/Senior (ages 3-61, under 48" in shoes/62 & older)	16.99
	Same at Gate

**Cedar Point & Wild Water Kingdom tickets are now available for purchase on line. Visit our website [oofcu.org](http://oofcu.org) for more information and the link to purchase tickets with your debit or credit card.**

All tickets listed are good for any day during the 2016 season. A limited supply of tickets is available so please indicate which attraction you are buying tickets for.

Make check/money order payable to: Ohio Operating Engineers FCU and mail to: OOE FCU Room 200  
3515 Prospect Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44115

Tickets are held in the Credit Union office and are available for pickup or they can be mailed, so plan your trip in advance. If you wish them mailed, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Priority mail is available at an additional charge.

Credit cards are not accepted!  
Non-Credit Union members MUST pay by money order.  
No refunds or exchanges will be granted.



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the new deck and will slip form new walls to complete the first phase of the project in mid-summer.

At I-70 and S.R. 48, John R. Jurgensen has been laying 2,000 feet of concrete storm drain pipe ranging in size from 12" to 24". The asphalt crew is laying 7,000 tons on S.R. 48 to complete this section of the project.

On I-70 the company is laying 52,000 tons of asphalt. Miller Cable has been on-site installing new light poles and traffic signals. Shelly & Sands is pouring the new S.R. 48 entrance and exit ramps.

Great Lakes Construction is working on the terminal apron replacement at the Dayton International Airport Phase 1, which will be completed before this month's air show. The project consists of removing 8,900 sq. yards of concrete and replacing it with new 16" thick concrete. Buckeye Concrete pumped the concrete.

Eagle Bridge is working on the Webster St. bridge over the Mad River. Demo was completed in late winter. The company has built two 110'x40' coffer dams for the bridge piers' foundations. Tube piles, 16" in diameter by 60', have been installed and the company is pouring the nearly 750 yards of concrete needed for the pier foundations and stems.

Just up the Mad River, Eagle Bridge continues on the Harshman Rd. bridge replacement over the Mad River. In late spring, Jeffers Crane was on site setting 12 six-foot tall pre-stressed concrete beams on the new northbound lanes. The larger of the beams weighed 85 tons for the center of the 134-foot span. The road approach has been brought up to subgrade and the company has poured the 8.5" concrete deck on the new beams. Buckeye Concrete pumped 360 yards of concrete for the pour.

John R. Jurgensen is widening Liberty Fairfield Rd. from Millikin Rd. to Randall Dr. This project will help relieve the traffic congestion on this stretch of roadway.

Complete General is installing new bridge abutments and new approaches on the East River Rd. bridge over I-75 in Moraine. The bridge was lifted 24" by Evers Welding to accommodate new ODOT bridge heights. Complete General is working on new bridge abutments and the new approaches.

R. B. Jergens started separate culvert replacements on S.R. 129 and 27 in Butler County. The company is removing the old culverts and Piqua Steel will be setting the new precast concrete box culverts. Jergens continues working on C.R. 25A south of S.R. 571 in Tipp City, extending an eight-foot x four-inch culvert to a length of 72 feet, and is currently

widening the southbound lane 10 feet to Michaels Rd.

Gemma continues its work at the new NTE power plant site off Cincinnati-Dayton Rd. in Middletown. In late spring, R. B. Jergens used 500 tons of cement to stabilize 25,000 sq. yards of dirt along with 4,500 tons of 304 slag for the two lay down yards.

Baker Concrete continues working on the steam turbine pedestal and the cooling tower foundations. Ramcrete has been on site pumping 4,500 yards of concrete for the foundations. CG Construction has excavated 12,000 yards of dirt for the circulation water piping and will be excavating for the electrical contractor. AZCO is laying 850 feet of 66" steel circulation water piping for the project.

## Southeastern counties

R. B. Jergens is working on the completion of a 20-acre cell at the Carter Hollow landfill where work had slowed during the winter due to heavy rains. The company is also replacing culverts in various locations in Clinton and Warren counties. Freisthler Paving is doing the grinding and paving and Security fence is providing the guardrail work and signage.

Kokosing is back to work on the superstructure at the Jeremiah Morrow Bridge in Warren County. In May, it started connecting the northbound lanes to the new northbound bridge. Buckeye Concrete was on-site pumping concrete.

Belgray is installing new curbs and sidewalks at S.R. 73 and Sharts Rd. in Springboro. Bansal Construction is on-site for electrical work.

In Warren County, Barrett Paving has a two-lane reconstruction on Irwin-Simpson Rd. between Butler Warren and Charleston View roads. The project includes new curbs and sidewalks, and installation of 4,200 feet of new storm laterals. Donald W. May is installing 5,340 feet of eight-inch sewer line along with 16 manholes. It is also installing 1,600 feet of eight-inch water line and 19 services to the right-of-way for future use.

Barrett Paving is widening Socialville-Foster Rd. and replacing a bridge between Innovation Way and Columbia Rd. for the Warren County engineers. The company is replacing 2,800 feet of storm pipe ranging from 12 to 42 inches in diameter, at depths ranging from five to 35 feet.

The company is also relocating water and sanitary sewer lines and Eagle Bridge installed 390 feet of retaining wall. Eagle Bridge is on site for the bridge replacement and drove 90 H-Beam piles in three locations for the bridge deck piers. Eagle is also installing the MSE walls and backfilling with sand.

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**STAYING BUSY** on several Jurgensen projects are (from top) Marcia Campbell on I-70, Donald Skeene in Dayton and Lynn Pencil on S.R. 48.





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Rack & Ballauer is on a total rehab on Maple St. in Lebanon in Warren County, a project that includes new curbs and sidewalks. The project includes 1,200 feet of 12-inch water line and 1,000 feet of storm drains.

Eagle Bridge completed the entrance to the ramp from S.R. 32 to S.R. 132 in Clermont County for ODOT. The project included a new bridge deck and approaches. Freisthler Paving did the grinding and paving work and Security Fence provided the fencing, signs and guardrails.

Schumacher Dugan is the general contractor for a hotel and parking garage facility at Edwards and Madison roads in Norwood. Nelson Stark Excavating is doing the sub-grade. Goettle is driving 70 H-Beam piles with tiebacks for shoring. Baker Concrete is on-site providing the concrete work and Maxim Crane is servicing the project.

John R. Jurgensen has completed parking lot improvements at King's Island in Mason for a new entrance by laying 7,500 tons of asphalt in time for the park to open.

Also in that area Ford Development continues its road widening of Kings Mill Rd. which includes new storm sewers. Elex is doing per-

manent electrical work with street lighting and new signals. Oglesby Construction has laid 1.5 miles of new curb and Jurgensen has laid 10,000 tons of asphalt. This project is to improve much needed traffic flow into and out of the park.

Jurgensen has picked up several resurfacing projects in the area including a road improvement job at S.R. 48 and Miller Rd. and relocation of Columbia Rd. in Mason.

Barrett has picked up several city resurfacing projects in Mason and Lebanon.

R. A. Miller will soon be doing concrete work in Lebanon, Springboro and Anderson Township.

## Southwestern counties

In early April, R. B. Jergens started working on a bike path on State St. between Campbell Rd. and Harrison Ave. in Harrison. It is relocating 200 feet of 12-inch storm drain pipe and replacing several catch basins. The entire roadway will be milled and repaved and 5,000 feet of concrete curb will be slip formed.

On S.R. 128 just west of Miamitown, Evers Steel Erection set structural iron for a church addition using a hydraulic truck crane.

Newmann has finished widening 1,000 feet on the west side of Carroll Ave. in North

College Hill. Water, sewer and storm lines were relocated and upgraded. When completed, there will be new sidewalks on both sides of the street and a complete replacement of the pavement, including subbase.

Tri-State Crane was on site with a Grove hydraulic truck crane to service a mechanical contractor at the Jewish Hospital at the corner of Kenwood and Gailbrath Rd.

At the corner of Sycamore and 14th St. in downtown Cincinnati, a new multi-story parking garage is being built. Nelson Stark Excavating started with some light demo in February and has been excavating the site for subgrade and footers.

In late March, Goettle moved in for the earth retention and piling package. In total, 138 soldier piles were installed. Shoring was then placed in between the beams for earth retention along 14th and Sycamore streets. To hold the beams in place, 150 50-foot strand type ties were drilled diagonally through soldier piles.

After completing the earth retention walls, the company used a lattice boom crawler crane with a hanging drill attachment to drill in 250 16-inch auger cast piles ranging from 8 to 20 feet deep.

At the Blue Ash office complex on Blue Ash Rd., AmQuip Crane used a lattice boom crawler crane to service a steel erection contractor on a three-story office building.

At the Dicks Sporting Goods addition on Montgomery Rd. in Kenwood, Ford Development/Trend relocated the water line. McKinney Drilling, using a Watson track mounted drill, installed 80 30-inch caissons.

On Pippin Rd. in Cincinnati, just east of Compton Rd., Ford Development/Trend completed installing 1,500 feet of eight-inch ductile water main for Cincinnati Water Works.

Kokosing Construction is in the final phase of the Hopple Street/I-75 interchange project. Last November, the company was able to get the southbound traffic switched over to the west side of the project. This opened up work for some demolition of the old roadbed.

After demolition was completed 1,000 feet of new storm drain line was placed. Then excavation and soil stabilization of the median began in order to get it to subgrade level. Barrett came in and laid down a coarse grade asphalt base.

When completed, northbound I-75 traffic will be diverted to the west side of the interstate to allow the company to start pavement removal and excavation to bring it to grade for the final paving.

Just a few miles north, Kokosing has practically finished the railroad bridge replacement over I-75, just south of the Norwood Lateral.

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**RUNNING excavators has Donald Heiert (above left) with a hydro excavator for Badger Daylighting, Jeff Miller (above) working for Barrett Paving and (left) Darrel Swartz operating a PC 350 for Great Lakes.**

## Don't be one in five!

Over the past three decades, more people have had skin cancer than all other cancers combined. Between 40% and 50% of Americans who live to age 65 will have either basal cell carcinoma or squamous cell carcinoma at least once!

Skin cancer is the uncontrolled growth of abnormal skin cells, and occurs when unrepaired DNA damage to skin cells (most often caused by ultraviolet radiation from sunshine or tanning beds) triggers mutations or genetic defects that lead the skin cells to multiply rapidly and form malignant tumors.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. More than 5.4 million skin cancers in more than 3.3 million people are diagnosed annually. Each year there are more new cases of skin cancer than the combined incidence of cancers of the breast, prostate, lung and colon. **One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime.**

The two most common types of skin cancer – basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas – are highly curable, but can be disfiguring and costly. Melanoma, the third most common skin cancer, is more dangerous and causes the most deaths.

About 90% of nonmelanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun.

UV rays are an invisible kind of radiation that comes from the sun, tanning beds and sunlamps, and can penetrate and change skin cells.

The three types of UV rays are ultraviolet A (UVA), ultraviolet B (UVB), and ultraviolet C (UVC).

- UVA is the most common kind of sunlight at the earth's surface, and reaches beyond the top layer of human skin. Scientists believe that UVA rays can damage connective tissue and increase a person's risk of skin cancer.
- Most UVB rays are absorbed by the ozone layer, so they are less common at the earth's surface than UVA rays. UVB rays, which help produce vitamin D in the skin, don't reach as far into the skin as UVA rays, but they still can be damaging.
- UVC rays are very dangerous, but they are absorbed by the ozone layer and do not reach the ground.

The National Weather Service and the Environmental Protection Agency have developed the UV Index to forecast the risk of

overexposure to UV rays. It lets you know how much caution you should take when working, playing or exercising outdoors.

The UV Index predicts exposure levels on a 1 to 15 scale. Higher levels indicate a higher risk of overexposure. Calculated on a next-day basis for dozens of cities across the United States, the UV Index takes into account clouds and other local conditions that affect the amount of UV rays reaching the ground.

## Health 4U Update Is 'masculinity' killing men?

According to a new Rutgers study, men who subscribe to the fallacy of manhood are less likely to report their symptoms to doctors.

On average, men die five years sooner than women, and they also are more likely to die from cancer. While some have theorized that men are just biologically doomed, researchers at Rutgers University think that toxic masculinity is to blame.

### Masculinity in doctor's office

In a new study, "Masculinity in the doctor's office: Masculinity, gendered doctor preference and doctor-patient communication." Mary Himmelstein and Diana Sanchez set out to find out why men have shorter life expectancies and are more likely to suffer from several leading causes of death.

Expanding on scientific literature that links toughness and avoidance of weakness with negative implications for health, among other traits associated with male norms. Himmelstein and Sanchez found that men who adhere to the traditional scripts of masculinity and hold the belief that manhood is precarious – or that it could be "lost" – were more likely to choose a male doctor over a female doctor due to implicit bias.

In turn, men who consulted with a male doctor were less likely to have open and honest conversations about their medical health, which is an integral step in early detection and preventive care. In other words, men who "tough out" minor health problems because they believe that going to the doctor is a sign of weakness are, in part, killing themselves.

For the first part of the study, the researchers recruited 250 men to answer a set of questions related to their ideas about masculinity and manhood. The same participants also answered questionnaires about the importance of having a male doctor and gen-

dered medical competence. Though men did not explicitly believe that male medical professionals were more competent than women, respondents who scored highest on the masculinity scale were still more likely to prefer a male to a female doctor.

"Men preferring a male doctor over a female doctor only matters if choice of a male doctor somehow influences doctor-patient communication," the researchers wrote. So they conducted a third test to see if men actually do under report their symptoms to male doctors.

Himmelstein and Sanchez recruited 250 men from around campus and divided them into two random groups. One group would discuss their health with a female interviewer wearing a white lab coat. The other would talk with a male interviewer, also wearing a white lab coat. Participants were told that the interviewers were students enrolled in pre-medicine who were interested in gaining clinical experience. All participants were asked to take the masculinity test and were also asked about five common, chronic health problems before their appointment as a control.

"We found that when men actually interacted with male doctors, they were inhibited or less accurate in reporting their health symptoms," Sanchez said. "The men who talked to the male pre-med students were less likely to disclose their physical health symptoms accurately if they scored high on the masculinity test."

Thus, Sanchez explained, one way for men to take better care of their health could include rebranding doctor visits. "We're looking into ways that we can make men think of seeking medical help as a masculine act," she said. "We're trying to think of ways to intervene for men who think that masculinity is at odds with healthcare."

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## Meeting with the Governor



*DISCUSSING the new cracker plant to be built in Belmont County with Governor John Kasich (center) are Business Manager Dalton (right) and Legislative Representative Mark Totman (left). Tentatively planned to start in 2017, the PTT project should provide work for Local 18 members for up to five years.*

## Exploring our shale fields and our future

The current exploration and drilling of the Marcellus and Utica shale fields promise a lot of good things for Ohio.

Lowering our dependence on foreign oil and providing our manufacturing industries with cheaper energy which will stimulate industrial growth are just a few benefits.

For Local 18 and its membership, this drilling and capturing of these resources gives us an opportunity to work. Our signatory contractors are seeking to do the drill pad and related work, and our pipeline contractors are building the gathering lines to transport the product. Our highway and paving contractors are building access to the sites and upgrading the infrastructure in the drilling areas.

Our goal is to provide the service the energy companies need to make this happen, resulting in a positive effect for the citizens of Ohio.

At the same time, our membership will be gainfully employed, paying their taxes and earning their health and welfare and pension benefits. We are here to help our communities, state and country prosper and grow.

Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

## OSHA silica proposal could increase risks for road construction workers

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) has filed suit in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to thwart the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's final regulation for exposure to crystalline silica.

"OSHA's silica regulation is based on flawed science, flawed economic data, and flawed logic," ARTBA President Pete Ruane said. "The unintended consequence of the proposal is that it will actually expose road workers to greater risk by diverting resources away from other legitimate safety programs."

In March, the Occupational Safety & Health Administration issued a final regulation for exposure to crystalline silica.

Crystalline silica is a basic component of dust from soil, sand, granite and other minerals associated with construction. The rule sets the limit of 50 micrograms per cubic meter of air, averaged over an eight-hour shift, compared to the previous level of 250 micrograms for the construction industry.

The regulation takes effect June 23, but construction companies will have one year to comply.

"As currently written, the OSHA rule could actually increase the safety threat for highway workers and motorists," ARTBA President and CEO Pete Ruane said.

The association said it would also be consulting with its industry partners in the Construction Industry Safety Coalition, a group ARTBA helped form in 2013.

In previous written comments and face-to-face meetings with OSHA and Office of Management & Budget Officials, ARTBA told OSHA officials they used both outdated data and a faulty economic analysis in reaching the new standard. Specifically, OSHA relied on studies from 1930-1960, thus ignoring the successes of modern technology that have dramatically reduced silica exposure in roadway construction zones. ARTBA told OSHA that it may be doing more harm than good by requiring workers to wear respirators in hot environments, potentially exposing them to heat stroke and stress.

ARTBA also noted that by diverting significant resources to address a hazard that is minimally harmful in transportation construction operations, OSHA is reducing the resources needed to protect workers from more significant hazards, such as struck-by incidents. The association reminded agency officials that funds for transportation come primarily from tax dollars, and that money spent complying with this standard will reduce other public safety investments such as guardrail replacement and pothole repair.

## Fracking fuels half of U.S. output

The rise of fracking has reshaped the global energy landscape and recently hit a new milestone in the U.S.

Fracking now accounts for more than half of all U.S. oil output, according to the Energy Information Administration. It's a stunning feat considering fracking made up less than two percent of American oil production in 2000.

Hydraulic fracturing technology, "fracking," paved the way for drilling into America's enormous shale deposits and has fueled a dramatic boom in U.S. oil production.

Back in 2000, there were just 23,000 fracking wells pumping about 102,000 barrels of oil a day. Now there are 300,000 fracking wells, churning out 4.3 million barrels per day.

Fracking "has allowed the United States to increase its oil production faster than at any time in its history," the EIA said in a recent report.

U.S. output has nearly doubled over the past decade and America only trails Saudi Arabia and Russia globally, according to NASDAQ.

That surge in American crude is one of the main reasons why there is a global glut. The excess supply caused oil prices to peak in mid-2014 and crash as much as 75% since then.

"Prices are where they are because shale has been so phenomenally successful. It's changed the whole pricing paradigm," said Tamar Essner, director of Nasdaq's energy team.



# Shop members having busy season

## District 1

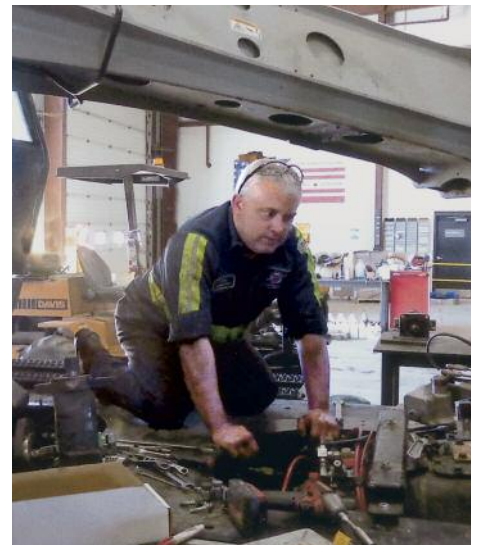
*WORKING for Cummins Bridgeway in its Walton Hills shop are Joseph Koenig and John Costa (right) and in the Cleveland shop are Andrew Soukenik (below) and Andrew Dereza (below right).*



## District 4/5



*OHIO CAT employee John Ashcroft (above) in the Sharonville shop. (Below) Jerry Bolser on the job for Southeastern Equipment in Monroe. (Bottom) Matthew Beachler also is in Monroe, working for RECO Equipment.*



## District 3



*IN FREDERICKTOWN, Justin Yeager and Dylan Hale are in Kokosing's shop.*





## District 3

*Recently retired (May) Steve Kodger (below) worked for Kokosing in Fredericktown where Seth Walpole (below right) still works. (Right) Adam Crist is in the company's Columbus location.*



*THIRD GENERATION mechanic Stevie Keener, Jr. (above) at Ohio CAT in Columbus, where Harold Jeffrey (below) also works.*



*RECEIVING his 25-year pin from Business Rep Brent McCarty is Randie West, working at Towlift in Columbus.*



*WORKING as a road technician for Ohio CAT in Columbus is Adam Bower.*



*ON THE JOB for Columbus Equipment in Columbus is Trent Dearth.*



*38-YEAR MEMBER William Reeb, Jr. is on the job for W.W. Williams in Hilliard.*



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The deck has been poured as have the wing walls on the east and west side of the trestle. Demolition of the old piers was completed in March and April. The company is expecting rail traffic on the line sometime this month or next.

At the same time, John R. Jurgensen has been realigning I-75 before and under the bridge. Once Kokosing removed the last pier on the west side, Jurgensen was able to move forward with its work. In early April, Jurgensen excavated the material from under the railroad bridge after moving the southbound lanes 50 feet west.

Once traffic has been diverted, Jurgensen will start removing the old northbound road pavement and base. When completed, this section of I-75 from the Oaks St. overpass to the Norwood Lateral will be shifted to the west. Bansal Construction has been on-site as a subcontractor for temporary and permanent power relocations.

Rack & Ballauer Excavating continues working on a storm water upgrade system from last year in Cincinnati. During the winter months the company set three concrete box type "swirl" chambers at the corner of Queen City Ave. and Sunset to slow down the storm water and create some retention before it goes into a larger main on Queen City.

Tri State Crane, using a Grove hydraulic truck crane, set the chambers for the company. Work is projected to last into this fall.

Just east of I-75 on Glendale Milford Rd., Helitech vibrated in 1,400 18-inch stone columns used for soil stabilization. According to the engineers, as the stone pile is installed, the ground around it gets tighter. The more stone piles the tighter the ground.

Helitech used a vibrating pipe mounted on a derrick that's on a trackhoe-type body. As the vibrating pipe is retracted, a wheel loader dumps crushed stone into a hopper that fills the pipe. The operator continuously moves the vibrating pipe up and down until the cavity has been filled with the gravel. AmQuip Crane is currently on-site setting structural iron. When completed this site will be the location of a warehouse for a logistics company.

The Ford Transmission plant in Sharonville is changing its six speed transmission production line to 10-speed transmissions for automotive and light duty pickup trucks. On March 26, the Adamo Group started some light demolition of the old product line and interior walls. This work is scheduled to be completed by April 2017.

## Northern Kentucky

Triton Services has completed the site work on Ewing Drive in Florence for a multi-story



**OPERATING** an excavator for Nelson Stark is Charles Schwartz, with Kevin Standing on the dozer. The two are preparing for an auto mall.



**WORKING** for Martin Marietta in Dayton is Roger Pike.



**BRIDGE** work has Michael Ziegler in Mason working for Eagle Bridge.



**BACKFILLING** for Jurgensen on S.R. 48 is David Hilton on a rubber tire loader.

assisted living care facility. The company excavated the site, installed underground utilities and brought the building pad up to subgrade.

At 7 Hills Church on Kentaboo Dr. off of Turfway Rd. in Florence, Triton has completed the mass excavation for the church's new sanctuary. It broke ground last fall and fought bad weather all winter. Mt. Carmel Stabilization came in early spring to lime stabilize the building pad. Water retention ponds were built to hold runoff from the parking lots and several hundred feet of storm drain were buried.

Maxim Crane Works was also on site to service a pre-cast concrete company setting the new exterior wall in place. Triton Services will return later this year to do finish grade and cleanup work.

On U.S. Rt. 42 in Union, Coppage Construction has completed site development for multi-family town homes. Even with the wet weather, it was able to get the mass excavation for the building pads up to grade and installed storm and sanitary sewer lines.

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At the Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport in Boone County, work has resumed on the DHL tarmac project. In January, Igel finished subgrade work on the 48-acre site. Harper was awarded the concrete package for the tarmac, and in March, the company set up the first of two batch plants on Wendell Ford Dr. The second one will be set up by the time you read this.

It is estimated that a supply truck of sand, gravel or cement will be delivered on the average of every two to five minutes to the plants and project, and an average of 4,000 yards of concrete per hour will be produced. Two slip form paving spreads will be used. Igel Construction is laying the storm drain pipe that varies from 16- to 32-inch throughout the site.

Using a hydraulic drill attachment on a track hoe, Igel also installed one-inch hold down anchors for a concrete vault to be used for storm water runoff retention. Bansal Construction is on-site laying underground conduit for electrical connections to plug in the cargo planes while they are being staged.

Further south in Boone County on U.S. Rt. 25 just south of Richwood, Maxim Crane Works, using a 150-ton lattice boom crawler crane, set concrete pre-cast panels for retail warehouse storage at the I.D.I. Industrial Park.

Barrett Paving will be busy milling various roads in Campbell County as part of a county road maintenance program.

## Quarries

The quarries throughout the district have been busy keeping up with the customer demands. They switched from winter maintenance to production in early April and are supplying stone to various road contractors, asphalt plants and concrete plants.

## Pipeline

Mid-Ohio Pipeline, working for Vectren, is replacing short radius fittings with long sweep fittings on a 30-mile stretch of 12-inch transmission line in Miami County.

In late April, Integrity Kokosing removed 100 feet of 30-inch casing from Columbus Gas off Yankee St. in Centerville. The company inspected the line pipe, recoated it and backfilled for preparation of an upcoming road widening.

## Gas line distribution

Miller Pipeline is working for Vectren through Montgomery County on Samuel Ave. and McLain St. in Dayton. The company is installing 3,000 feet of two-inch main pipe and 108 service connections in downtown Dayton.

On 5th St. in the Oregon District, Miller Pipeline is installing 11,500 feet of two- and six- inch plastic main pipe and has 208 service connections to hook up. Off of Salem Ave., the company is installing 5,000 feet of two- and four-inch plastic main pipe and 31 service connections.

KS Energy completed two projects for Duke Energy, with the first on S.R. 4 in Fairfield. It laid 2,300 feet of 12" steel main pipe and installed eight service connections. The company laid 4,000 feet of six-inch steel main, 700 feet of eight-inch plastic main and hooked up five new services on Oxford State Rd. in Middletown.

Premier Energy is working for Vectren on S. Main St. in West Milton. The company is installing 10,000 of two- and four-inch plastic main pipe along with 130 new services to homes and businesses.

Premier Energy is underway on a gas line replacement off Easton Ave. for the city of Hamilton. There will be 5,000 feet of six- and four-inch plastic main pipe and a number of service connections.

## Dealer shops

McLean has been busy through the spring servicing customer asphalt mills and pavers. At Southeastern Equipment in Monroe, mechanics have been prepping new equipment that is being sold to various customers and municipalities.

RECO Equipment and Parts Department in Monroe is working on equipment maintenance programs for customers throughout the area.

Columbus Equipment in Dayton is preparing new equipment that has been sold to customers. The mechanics check out new machines and add any extra accessories to the new equipment such as thumbs and auxiliary hydraulics for concrete breakers.

At Ohio CAT in Troy, mechanics are working on a vast array of equipment. The truck

shop is rebuilding engines for customers, and in the power systems division, mechanics are servicing generators, along with inspecting and repairing emergency vehicles for municipalities.

Republic Crane on Production Dr. in Florence, Kentucky was purchased by RECO Equipment. The company works mainly on scrap yard handling and processing equipment manufactured by Liebherr. Its mechanic/technicians travel all over the Midwest, including as far west as Texas. Not only do they have to make mechanical repairs, they also work on, and install, the electromagnetic attachments on the rubber-tired machines.

The Southeastern Equipment shop in Burlington, Kentucky has kept busy with county and state machine repairs along with its Gradall sales and services.

The Columbus Equipment store on Shepherd Lane in Cincinnati had an active winter and spring with boom truck and hydraulic crane services. The shop and field technicians reported they had more than ample work.

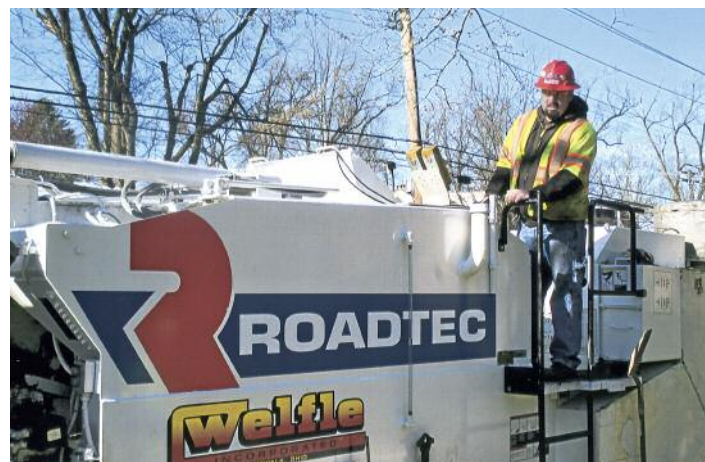
The Ohio CAT shop in Sharonville, Ohio, was on some overtime for several months and the work load is expected to continue into summer. The company was able to hire several new technicians.

At the Ohio CAT store in Richwood, Kentucky field service is strong and many local contractors brought machines in for early spring work.

As always our thoughts are with the families of members who have passed since our last report.

The Retirees' Club started back to its monthly meetings in April. All retirees are welcome to attend and enjoy a good lunch. There is also a drawing for door prizes at every meeting.

Thanks to the executive and advisory boards for their work and thank you to our members for educating friends and family about the fight against Right-to-Work.



*OPERATING a mill  
for Welfle in  
Middletown is  
Jamie Braden (D-1).*



## D-6 shop members staying active



*STAYING BUSY for Ohio CAT in Harrison County are John Schumacher (above) working on a special undercarriage and Michael Poch (below) assembling an excavator at Oxford Mining.*



*RECOGNIZED for achieving 25 years of service are (l-r) Paul Netling, David McIntyre and Richard Wilson (D-1) working for W.W. Williams in Brunswick.*



*IN RICHFIELD, Charles Cummings, Jr. (left) and Keith Magella (above) are working for NES Rentals.*



*WORKING a custom cylinder for Complete Hydraulics in its Bolivar shop is Jeremy Burky.*



*ON THE JOB in Fredericktown is Nicholas Poth working for Kokosing.*



## Work underway on Cornerstone Pipeline

Marathon Petroleum is expected to begin digging trenches for its Cornerstone Pipeline project shortly, and the pipeline is expected to be in service by the end of the year. It will transport natural gas and condensate from processing plants in southeastern Ohio.

The Cornerstone Pipeline will originate in Scio, Ohio, run north to East Sparta and then to Marathon's refinery in Canton. The 16-inch-diameter, 42-mile section of pipeline from Cadiz to East Sparta will ship 180,000 barrels of liquid a day. The eight-inch-diameter, eight-mile section of pipeline from East Sparta to Canton will ship 45,000 barrels of condensate a day.

The Cornerstone pipeline will carry natural gasoline and condensate from processing plants in Cadiz, Scio and Hopedale, a move that could decrease the amount of flammable liquids shipped on tanker trucks and railcars. Roughly 100 condensate tankers pull into the Canton refinery a day.

"This is the first pipeline solution for the Utica for these liquids," said Jason Stechschulte, who does business development for Marathon Pipe Line.

Natural gasoline is a low-octane liquid that can be blended with higher-octane gasoline at a refinery. It's also used to dilute heavy oil, such as that from Canada's tar sands, so it flows more easily through a pipeline.

Condensate is a mix of liquids separated from the gasses that flow from Utica and Marcellus shale wells. The Canton refinery uses condensate to make gasoline and diesel fuel.

The East Sparta tanks already store diesel and gasoline, but Marathon is converting one tank to hold natural gasoline and is building another tank for condensate.

Tankers probably still will deliver condensate from wells in parts of Carroll, Columbiana and Stark counties, for efficiency reasons, but producers further south likely would use the pipeline, Stechschulte said.

Marathon estimates the Cornerstone pipeline and East Sparta tank project will cost \$250 million.

Marathon has secured rights-of-way for the pipeline, said Jake Chenevey, project manager.

The pipeline impacts 200 landowners, and up to 85% of the route follows existing pipeline corridors, he said.

Houston-based Price Gregory will build the pipeline, and the project could employ 500 workers at its peak. The company uses union workers, Chenevey said.

Workers started digging trenches in late April or May. Construction will begin in Harrison County and should reach Stark County by June or July, with the work nearing Canton in August.

Cornerstone connects to Utica East Ohio's processing plant in Scio and MarkWest's facility in Cadiz. In the third quarter of this year, Marathon will start building a pipeline to connect a MarkWest plant in Hopedale to the Cornerstone pipeline.

Upgrades to other Marathon pipelines will carry condensate and natural gasoline to the Chicago area, where existing pipelines can carry it to Canada. Marathon hasn't given a cost estimate for these projects.

## A deadly year on Ohio's roadway work zones

Last year was the deadliest year in over a decade in Ohio's roadway work zones. With 30 fatalities – nearly double the number in 2014 – the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is warning motorists of work zone dangers, and asking for their help in reversing the trend.

"While motorists are more than twice as likely as workers to be injured or killed in work zones, it's the men and women on the front lines who have little more than an orange barrel between them and speeding cars," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray. "With a near-record number of construction projects currently underway all over Ohio, it's critical that every driver be alert and slow down as they travel through work zones."

"Out on the road, none of us wants to be that driver who ruins someone's commute, day, or life," said Wray. "Instead, each of us wants to get home safely. In roadway work zones, engineers and construction workers make safety their top priority every day - for drivers as well as themselves. However, drivers need to do their part too."

Some facts to consider . . .


- In 2015, there were 6,035 work zone crashes in Ohio.
- In 2014, 669 fatalities occurred in work zones across the U.S.
- Driving 45 mph through a two-mile work zone will only add a minute to your travel time.
- Roads can't last forever. They require periodic maintenance – and thus work zones. Those short-term inconveniences mean long-term benefits for moving people and goods from place to place.
- Over the last five years, work zone crashes have increased nearly 15%.


Motorists can avoid crashes by staying alert and giving driving their full attention, following all posted signs and obeying flaggers, and not tailgating or speeding.




## Right-to-Work

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discharge under the collective bargaining agreement and representation in arbitration challenging unjust terminations at no charge. It is only fair that all workers who receive these benefits share the costs. That is what the NLRA provides.

State Right-to-Work  laws, which are permitted by the NLRA, change this arrangement. Under such laws, workers are permitted to receive the benefits of the collective bargaining agreements without paying their share of the costs. This forces fellow employees to pay more than their fair share to make up the loss.


Right-to-Work  laws also weaken unions by forcing them to provide services to workers without being reimbursed for their costs.

This is exactly what proponents of Right-to-Work  want. The champions of Right-to-Work  are not supporters of workers' rights. The National Right-to-Work  committee was founded in 1954 by a group of ultra-conservative businessmen, including Whitford Blakeney, one of the best known anti-labor lawyers of his time, whose career included representing the J.P. Stevens textile company, whose campaign against unionization was found by the National Labor Relations Board to include "excessive and egregious labor practices."


(The movie "Norma Rae" is based on that strike. Sally Field's role, which won her an Oscar, was based on Crystal Lee Sutton who was fired at a Stevens plant for trying to organize the employees.)

To this day, the NRTWC functions as an arm of organized business. It did not support civil rights laws protecting workers from racial and gender discrimination. It does not support increasing protection against retaliation for workers who try to organize. It does not support protecting workers' lives by improving enforced occupational safety and health laws.

In fact, the committee's leadership works closely with those who oppose improving the rights of workers.

Advocates of Right-to-Work  laws claim that such laws protect workers' right to freedom of association by preventing them from being forced to join unions against their will. This is not true.

Workers already have this right under the National Labor Relations Act. Section 7 of the Act prohibits discrimination against any employee because he or she has chosen to join or not join a union. No new state law is needed to protect workers in this area.

Right-to-Work  laws allow workers to accept the benefits of union membership without sharing the cost. This is a right no one should have – the right to get something for nothing and make others pay the bill.

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Woodhill RTA station, new Shoreway transformation, East 79th St. RTA bridge and the West 3rd St. pump station in Cleveland. It also will be starting the Canal Rd. bridge repair in the Flats.

On the east bank of the Flats, F. Buddie Contracting has the site work for the new Canal Basin park.

Xtreme Elements, Sitetech and Subsurface Constructors are busy doing site work and foundations at the CSU Art & Science Center new building site near East 18th St. and Prospect Ave.

Mr. Excavator and Foundation Services are busy doing site work and foundations at the new CSU K-8 International School near East 22nd St. and Payne Ave.

Cook Paving has nine Cleveland Public Power vaults to methodically demo around live power and reconstruct in downtown Cleveland.

Karvo Paving is still busy on the Fleet Ave. reconstruction and on the North and South Marginal roads doing full-depth repairs and resurfacing.

Platform Cement is working on the addition to the Salvation Army Harbor Light complex on East 18th St. and the Landmark Aviation new hangar and pilots' quarters at Burke Lakefront Airport.

Marous Brothers Construction has the addition to the Salvation Army facility on East 176th St. ABV Contractors and Terrace Construction are working on the addition to the Salvation Army building on West 127th St. and Lorain Ave.

In Cuyahoga County's eastern suburbs, Donley's continues building the new Legacy Village Hyatt Hotel in Lyndhurst. Eclipse is doing site work for the new Chagrin Highlands office tower in Beachwood. Sitetech is crushing debris from the Randall Park Mall demolition in North Randall.

The Cleveland Heights High School addition has Platform Cement, Standard Contracting,

Kelley Steel Erectors and General Crane busy on site. Trax Construction has water line replacement on Wilmington Rd. in South Euclid. DOT Construction has noise wall work in Bratenahl.

In western Cuyahoga County, Fabrizi Trucking & Paving has storm sewer work on Pearl Rd. and has the 2016 Cuyahoga County sewer repair program. Fabrizi also has sewer and water line work on multiple streets throughout the county.

Kelley Steel Erectors and Bukshire Construction are still going vertical with expansion at the Cleveland MetroHealth Medical Center on West 25th St.

Marous Brothers has started site work on the Breakwater Bluffs Condominium project near West 71st Street.

FM Sylvan has tank tie-ins to do at the Buckeye Tank Farm on Bradley Rd. in Cleveland.

Distribution & Maintenance gas line work is still plentiful in northern Cuyahoga County keeping Don Wartko Construction, DRS Enterprises, 1127 Construction, InfraSource, ASW Pipeline, Vallejo, Petty Group and H.M. Miller busy throughout the county.

Kokosing Materials, Stoneco's (dba Allied Corporation) asphalt plants and Stoneco (dba Shelly) Liquid are now up and running. The Cuyahoga Concrete and Tech Ready Mix concrete plants are producing concrete. Independence Excavating's crusher operations continue to be busy.

Major projects in the county's western suburbs such as the Bagley/Pleasant Valley road widening in Parma and the new MetroHealth Center in Broadview Hts. on S.R. 82 are keeping members with Mr. Excavator, Perk, Midwest Equipment and Toledo Caisson busy. Mr. Excavator did site work for a new Home 2 Suites hotel on Engle Rd. in Middleburg Hts, and All Crane is on-site setting steel and structures.

Miller Pipeline is doing main and service replacements in the cities of Parma, Parma Hts., Berea and Middleburg Hts. for Columbia Gas.



**WORKING for Don Wartko on a distribution gas line is Rich Dawes (above) and doing similar work for the Petty Group is Gary Haskins (below).**



Independence Excavating and Guinto Schirack continue working on a retention basin in Parma off Chevrolet Blvd.

Sitetech is doing the finish grade for the new Strongsville Middle School on Pearl Rd. and Stanley Miller Construction is just down the street doing demolition and site work for a new commercial building.

Ronyak Paving will be on Pearl Rd. in the city doing road repair and resurfacing while Konstruktion King is doing the pavement repair program throughout the city for this year.

DiGioia Suburban Excavating is busy in North Olmsted with sewers and site work for the Stearns Rd. grade separation project with J.D. Williamson on site doing bridge work. DiGioia is also on Cook Rd. in the city doing a sanitary main and lateral installation project.

Anthony Allega is working on the S.R. 82 widening in Broadview Hts. from the I-77

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**STRIPPING topsoil for Terrace Construction on a road widening project is John Cameratta.**





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ramp to Taylor Ave. for now, but which eventually will extend to Broadview Rd. VCP Clearing is on Valley Parkway in Broadview Hts. clearing the way for a bike path that will continue through the Cleveland Metroparks from Edgerton Rd. to Ridge Rd. Eclipse is on S.R. 21 in Brecksville doing site work for a new assisted living facility.

Ty is completing the site and underground work on a new subdivision off East Dartmoor Ave. in Seven Hills.

Trax Construction was on Oaktree Blvd. in Independence replacing storm sewers. KMU Trucking & Paving was doing site work for a new hotel down the street on Patriots Way with General Crane setting the steel.

Marra Services is relining a section of the West Leg Interceptor tunnel on Sprague Rd. in Berea.

In Orange Village in eastern Cuyahoga County, Independence Excavating has the site work for the new Pinecrest shopping center. Also in Orange, Fabrizi Trucking & Paving has the site work for the Lakes of Orange residential housing.

## New community center in Mayfield

In Mayfield Village, Allsite Construction is building a new community center on Wilson Mills Rd. Eclipse has the plumbing and Vantastic Crane Service has the structural.

In Mayfield Heights, Marous Brothers Construction has the site work for the new Landerhaven Health Center on Lander Road. In Pepper Pike, McKinney Drilling is drilling caissons for a new cell tower on Cedar Rd.

In Warrensville Hts., Chagrin Valley Steel Erectors is setting structural steel for the new ODOT District 12 service garage. In Solon, Union Industrial is making bridge repairs on U.S. Rt. 422.

In Willoughby Hills in Lake County, Utilities Construction is replacing storm sewer lines on Fowler Rd. In Willoughby, Terrace Construction is replacing water line along Beidler Rd.

Fabrizi Trucking & Paving is making full-depth repairs along Grand Blvd. in Wickliffe. Monte Construction is replacing water line along Lakeshore Blvd. In Willowick, DRS Enterprises is replacing gas line along Bishop and Hazel roads.

Mr. Excavator has the site work for the new health building at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland.

In Painesville, Don Wartko is replacing gas line along West Jackson St. and elsewhere in the city. Bentley Excavating is putting in new parking lots at Lubrizol. CIR is replacing water line along S.R. 528 in Madison.

At the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Selinsky

Force is setting new transformers in the power station, N.F. Mansuetto & Sons Roofing and General Crane are replacing the roofs on multiple buildings. Day & Zimmerman/NPS is also on site performing plant maintenance.

In Eastlake, TC Construction is replacing concrete along Willowick Dr., and Allsite Construction has the site work for the new Willoughby Eastlake Academy.

ASW Pipeline is replacing gas service connections along Jennifer Court in Concord Township. In Mentor, Hallmark Excavating has the site work for the new BJ's Brew House on U.S. Rt. 20.

In Concord in Lake County, Karvo Paving is paving S.R. 44 and is working on the Crile/Auburn Connector which will connect Crile and Auburn roads. In Chardon in Geauga County, Utilities Construction is replacing water line along U.S. Rt. 6.

In Ashtabula County in Ashtabula, B & B Wrecking & Excavating has the demo work at Plant C. Shelly & Sands is working on the I-90/S.R. 11 reconfiguration.

Also in Ashtabula, Union Industrial and Koski Construction are working on an access bridge for the park service underneath the Smolen Golf Bridge.

In Geneva-on-the-Lake, Barbicas Construction is making repairs to a bike path along Lake Road West and Mr. Excavator has the site work for 25 new cabins next to The Lodge in the community. Union Industrial Contractors is working on repairs at the wastewater treatment plant.

Bentley Excavating is replacing water line along North Broadway in Geneva, and in Kingsville, Marucci & Gaffney is erecting a new bridge on Hadlock Rd. Shelly & Sands is making road repairs along S.R. 11 in Dorset.

ASW Pipeline is replacing gas line along Mill St. and Main Ave. in Conneaut. In Edgewood, Hallmark Excavating has the site work for the new Shoppes of Ashtabula.

In Lorain County, R & I Construction is replacing a bridge on Parsons Rd. in Oberlin. Di-Gioia Suburban Excavating is digging utilities

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**BRIDGE WORK** is keeping members busy. (From top) Bob Berquist in Wellington for Beccir Construction, Steve Wulkie on S.R. 2 bridge in Elyria for J.D. Williamson, and Troy Smith and Steve Sopko (l-r, both D-6) working for Williamson on bridge over I-77 in Cleveland.



**OPERATING an excavator to crush asphalt for B&B Wrecking at KMI plant in Garfield Hts. is Jason Fondale.**





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The Health and Welfare Plan continues to monitor and comply with the Affordable Care Act. On December 18, 2015, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 was signed into law, which will delay the excise tax on High Cost Employer-Sponsored Health Coverage, more commonly called the Cadillac Tax, from 2018 to 2020.

Work hours for the Fringe Benefit Funds are up about 6% over those reported for the same period last year.

The sound investment approach and philosophy adopted by the trustees of the Pension Fund continue to serve the membership of Local 18 well, as the net assets of the Pension Fund were in excess of \$2.1 billion at the time this article was submitted for publication. The Pension Fund is currently paying out \$11.7 million monthly, or \$140.4 million annually, to 7,374 retirees and surviving spouses.

We have been seeing more members and dependents utilize the scholarship program administered by the Education and Safety Fund over the past year. More than \$675,000 in benefits has been paid to scholarship recipients during the 2015-2016 academic year, compared to \$485,000 paid out the previous year.

The scholarship application period for the 2016-2017 academic year closed April 1, 2016. By the time this article is published, all scholarship recipients will have received notification of their award by mail. If you received an award from the trustees of the Education and Safety Fund, please remember to return one copy of your signed acceptance letter to the Fund Office within 30 days from the date on the letter.

As always, if you have any questions about your Fringe Benefit Programs, please feel free to contact us. Our staff hopes that you have a safe and healthy summer.

## Work safely this season.

## Practice makes perfect for apprentices



*SECOND and third year apprentices at the Richfield training site practice excavating and trenching skills. Adam Lucas on track loader, Conner Stanley and Joe Slone on backhoes, Robert Weidman on excavator and Garrett McQuate on dozer. (Below) apprentice Dylan Michel in dozer, a recent graduate, is practicing finish slope work.*



## Health 4U

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People burn or tan depending on their skin type, the time of year, and how long they are exposed to UV rays. The six types of skin, based on how likely they are to tan or burn, are:

1. Always burns, never tans, sensitive to UV exposure
2. Burns easily, tans minimally
3. Burns moderately, tans gradually to light brown
4. Burns minimally, always tans well to moderately brown
5. Rarely burns, tans profusely to dark
6. Never burns, deeply pigmented, least sensitive

Although everyone's skin can be damaged by UV exposure, people with skin types 1 and 2 are at the highest risk.

People with certain risk factors are more likely than others to develop skin cancer. These factors vary for different types of skin cancer, but some general risk factors are having:

- A lighter natural skin color
- Family history of skin cancer.
- A personal history of skin cancer
- Exposure to the sun through work and play
- A history of sunburns, especially early in life
- A history of indoor tanning

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- Skin that burns, freckles, reddens easily, or becomes painful in the sun
- Blue or green eyes
- Blond or red hair
- Certain types and a large number of moles

UV rays reach the ground all year, even on cloudy or hazy days, and in fact, some UV rays can also pass through windows. Typical car, home and office windows block most UVB rays but a smaller portion of UVA rays get through, so even if you don't feel you're getting burned, your skin may still get some damage.

### Protect your skin with clothing

When you are out in the sun, wear clothing to cover as much skin as possible. Clothes provide different levels of UV protection. Long-sleeved shirts or long pants cover the most skin and are the most protective. Dark colors generally provide more protection than light colors. A tightly woven fabric protects better than loosely woven clothing. Dry fabric is generally more protective than wet fabric.

Be aware that covering up doesn't block out all UV rays. If you can see light through a fabric, UV rays can get through, too.

Some companies now make clothing that's lightweight, comfortable, and protects against UV exposure even when wet. It tends to be more tightly woven, and some have special coatings to help absorb UV rays. These sun-protective clothes may have a label listing the UV protection factor (UPF) value. This is the level of protection the garment provides from the sun's UV rays, on a scale from 15 to 50+. The higher the UPF, the higher the protection from UV rays.

Newer products, which are used like laundry detergents in a washing machine, can increase the UPF value of clothes you already own. They add a layer of UV protection to your clothes without changing the color or texture. This can be useful, but it's not exactly clear how much it adds to protecting you from UV rays.

It's important to know that sunscreen is just a filter – it does not block all UV rays. Sunscreen should not be used as a way to prolong your time in the sun. Even with proper sunscreen use, some UV rays get through, which is why using other forms of sun protection is also important.

When choosing a sunscreen product, be sure to read the label. Sunscreens with broad spectrum protection (against both UVA and UVB rays) and with sun protec-

tion factor (SPF) values of 30 or higher are recommended.

### Sun protection factor (SPF)

The SPF number is the level of protection the sunscreen provides against UVB rays, which are the main cause of sunburn. A higher SPF number means more UVB protection (although it says nothing about UVA protection).

Sunscreens labeled with SPFs as high as 100+ are available. Higher numbers do mean more protection, but many people don't understand the SPF scale. SPF 15 sunscreens filter out about 93% of UVB rays, while SPF 30 sunscreens filter out about 97%, SPF 50 sunscreens about 98% and SPF 100 about 99%. The higher you go, the smaller the difference becomes. No sunscreen protects you completely.

Sunscreens with an SPF lower than 15 must now include a warning on the label stating that the product has been shown only to help prevent sunburn, not skin cancer or early skin aging.

### Water resistant sunscreen

Sunscreens are no longer allowed to be labeled as "waterproof" or "sweat proof" because these terms can be misleading. Sunscreens can claim to be "water resistant," but they have to state whether they protect the skin for 40 or 80 minutes of swimming or sweating, based on testing.

Ideally, about one ounce of sunscreen (about a shot glass or palmful) should be used to cover the arms, legs, neck, and face of the average adult. Sunscreen needs to be reapplied at least every two hours to maintain protection. Sunscreens can wash off when you sweat or swim and then wipe off with a towel, so they might need to be reapplied more often. Be sure to read the label. And don't forget your lips – lip balm with sunscreen is also available.

Some sunscreen products can irritate your skin. Many products claim to be hypoallergenic or dermatologist tested, but the only way to know for sure if a product will irritate your skin is to try it.

### Wear sunglasses that block UV rays

UV-blocking sunglasses are important for protecting the delicate skin around the eyes, as well as the eyes themselves. Research has shown that long hours in the sun without protecting your eyes increase your chances of developing certain eye diseases.

The ideal sunglasses should block 99% to 100% of UVA and UVB rays. Before you buy, check the label to make sure they do. Labels that say "UV absorption up to 400 nm" or

"Meets ANSI UV Requirements" mean the glasses block at least 99% of UV rays. Those labeled "cosmetic" block about 70% of UV rays. If there is no label, don't assume the sunglasses provide any UV protection.

Darker glasses are not necessarily better because UV protection comes from an invisible chemical in or applied to the lenses, not from the color or darkness of the lenses. Look for an ANSI label.

Large-framed and wraparound sunglasses are more likely to protect your eyes from light coming in from different angles.

Ideally, all types of eyewear, including prescription glasses and contact lenses, should protect against UV rays. Some contact lenses are now made to block most UV rays. But because they don't cover the whole eye and surrounding areas, they are not sufficient eye protection when used alone.

Many people believe the UV rays of tanning beds are harmless. This is not true. Most skin doctors and health organizations recommend not using tanning beds and sun lamps.

Moles, brown spots and growths on the skin are usually harmless – but not always. Anyone who has more than 100 moles is at greater risk for melanoma. The first signs can appear in one or more atypical moles. That's why it's so important to get to know your skin very well and to recognize any changes in the moles on your body. Look for the ABCDE signs of melanoma, and if you see one or more, make an appointment with a physician immediately.

**A**—A benign mole is not **asymmetrical**. If you draw a line through the middle, the two sides will match, meaning it is **symmetrical**.

**B**—A benign mole has smooth, even **borders**, unlike melanomas. The **borders** of an early melanoma tend to be uneven. The edges may be scalloped or notched.

**C**—Most benign moles are all one **color** – often a single shade of brown. Having a variety of **colors** is another warning signal. A number of different shades of brown, tan or black could appear. A melanoma may also become red, white or blue.

**D**—Benign moles usually have a **smaller diameter** than malignant ones. Melanomas usually are larger in **diameter** than the eraser on your pencil tip (¼ inch or 6mm), but they may sometimes be smaller when first detected.

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## Coal mine voids under U.S. Rt. 33 to be stabilized

The Ohio Department of Transportation is preparing to fill and stabilize coal-mine voids lurking beneath U.S. Rt. 33 that are causing a stretch of the pavement in Athens County to sag.

The telltale sign of the underground spaces is a dip in the westbound lanes just south of the Nelsonville bypass.

The area to be stabilized is a one-mile stretch between New Floodwood Rd. near the Movies 10 theater and the Wayne National Forest headquarters. The dip is so slight that motorists might not even feel it. But left unfilled, the mine voids could cause the road to collapse into a sinkhole.

Not to worry, though, said project engineer Andy Moreland, who is overseeing bids to resolve the problem.

"We don't believe there is an immediate risk," he said. "We are still periodically monitoring the movement of the roadway."

The voids causing the pavement to sag are the legacy of Ohio's mining industry. Miners in the late 19th and early 20th centuries dug out coal from some areas, creating spaces, and they left in place coal pillars and oak beams to support the mine roof.

Over time, the supports can collapse and leave voids like the ones that transportation planners intend to fix once a contractor is selected.

The danger that abandoned mines can pose was demonstrated in 1995 by the collapse of a section of I-70 near Cambridge in eastern Ohio. The sinkhole swallowed four vehicles, seriously injuring a woman. The highway was closed in both directions for five months, and drivers were detoured onto U.S. Rt. 40.

Nothing as serious has happened since then. The department has found and filled four abandoned mines beneath the highway since 2008, according to records.

### Project to start this summer

The estimated U.S. Rt. 33 project is expected to start this summer, stop for the winter and resume for completion in the 2017 construction season. The work this summer is expected to close the right lane on the westbound side. Next year's work will close both westbound lanes; vehicles will be directed onto a two-lane crossover that has one lane each for westbound and eastbound traffic.

Workers will drill 40 feet deep in some places and 60 feet deep in others to reach the flooded mine voids. They then will pump a mixture of cement, fly ash, sand and gravel down a tube to fill the voids.

The project includes state-required anti-pollution measures to prevent the discharge of acidic mine water.

The transportation department worked with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to come up with on-site water treatment. Untreated mine water that escapes from underground will be captured in a two-foot-deep sedimentation pond, where a caustic-soda drip will neutralize the water to an acceptable pH level while mining-related heavy metals settle on the bottom. The treated water will be released through a spillway into a nearby tributary of the Hocking River.

The project has been developing since the summer day in 2013 when Moreland, a

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## Legal

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**Local 18 v. Griffin (EEOC Charges & Complaint):** Union member Sean Griffin filed several charges with both the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct. Local 18 has denied these charges, compiled evidence, and submitted a position statement to the EEOC demonstrating that there was no discrimination. *The EEOC investigated these charges and elected not to bring a Complaint. Mr. Griffin has since filed an action in federal court alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct.*

**Local 18 v. City of Findlay (Discipline Grievance):** Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to discipline a bargaining unit member. *An arbitrator has been selected and a hearing scheduled.*

**Local 18 v. Cuyahoga County, Department of Public Works (Premium Pay Grievance):** Local 18 filed several grievances challenging the manner in which the County bargaining unit members are paid for work performed on Saturdays. *The Union has reached a negotiated settlement of these grievances.*

**Local 18 v. Smoot Construction Co. (Sub-Contractor Grievance):** Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to assign bargaining unit work to a subcontractor that was not abiding by the terms and conditions of Local 18's collective bargaining agreement. *An arbitrator was selected, a hearing was held, and the Union is in the process of preparing a post-hearing brief.*

**Local 18 v. McGovney Ready Mix/Scioto Docking:** Local 18 filed two grievances against the employer alleging that the employer's failure to pay Pension and Health & Welfare benefits constitutes a breach of the parties' collective bargaining agreement. *We are in the process of selecting an arbitrator to preside over this matter.*

**Local 18 v. Stein Co. (Layoff Grievance):** Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to lay-off a bargaining unit member. *The Union is in the process of selecting an arbitrator.*

**Local 18 v. Hank (EEOC Charge):** Union member Steven Hank filed a charge with EEOC alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct. *Local 18 entered an appearance in the matter and denied all wrongdoing. Currently, we are cooperating in the EEOC's investigatory process.*

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## Legislative

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If what we are hearing from some of our friends in the legislature is true, we will be working on H.B. 394 Unemployment Compensation with the appointed Task Force members from the House and Senate over the summer months to hopefully come up with legislation that funds the Unemployment Trust Fund for the long term, and is fair to both labor and business.

This bill is supposed to be back on the agenda for the Lame Duck session after the November elections. We are hopeful we can come up with a fair and equitable bill for all involved. We will update you as soon as we know something on this very important issue to you and our contractors.

We are also starting to talk about raising more funds for highways at the state level because Congress just doesn't have the stomach to deal with this issue. This is in the infancy stages at this time, but we will keep you updated and will most likely need some help in contacting your state rep or senator if we get this off the ground in 2017.

Well that is enough to digest for this article but work looks good, so until next month be safe and keep involved by coming to your monthly meetings, reading the *Buckeye* and visiting us on Facebook and our website.

Thanks for all your support.



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for a housing development on Snell Rd. in Columbia Station.

Precision Engineering & Contracting is digging a storm sewer and replacing sidewalk at the Cleveland Clinic's Avon facility. Sitetech is digging storm sewer on Nagel Rd. in Avon. Kokosing is replacing the S.R. 83 bridge over I-80 in North Ridgeville. Cioffi Construction is replacing sidewalk on Pasadena Ave. in Elyria.

In Erie County, Schalk Brothers is realigning Boos Rd. in Huron. On Milan Rd. in Sandusky, Lake Erie Construction is digging foundations for light posts and Miller Brothers Construction is digging a storm sewer. Miller Pipeline is upgrading gas lines on various streets in Vermilion.

In Huron County, S.E.T. Inc. is hammering out concrete around catch basins on U.S. Rt. 224 in Willard and Ed Burdue Construction is demoing an elementary school on Maple St. in the city. Mosser Construction is building a lift station on Pleasant St. in Norwalk. R.A. Bores is digging a water line on S.R. 113 in Bellevue. Underground Utilities is digging a sanitary line and laterals on High St. in New London.

In Medina County, InfraSource is replacing four- and six-inch gas mains on Court Rd. in Medina and doing gas line upgrades on Pearl Rd. Fabrizi is digging a storm sewer on Huntington St.

Sitetech is doing site work for a new Subaru dealership in Brunswick and digging utilities and cutting subgrade for a building addition at the Aldi warehouse in Hinckley.

Thanks to the District 1 advisory and executive boards for their guidance and support. Please remember to check your certifications and keep them up-to-date. We hope everyone has a safe and successful work season.



**BACKFILLING** a gas main for InfraSource on Pearl Rd. in Medina is Jeff Tideswell.



**RUNNING** an excavator for ASW Pipeline is Jaime Tackett on Georgia Rd. in Middlefield.

# Legal

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**Local 18 v. CMHA (Termination Grievance):** Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to terminate a bargaining unit member. *The Union is in the process of selecting an arbitrator.*

**Local 18 v. Jason Jordon (ULP Charge):** Bargaining Unit member Jason Jordon filed a charge with the NLRB alleging Local 18 violated the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act. *Local 18 has entered an appearance in the matter.*

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a 42-inch water line on Home Rd. at Gemini Parkway, and Kokosing is busy with projects at Polaris. Igel is doing site work for the new IKEA, and is also widening a bridge at Worthington Rd.

Work remains steady at the power plants in Gallia County. Mid-State Construction is hauling and placing ash in the landfill at the Gavin plant. Beaver Excavating is working on the Gavin power plant landfill expansion, along with wetland projects to be completed. Duke & Duke Services has six operators working on the refined coal facility.

Enerfab has operators working on maintenance at the Kyger Creek and Gavin power plants. Beaver Excavating is working at the Kyger Creek landfill, hauling and placing ash.

Ohio Bridge is also busy in Gallia County replacing five bridges.

In the city of Jackson in Jackson County, Shelly & Sands has two bridges to build. Elsewhere in the city, Geiger Brothers Mechanical is working in the wastewater treatment plant.

Lake Erie Construction will be rebuilding guardrails in Jackson, Pike and Lawrence counties. Brayman Construction will complete the Ironton-Russell Bridge in December. After completion, Brayman still has to demo the old bridge across the Ohio River.

Shelly has two lane resurfacing projects on S.R. 243 and Capitol Tunneling has two corrugated pipes to line at Chesapeake in Lawrence County.

Newly signed Nuko Paving has two lanes to resurface on S.R. 124, in Meigs County and Shelly is working on a bike path in Middleport.

Shelly is paving S.R. 159, and U.S. Rt. 23 in Ross County. RLA is working on pipeline distribution in Chillicothe. Geiger Brothers Mechanical is installing a new storage building in the Scioto Trails State Park. Parker has a culvert replacement on S.R. 140. CB&I is currently working on maintenance work at the coke plant. CB&I and Enerfab have maintenance work at the Haverhill Chemical plant.

In Vinton County, Cross Roads Construction is working on a culvert replacement on S.R. 93.

Work in Franklin County is booming, and only getting busier.

At U.S. Rt. 23/I-270 the George Igel/Ruhlin joint venture project on multiple bridges and on-off ramps for I-270/U.S. Rt. 23 is going well with many operators on site. Subcontractors are Kokosing, MP Dory, Danbert, McKinney Drilling, GeoBuild, Mt Carmel, McDaniel's and Precise Boring.

At this time traffic is flowing in the new northbound driving trench designed to relieve traffic flow in this area. The southbound lanes



**VARIOUS** Strawser Paving jobs have members busy slipping curbs in Gahanna (above); Chris Earich operating a milling machine in Upper Arlington (left) and Toby Crabtree (below) on the job in Columbus.



are nearly completed and finish paving will begin soon.

One of the bigger projects in 2015 was the I-270/ U.S. Rt. 33 interchange in Dublin with Complete General receiving the low bid. There are many subcontractors working on this project including Shelly, Howard Concrete, Lake Erie Construction and Amelie Construction. This job includes 11 new bridges, seven of which were built in four months.

Buds and MP Dory have been working on various sections of the I-270 noise barrier and signage upgrades. At the I-270/S.R. 315 interchange, George Igel and Ruhlin joint venture worked again for improvements that tie into the I-270/U.S. Rt. 23 project they are working on now. Among several subcontractors on this job are Shelly, Toledo Caisson and Tri-State Pumping.

Complete General was low bidder on a major reconstruction of I-70 at I-270 on the west side of Columbus, from Wilson Rd. past

Rome-Hilliard Rd. This project includes several bridges, lane additions and noise barriers. Shelly, Strawser Paving and Buds are some of their subcontractors.

Shelly & Sands was low bidder on a lane addition on I-71 South in the Grove City area, which included a new bridge over White Rd. and new noise barrier. The company had crews busy over the winter doing demo and pipe work.

ODOT is not the only agency bidding out road work. Franklin County has also put out a lot of new jobs this season.

One of them is in Dublin at the Riverside Dr./S.R. 161 intersection which has 50,000 cars a day driving through it, so the county is building a roundabout which will allow more traffic to flow with ease. It also will help with some of Dublin's new and ongoing projects in the old downtown area. Complete General is currently working on this project with many operators on site.

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Franklin County also has several paving projects underway with Kokosing, Strawser Paving and Shelly & Sands working on them.

Kenmore Construction has an intersection realignment for the county at Winchester Pike/Brice Rd./Bixby Rd.

There are several projects underway in Columbus. One of them has George Igel working on the Grandview Yard project. This project includes nine new building pads with through streets and utilities included. Shelly & Sands has been busy with the reconstruction of Fifth and Cleveland avenues. This project adds turn lanes and

other upgrades.

In Upper Arlington and Westerville, Decker Construction has been extremely busy with street upgrades, curbs, gutters and sidewalks as well as utilities.

Several of Columbus treatment plant projects are underway. Kokosing has been at the Hap Cremean water treatment plant for the past three years with tank replacements and facility upgrades.

The company continues working on the Dublin Rd. water treatment plant expansion. This project has been let out in four phases with Kokosing being awarded all four phases. The company also was low bidder on

the Parsons Ave. water treatment plant expansion providing work for many operators. Kokosing is about halfway through this three-year project.

Work on the city's OARS tunnel has been underway for nearly four years and employed three dozen Operating Engineers who work three shifts. Kenny Obayashi has the contract to build the 4.4 mile long by 22-foot diameter tunnel that will separate the city's storm sewage for treatment.

Last September, the tunnel boring machine finally saw daylight as it reached the final shaft at Neal Ave. Work is scheduled

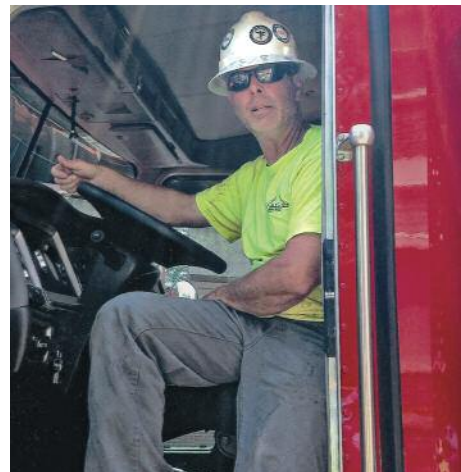
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**PORTSMOUTH BYPASS** project has Kevin Knittle (left) running a crane for Beaver Excavating and Sam Purtee (right) operating a hoe for John R. Jurgensen.



**WORKING for All Crane** at Ohio University is Anthony Swartz (right) and at the Yutaka Technologies plant in Cardington is Jeff Smith (above).



**PROJECTS for Shelly & Sands** are keeping Tom McFall (above) busy on U.S. Rt. 33 in Rockbridge and Matt Singleton (below) in Zanesville.



**RECONSTRUCTION of the I-270/ S.R. 315 interchange** has Robert Oswald, Jr. on the job for George Igel.



## New power plants will create 4,000 local jobs; fuel every Ohio household

Thanks to the Utica shale formation's staggering production and associated infrastructure needs, Ohio is experiencing an enormous influx of investment. Last year, EID (Energy in Depth) investigated Ohio's newly announced pipeline and natural gas-fired power plants and found that billions were slated to come into the state from these projects. The natural gas-fired power plants, either currently under construction or planned, will provide over \$6 billion and more than 4,000 jobs to Ohioans, all while generating power for up to 5.85 million homes. With approximately 4.5 million homes statewide, that means that natural gas plants will literally fuel the entire state of Ohio.

According to the 2015 U.S. Census, Ohio has a population of just over 11.6 million statewide, an average of 2.58 people per household, and 4.5 million homes statewide. With the recent announcement of the Guernsey Power Station, analysis shows that projects currently under construction and those about to break ground will in fact power the entire state of Ohio, all while providing the critical construction jobs our state so desperately needs.

Every one of the plants currently under construction is using local labor and more specifi-

cally the building and construction trades, debunking a long-standing talking point used by environmental activist groups: that the oil and natural gas industry does not hire local.

The Carroll County energy plant currently employs 700 local workers, using 100% union labor, stimulating the regional local economy in a host of different ways, including a pay out to the local school district to the tune of \$1.3 million a year for 30 years.

It's likely that the good news will continue as natural gas is expected to become the most widely used fuel for electricity generation in 2016, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) which explains, natural gas will provide 33% of generation in 2016 while coal's share will likely fall to 32%.

"EIA's Short-Term Energy Outlook is now forecasting that 2016 will be the first year that natural gas-fired generation exceeds coal generation in the United States on an annual basis. Natural gas generation first surpassed coal generation on a monthly basis in April, 2015, and the generation shares for coal and natural gas were nearly identical in 2015, each providing about one-third of all electricity generation."

## ARTBA urges FHWA to allow federal highway funds for moveable safety barriers

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) has asked the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to clarify its position on whether state transportation departments can use federal-aid highway funds to purchase movable safety barriers.

"There is no greater responsibility for those of us involved in the provision of transportation infrastructure than to do all that is possible to ensure the safety and well-being of the construction workers, motorists, truck drivers, cyclists and pedestrians who interact with our project work sites," ARTBA President and CEO Pete Ruane said in his letter to Federal Highway Administrator Greg Nadeau.

Movable concrete, steel and other highly mobile barriers are proven to be extremely effective in providing positive separation between workers and traffic, a federal goal articulated by Congress in surface transportation program law and strongly supported by the industry, according to ARTBA.

"To date, however, it is our understanding that the FHWA has not provided clear guidance to the states indicating that movable

barriers are eligible items for purchase with their federal-aid funds even if the state warrants they will be used exclusively on their federal-aid projects. This lack of guidance has essentially blocked the potential use of this innovative, life-saving product class on federal-aid highway projects across the nation," ARTBA said.

Ruane concluded, asking that Nadeau "remedy this situation expeditiously with clear written guidance to FHWA personnel and the state DOTs.

**"The American Labor Movement has consistently demonstrated its devotion to the public interest. It is, and has been, good for all America."**

*— John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

## New business rep



**BUSINESS MANAGER DALTON introduces new District 6 Business Representative Tom Larkins at April E-Board meeting.**

## Fracking saves Americans more than \$747 annually

According to data from the U.S. Energy Information Association (EIA) lower oil and gas prices from fracking have resulted in a \$747.30 savings in the average American household per year.

In 2015 alone, energy prices dropped more than 40% thanks to fracking, and from June, 2014 to February, 2016, oil and natural gas prices dropped by 71 and 56% respectively. These low prices are passed directly to consumers who use the cheaper energy in their homes, cars and work places.

An energy and environment reporter described how benefits of lower energy costs are far reaching by stating:

"When the price of energy decreases, the cost of goods and services produced declines as well. Any product that is transported to market via truck or car uses gasoline and virtually every service uses electricity. Thus, low energy prices effectively reduce the price of almost everything."

In addition to lowering energy costs, fracking has also allowed the U.S. to lessen its reliance on foreign oil and gas imports. Thanks to the massive shale plays that dot the country, foreign natural gas imports have dropped to their lowest levels since 1986. This means the U.S. does not have to depend on other countries in order to meet its energy needs. The less energy imported from outside nations, the more secure America's energy future becomes.



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Independence Excavating has been working on the installation of the Marathon Refinery water discharge. The 10 miles of 18- and 26-inch HDPE pipe will run from the plant in Canton south to Bolivar and will use six to eight operators for eight months, in addition to clearing and directional drilling by subcontractors.

Central Allied has operators on the 12th St. widening and reconstruction. In the spring it began finishing the project, constructing a new roundabout at the east end of the project. The company also picked up the S.R. 43 widening in Canton. The 2.10 mile job will add a lane in each direction and a two-way turning lane.

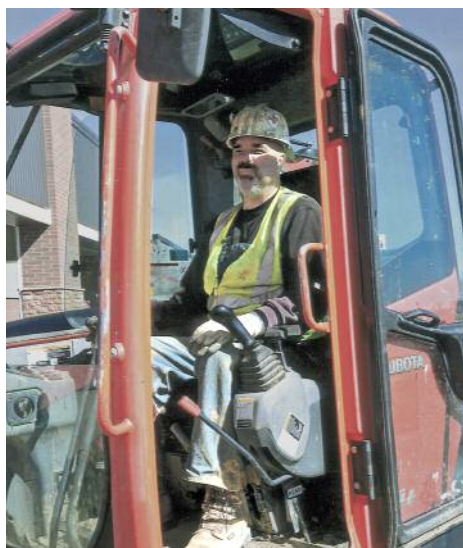
Beaver Excavating is at the Applegate Rd. extension in Middlefield with two to three operators building retaining walls, bridges and filling to grade for the new road.

North Star Paving has work to finish on the S.R. 153 widening and new turn lane project. It has operators installing storm drain and widening S.R. 800. The west side is almost completed, and work will be switching over to the east side of the road to continue with the project.

Shook Construction is at the Canton wastewater treatment plant with two-three operators updating and installing a new tank, filters, and piping. It also picked up the Massillon wastewater treatment plant improvements.

In Alliance, Joseph A. Jefferies is on site development, sewer and utilities at U.S. Rt. 62 and Broadway Ave. for new condos.

In Navarre, KS Energy Services has two operators patching roads and seeding grass to complete the restoration work on its distribution upgrade for Columbia Gas.



**ERECTING new Costco building in Boston Heights has Frederick Hall working for Xtreme Elements.**



**BELMONT COUNTY bridge replacement is keeping Jason Jones, Adam Schafer and Kevin Woodie (left), and Dale Carpenter and Jason Mayfield (below) busy for Triton Construction.**

Wenger Excavating has two operators installing new sewer and water lines in Canal Fulton.

Edward C. Levy is processing slag at Timken in Canton because work has slowed, and the workforce is being rotated.

Stein is working at Republic Steel in Canton. It still has 40 to 45 Local 18 members doing maintenance and slag processing.

In Holmes County, Stanley Miller picked up the S.R. 514 culvert replacement. Shelly & Sands has three-four operators working on storm sewer, curbs, sidewalks, retaining walls, parking areas and widening in Berlin, off U.S. Rt. 62.

Stein, at AK Steel in Mansfield in Richland County, has approximately 28 operators and mechanics on site processing steel.

## New interchange

Ruhlin has work to finish on the new interchange at U.S. routes 42 and 250 in Ashland County. The company removed the bridge and created an intersection. It still has cleanup and seeding to complete.

Elite Excavating has one or two operators in Mifflin installing a new wastewater collection system, all new sewers, force mains and a new treatment plant. It will serve all residents.

In Rittman in Wayne County, Morton Salt has plans to convert its furnaces from coal to natural gas starting this year. InfraSource has been in and out with three to four operators installing new gas mains and services for the residents and other businesses so Morton Salt can have a separate line to fuel its furnaces.

In Wooster, Chagrin Valley has the Fair St. resurfacing and new sidewalk installation. Kirk Excavating & Construction has one operator at the Wooster wastewater treatment plant updating the tanks and installing new filters and new piping.



Elsewhere in Wooster, Shelly & Sands has picked up the S.R. 83 roundabout which is replacing the intersection there.

The Conesville power plant in Coshocton County has two operators from Safway Scaffolding and ICS working with maintenance crews. One has an operator on the buck hoist and the other one inside on the elevator. Also in Conesville, AEP has agreed to convert units 5 and 6 to co-fire by December 2017 and is retiring, replacing or refueling units 5 and 6 to use only natural gas by 2029 and 2030. AEP also has agreed to wind and solar projects to modernize the grid. It all looks like more work for Local 18.

In Coshocton, Capital City Crane has had a busy year with 24 operators servicing the surrounding area with crane rentals. Canton Erectors and Selinsky Force have crane operators busy throughout the area as well.

In Belmont County, Trumbull has several operators at the oil and gas pad for Rice Energy near Bethesda. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating is starting a bridge replacement on C.R. 2. Cross Roads Construction was the low bid on the S.R. 7 two-lane resurfacing near Bellaire.

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# District 6 members on the job



*FOOTBALL Hall of Fame project has Paul Hunter (right) and Tony Gaetano (left) working on the fields for Joseph A. Jefferies.*



*WORKING on hydrant replacements for Cioffi Construction is steward Martin Abbe, holding package given to stewards by Business Manager Dalton.*



*SEWER CAP projects have Jeff Knapp (right) working for Great Lakes in Akron and Heath Lynsky (above) for Capital City Crane in the Cuyahoga Valley.*



*OPERATING a crane for Capital City Crane at the Akron sewer interceptor project are Rhasson Ross and Bryan Kennedy.*



*DISTRIBUTION relocation for Dominion is keeping Chris Bowman busy for the Petty Group.*



*PAVEMENT demolition at SIA Adhesives building has John Fleming working for Kenmore Construction.*





*NEW 50-year member James Smith, Jr.*



*DIGGING lift station vault foundations for Stanley Miller in Louisville is Dave Young.*



*OPERATING a paver on S.R. 61 in Shelby is Stewart Calhoun working for Kokosing Construction Services.*



*ASSISTING Davey Tree in removing trees is Gary Lafferre on the job for Canton Erectors.*



*WORKING for Independence Excavating at the Marathon refinery in Canton is Jason Vlach.*



*RUNNING a skid steer with hammer attachments for S.R. 21 road repair is Tom Harper for Shelly.*



*UNLOADING trucks for Selinsky at Central Allied's plant are Mike Stair (left) and Travis Neiswonger (right).*



*RUNNING a skid steer, Robert Johnson is on the job for Independence Excavating at the Burger power plant in Belmont County.*



## District 3 members active throughout the area

*RELOCATING sewer lines in Scioto County is Jerry Hayslip, working for Distel Construction.*



*WORKING for Ohio CAT, Mervin Davenport (D-4/5) recently achieved 25 years of service.*



*PAVING and milling roads in Meigs County, Charles Ford is on the job for Shelly.*



*STAYING BUSY for McDaniel's Construction in Columbus is Duane Maynard.*



*LIBERTY ROAD project in Powell has Jason Corder working for Trucco Construction.*



*ASI working on the dam at Buckeye Lake in Fairfield County.*



*OPERATING a dozer for Kokosing at the city of Columbus water treatment plant is Brandon Banks.*



# Looks like a good work season in District 1



**INSTALLING** granite curb for Utilicon in downtown Cleveland, Dave Bigler is operating a two-cycle concrete saw.



**RUNNING** a hoe for InfraSource at the Buckeye/Broadway pipeline in Cleveland are Nate Sanders (D-6) and Howie Reed (D-3).



**DIGGING** utilities for a building addition is Scott Fisher (above) working for Sitetech, and digging footers for a new building is Jake Rockwell (below) for RMH Concrete.



**OPERATING** a track loader for Anthony Allega on S.R. 82 is Robert Matthews.



## Report to members

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The District 4/5 building is complete and we moved in on May 14. It is a great building, similar to Akron's; nice and functional but not plush or lavish. We should all be proud that at a time when other crafts are struggling for survival, Local 18 is able to build two new buildings and not hurt the financial status of the local union.

Have a great work season and thank you for allowing me to represent you.

## IN MEMORIAM

Local 18 extends its sympathy to the families and loved ones of the following members who have passed away.

LM Robert Zeiger (D-1)	March 3	LM Harold Dick (D-3)	April 3
LM Chester Bowermeister (D-4/5)	March 17	LM William Leibrock (D-3)	April 5
LM Anthony Armagno (D-1)	March 21	LM Edward Drown (D-2)	April 8
LM Robert Niese (D-2)	March 26	LM Ray Ranallo (D-1)	April 10
LM Gary Hayes (D-6)	March 27	LM Alger Sine (D-1)	April 10
LM Robert Johnson (D-1)	March 30	LM Frank Maslanka (D-1)	April 17
		LM James Flint (D-4/5)	April 20

## Court strikes down


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"Once again, a liberal Dane County judge is trying to legislate from the bench," Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said in a statement. "No one should be forced to join a union or pay union dues as a condition of employment."

The law's Democratic supporters hailed the decision as a victory for the middle class and working families.

"The extreme right-wing Republican agenda has been incredibly harmful to working people and businesses in Wisconsin," said Democratic Assembly Minority Leader Peter Barca.

Three unions – Machinists Local Lodge 1061 in Milwaukee, the Wisconsin AFL-CIO chapter and United Steelworkers District 2 in Menasha – brought the lawsuit.

Phil Neuenfeldt, president of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, said the ruling was a "needed check on Scott Walker's attacks on working families. Right-to-Work  has always been unjust, now it's proven unconstitutional," he said.

## Organizing

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- American Industrial Services
- Buckeye Mechanical Contracting, Inc.
- FM Sylvan, Inc.
- GLT Crane & Equipment
- Great Lakes Hydromodification Services
- JA Warren, Inc.
- Jones-Blythe Construction
- Kinsey Excavating
- Kolb Grading LLC
- Lunda Construction Co.
- McNally Tunneling Corp.
- Stone Creek Excavating

These new contractors not only bring more opportunities for employment to our members, it also means more hours will be contributed into our Pension Fund, Health & Welfare Fund, Education & Safety Fund and Apprenticeship & Training Fund.

All of this contributes to a stronger UNION.

Organizing is, and always will be, the cornerstone on which a labor union is built and on which a labor union survives.

Brothers and Sisters, thank you for the support and efforts you give toward the organizing and growth of our local union.

## More money needed for infrastructure work

Last December Congress finally pushed through a \$305 billion, five-year highway and transit bill after years of delay and neglect of the nation's roads and infrastructure.

However, despite the celebration by lawmakers and state and local officials who have long sought the increased spending, the legislation was little more than a drop in the bucket when compared to the nation's overall infrastructure needs.

A new report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities warns that state and local spending on infrastructure – including schools and wastewater treatment plants as well as highways and bridges – is at a 30-year low.

According to the 2013 report card by the American Society of Civil Engineers, the U.S. has serious infrastructure needs of more than \$3.4 trillion through 2020, including \$1.7 trillion for roads, bridges and transit; \$736 billion for electricity and power grids; \$391 billion for schools; \$134 billion for airports; and \$131 billion for waterways and related projects.

A big part of the problem is that federal investment in infrastructure has dropped by half during the past three decades, from one percent to 0.5 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), leaving more of the responsibility and finances to state and local governments.

At the same time, states have varied greatly on how much of their annual budgets they have been willing to invest in infrastructure.

The new report says that reversing the relentless decline in state investment in transportation, public buildings and other forms of vital infrastructure "is the key to creating good jobs and promoting full economic recovery," especially at a time of improved economic conditions and historically low interest rates.

But instead of making the infrastructure investments essential to building a stronger economic recovery, the report says, many states have opted instead for cutting taxes and offering corporations tax subsidies in a "misguided approach to boosting economic growth."

### Tax cuts not best

"Tax cuts will spur little to no economic growth and take money away from schools, universities, and other public investments essential to producing the talented workforce that businesses need," the report contends. "This pattern of neglect of infrastructure by states – the primary stewards (along with their local government partners) of the nation's infrastructure – has serious consequences for the nation's growth and quality of life as roads crumble, school buildings become obsolete, and outdated facilities jeopardize public health."

The new report cited several states taking positive action, but did not mention Ohio where ODOT will invest \$2.1 billion in the state's transportation network this construction season.

The ODOT program is driven by two key components: addressing major critical infrastructure needs today, and introducing an enhanced, data-driven business strategy for maintaining the 43,000 miles of roads and 14,000 bridges on the state system.

ODOT will deliver more than 1,100 projects across the state in 2016. Altogether, they are designed to improve the condition of roads and bridges, increase safety, and make the transportation of people and goods more efficient.

## Local 18 Calendar

### Retiree Calendar

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#### JUNE

- 1** Dist. 3 Potluck – Union Hall, Noon
- 16** Dist. 2 mtg. Speaker: Rep from Ohio  
Consumers Council
- 22** Dist. 4/5 mtg. – 3860 Towne Blvd., Franklin  
(New location)
- 22** Dist. 6 Board mtg. – Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- 30** Dist. 1 Picnic – Richfield Training Site, 11 a.m. start  
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#### JULY

- 13** Dist. 6 Retiree Picnic – Union Hall, Noon
- 20** Dist. 6 Board mtg. – Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- 21** Dist. 2 mtg.
- 27** Dist. 4/5 mtg. – 3860 Towne Blvd., Franklin
- 28** Dist. 1 mtg.

#### AUGUST

- 17** 30th Annual Retiree Picnic – Columbus (Additional information in the July issue)

\* Note change in date



**E**– Common, benign moles look the same over time. Be on the alert when a mole starts to **evolve or change** in any way. When a mole is **evolving**, see a doctor. Any change – in size, shape, color, elevation, or another trait, or any new symptom such as bleeding, itching or crusting – points to danger.

Treatment options for skin cancer will vary, depending on the size, type, depth and location of the lesions. Small skin cancers limited to the surface of the skin may not require treatment beyond an initial skin biopsy that removes the entire growth.

If additional treatment is needed, options may include:

**Freezing:** Your doctor may destroy some small, early skin cancers by freezing them with liquid nitrogen (cryosurgery). The dead tissue sloughs off when it thaws.

**Excisional surgery:** This type of treatment may be appropriate for any type of skin cancer. Your doctor cuts out (excises) the cancerous tissue and a surrounding margin of healthy skin. A wide excision – removing extra normal skin around the tumor – may be recommended in some cases.

**Mohs Surgery:** This procedure is for larger, recurring or difficult-to-treat skin cancers,

which may include both basal and squamous cell carcinomas. It's often used in areas where it's necessary to conserve as much skin as possible, such as on the nose.

During Mohs surgery, your doctor removes the skin growth layer by layer, examining each layer under the microscope, until no abnormal cells remain. This procedure allows cancerous cells to be removed without taking an excessive amount of surrounding healthy skin.

### Simple procedures

These simple, quick procedures may be used to treat basal cell cancers or thin squamous cell cancers.

**Radiation therapy:** Radiation therapy uses high-powered energy beams, such as X-rays, to kill cancer cells. Radiation therapy may be an option when cancer can't be completely removed during surgery.

**Chemotherapy:** In chemotherapy, drugs are used to kill cancer cells. For cancers limited to the top layer of skin, creams or lotions containing anti-cancer agents may be applied directly to the skin. Systemic chemotherapy can be used to treat skin cancers that have spread to other parts of the body.

**Photodynamic therapy:** This treatment destroys skin cancer cells with a combination of laser light and drugs that makes cancer cells sensitive to light.

**Biological therapy:** Biological therapy uses your body's immune system to kill cancer cells.

By being watchful and careful, your skin cancer – even melanoma – need not be fatal.

For early-stage melanoma that is only lo-

cated near where it started, the five-year survival rate is 98%. The five-year survival rates for melanoma that has spread to the nearby lymph nodes or to other parts of the body are 63% and 16% respectively.

(Material in this article adapted from the American Cancer Society, Skin Cancer Foundation, CDC and the Mayo Clinic, among others.)

The information contained in the above article is for educational purposes only and should not be relied upon as medical advice. It has not been designed to replace a physician's medical assessment and medical judgment.

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Due to IRS regulations, a portion of your administrative dues are not deductible on your 2016 income tax return (filing period 2017). In accordance with Local 18 Bylaws this amount is used for promoting, preserving, supporting and combating legislative initiatives affecting collective bargaining and union membership rights.

If you pay 3.0% administrative dues, then 16.7% of your total administrative dues are not deductible.

If you pay 2.0% administrative dues, then 25% of your total administrative dues are not deductible.

Your regular dues are not related to lobbying and therefore are 100% deductible.

## Coal mine voids

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geotechnical engineer with the transportation department, felt the dip as he drove west toward Nelsonville. Old maps showed that mining started there sometime before 1917 and continued until the mine was closed in 1929. Sonar scanning, seismic testing, soil borings and other work performed in 2014 helped determine the exact locations of the voids, Moreland said.

The voids were not related to construction of the U.S. Rt. 33 Nelsonville bypass, Moreland said.

The contractors who built the 8.5-mile bypass did substantial mine-remediation work before the highway opened in 2013.

### IN ALL DISTRICTS:


#### ADVISORY BOARDS WILL MEET


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
#### MEMBERSHIP WILL MEET

**2nd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

## NH Republican gubernatorial candidates pro RTW


Passing a Right-to-Work  law has been a priority of New Hampshire Republicans in the past and it's an idea that might be coming up again.


Recent unemployment figures show New Hampshire has nearly the lowest unemployment rate in the country, at 2.6%. RTW  legislation was passed in 2011, but then-Gov. John Lynch vetoed it.

With Gov. Maggie Hassan launching a Senate campaign, Republican candidates hoping to claim the governor's position said they're in favor of Right-to-Work . (Gubernatorial primary in New Hampshire is not until September 13.)


"Republican candidates are talking about having people work for less money, while

Democratic candidates are talking about ways to expand opportunity," Hassan said.

Democrats said Right-to-Work  is an attack on unions that results in lower pay for workers, which hurts the economy.

"I voted for Right-to-Work  in the Senate, so my position is pretty clear," Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas said.

"I don't think it will damage the economy," Sen. Jeanie Forrester, another candidate said. "I think it's a good place for New Hampshire to be, and I would support that if it came forward again."

The success of Right-to-Work  legislation will depend on the next House and Senate, so the November election will be pivotal for the idea.

## District 6

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Shelly & Sands is starting work on a major widening of S.R. 331 near Belmont Technical College. E.L. Harper will be doing the water line subcontracting work on this project. Independence Excavating continues demolition work on the Burger power plant near Shady-side where the proposed cracker plant will be going in later in the year.

Triton Construction continues two bridge replacements on I-70 near Morristown. James White Construction is replacing 40,000 feet of water line by Martins Ferry. Shelly & Sands has crews working on the I-70/S.R. 470 ramp widening and lighting project. The company also is widening the exit ramp at exit 208 near Morristown on I-70. Lash Paving has crews working on the I-70 four lane resurfacing near St. Clairsville.

Beaver Excavating has several operators working on a bridge replacement and water line replacement near Cadiz in Harrison County. Shelly & Sands was the low bidder on the S.R. 151 two-lane resurfacing. Davy Songer has an operator doing maintenance at the Hopedale cryogenics plant.

## Survivor, pension benefits go to 17

Survivors of four Local 18 members have qualified for death benefits and 13 members have qualified for retirement benefits. They include:

### District 1

Gerald E. Polcen, Jr. (normal retirement); Peter C. Russo (death) and Jeffery S. Kutcher (death).

### District 2

Dennis R. Hauenstein (early retirement).

### District 3

David L. Forsythe, James S. Route and Charles J. Willis (early retirements); Ralph D. McMillin, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); James E. Jenkins, Ronald Smith and Larry R. Tedrick (normal retirements) and Gilbert P. Thomas (disability).

### District 4/5

Stephen L. Markham, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Justin P. Tankersley (death) and Stephen A. Myers (death).

### District 6

Ronald J. Kline (early retirement) and Luther D. Fetty, Jr., Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

Cast & Baker continues to keep operators busy on the 8.2 million yard slip repair on the north end on S.R. 7 near Brilliant in Jefferson County. Kokosing Construction continues working on the 1.2 million yard slip repair on the south end of S.R. 7 in Brilliant.

Northern Pipeline distribution continues to have several crews busy working throughout the areas of Steubenville, Wintersville, St. Clairsville and Amsterdam. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating has a culvert replacement on S.R. 213 near Knoxville. Midwest Mole continues on sewer relining in Steubenville.

Day & Zimmerman continues to keep a couple of operators busy at the AEP power house on maintenance at the Cardinal plant in Brilliant. Doe Weldon has operators at AEP's Cardinal plant on the fly ash doing maintenance at the AEP Cardinal plant. North American Dismantling is nearing completion of the demolition of the Tidd Building at the Cardinal plant. Apex Landfill in Amsterdam still has between 18 to 22 members working full time at the landfill.

George Igel was low bidder on the S.R. 541 bridge repair near Kimbolten in Guernsey County. Shelly & Sands continues working on the I-70 bridge replacement near Cambridge and on the C.R. 347 bridge replacement. Complete General Construction is working on an I-70 bridge repair. R. C. Construction has a culvert replacement at Salt Fork Park for ODNR.

## District 3

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for completion in about two years. Also working on the tunnel project is Trumbull, which has installed three access shafts that will join with the tunnels for inlets. Over the course of the past two years the project has employed well over 60 operators at its peak.

The Blacklick Sewer Interceptor bid out in March with Michels/Jay Dee joint venture having the low bid. This is a four-mile long tunnel on the east side of Franklin County which should take three years to complete.

The Ohio State University continues to offer more work to improve its main campus. The North campus dorms project is underway which will expand the university's housing capacity by 3,200. George Igel is doing the second phase of the site work, and utilities with a deadline of July.

McDaniel's is working on steam and condensation lines on other buildings throughout the campus.

Shelly & Sands was low bidder on the S.R. 146 two-lane resurfacing in Noble County.

Cross Roads Construction was the low bidder on the S.R. 536 slip repair in Monroe County. Shelly & Sands is resurfacing two lanes of S.R. 145. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating was the low bidder on S.R. 7 bridge replacement near Sardis.

Ruhlin Construction will be starting back on the S.R. 821 road slip and straightening project in Washington County near Whipple. Adamo Demolition continues demolition work with several operators on unit 5 at AEP's Muskingum River plant.

Ohio-West Virginia Excavating has a bridge replacement on S.R. 260 near Sardis. Miller Cable has a lighting project on I-77 where new signs will be installed near Marietta. Strawser Construction was low bidder on the S.R. 7 two-lane resurfacing. The company also has a preventive maintenance project on S.R. 821. All Crane Rental continues keeping operators busy throughout the area working on maintenance and outages. Mustang Aerial also continues to keep operators busy in the area with oil and gas work and maintenance outages.

Again, thanks to all who attended the Labor History and Steward classes. Remember the membership meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. SEE YOU THERE!

Elsewhere in Columbus, Danbert is working for AEP on electrical upgrades on duct banks and vault work. The company is also installing water lines, and doing some street reconstruction off Hudson St. for the city.

In downtown Columbus, S.G. Loewendick is busy demolishing some of the older buildings for Lifestyles Communities, and the developer's plan is for construction of a 10-story building with retail shops and residential living above.

Trucco is in Grove City finishing up its Orders Rd. reconstruction.

In Columbus, Children's Hospital plans on adding three new offices, and a parking garage this year of which one office building is already under construction on Livingston Ave., as is the parking garage with McDaniel's and Maxim Crane on-site.

Our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones. Our best wishes for speedy recoveries to our ill and ailing members. Have a safe construction season!



## District 2

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Kokosing Construction has begun construction of a 36.3 million gallon CSO basin at the Joe E. Brown Park on Manhattan Ave. in Toledo. There are still 10,000 yards of dirt left to remove for the basin. Approximately 5,500 tons of rebar, 8,000 feet of reinforced concrete pipe and 45,000 yards of concrete will make up the four cells and four bays plus a pump station. Hardman Construction has returned to finish the drilling and installation of 300 auger cast pilings. This project started in January 2015 and is projected to be completed next June.

B&J Concrete and Construction was awarded the Douglas Rd. reconstruction of .51 miles of pavement from Kenwood Blvd. to Central Ave. This reconstruction includes removing and replacing the current pavement, curbs and gutters, and drive approaches, and making minor drainage improvements.

Schoen was awarded the Huntington Rd. drainage improvements in Sylvania, which consist of removal of old drainage and installation of new drainage structures and conduits.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with the authority vested in me as President of Local 18 and its branches, I am calling the Semi-Annual State Meeting of the membership on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at a new location – the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive.

The Executive Board will meet on Saturday, June 25 at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbus District Office, 1188 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio.

We urge all members to make every effort to attend.

**Tom Byers**  
President

## District 1 retirees plan picnic

District 1 retirees are invited to attend a Thursday, June 30 picnic at the Richfield training site, beginning at 11 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m.

Attendees are asked to provide a side dish and/or a dessert for the picnic. Local 18 will supply drinks and the staff of the Richfield training site will provide hamburgers and hot dogs for participants to enjoy. Retirees can enjoy themselves indoors or outdoors.

Also in Sylvania, Gerken Paving has been awarded the Kind Rd. widening and resurfacing and the Harroun Rd. resurfacing. These projects will include installation of a dedicated right turn lane for northbound King Rd. at Sylvania Ave. This also will include resurfacing from south of Cougar Lane to Sylvania Ave. along with traffic signal modifications. Harroun Rd. will be resurfaced from Monroe St. to the bridge over the Ottawa River.

The BP Husky Oregon plant spring turnaround will be the largest turnaround in the history of this plant. It will be a joint venture between a crude oil company from Canada and BP Husky.

The turnaround will peak at 2,500 building trade craftsmen that was scheduled to begin on May 16, 2016.

### Construction activities

Nooter Construction will be responsible for completion of construction activities in units FCC 1 and 2, the carbon monoxide boiler and the crude/vac furnace. RMF's work scope includes concrete, electrical installation, valve replacements, pipe installation, rotating equipment maintenance and alignment, general clean-up and support. AECOM's work focus will be the secondary absorber tower in the UnSat Gas Plant which will include removal of tray beds and internal welding and possible extended discovery work to the tray locations in the tower.

In Ottawa County, Mosser Construction continues construction on the Lightner Rd.

bridge, widening and replacing the existing concrete deck with a four-span continuous steel beam with reinforced concrete deck, land clearing and grubbing, and replacing pavement and guardrails. Ebony will perform the grinding and paving, U.S. Utilities will perform the electrical work and K&R will perform the landscaping and seeding.

Also in Ottawa County, Vernon Nagel was awarded the Portage River South Road C.R. 18 embankment rehabilitation, including reconstruction of the approach embankments on the south side of the Portage River within the Ohio Turnpike overpass, replacing guardrails and drainage improvements.

The reconstruction portion of the project involves work on 2.56 miles of Portage River South Rd. from the Ottawa/Sandusky County line to the Elmore city limits milling 1.5 feet of existing deteriorated asphalt concrete surface course, extensive base repairs, surface courses and pavement markings. This project is to be completed by September.

With the work season in full swing and work hours on the rise, please don't just LOOK, but SEE those in and around your work zone.

To all journeypersons in the field, keep an eye on and give guidance to those younger and of lesser experience working alongside you for they are Local 18's future.

Go to our training facilities to learn new skills and improve the skills you currently have. A well-trained Operating Engineer is a safe and productive Operating Engineer.

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## West Virginia unions file suit against RTW ☠

The West Virginia AFL-CIO and other union groups have notified the state they plan to file a lawsuit over the state law that makes West Virginia a "Right-to-Work ☠" state.

"While we believe we have strong grounds for a constitutional challenge of the law, based in part on the recent circuit court decision on the Right-to-Work ☠ law in Wisconsin, we also have found several significant flaws in West Virginia's Senate Bill 1 as it was written, amended and adopted," West Virginia AFL-CIO President Kenny Perdue said in a news release.

"Based on our reading of Senate Bill 1, the so-called Right-to-Work ☠ provisions included in the legislation do not apply to ANY private-sector employees that have collective bargaining agreements in the state of West Virginia."

The West Virginia Workplace Freedom Act ☠ became law after the Republican-controlled legislature voted to override Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin's veto.

The law says, "a person may not be required as a condition or continuation of employment to 1) become or remain a

member of a labor organization, 2) pay any dues, fees, assessments or similar charges, however denominated of any kind or amount to any labor organization, 3) to pay any charity or third party in lieu of those payments any amount that is equivalent to dues, assessments or other charges required of members of a labor organization."

The unions also claim there are a number of errors in the law that "are clear indications of sloppy and hasty legislating," according to Perdue.