

# Buckeye Engineer



## Local 18 CALENDAR

Jan. 1 – Scholarship application  
Apr. 1 period

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 4 District 6 Labor History Class – District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 6 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 13 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 15 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima (No meetings until April)
- 15 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula (No meetings until April)
- 25 Executive Board mtg. – Columbus District Office, 1:00 p.m.
- 26 Semi-Annual State mtg. – Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 20 Martin Luther King Day
- 27-29 Apprenticeship Application Period (See information on page 15)

### FEBRUARY

- 3 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 6-8 Apprenticeship Application Period (See information on page 15)
- 8 District 3 Labor History Class – District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 10 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 12 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima (No meetings until April)
- 15 District 4/5 Labor History Class – District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 17 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 17 President's Day
- 19 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula (No meetings until April)

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## REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

As January 2020 rolls in, so begins a new decade. Let us hope this new decade begins as a prosperous start to the next chapter of our lives. Winter is here yet another time, seems as we get older the winters get closer together.

Now is the time to renew your certifications or upgrade your skills at the regional training centers. Everyone should have received a training schedule booklet in the mail from the apprenticeship program. Check out the class schedule and contact the regional training center to enroll in the classes of interest to you. If you have misplaced your training booklet, the district offices have copies available.

The work forecast for 2020 looks promising. ODOT should have another great year of funding for construction and maintenance. There are several new gas power plants to be built. The PTT cracker plant has begun site work, but we are still waiting on the official announcement to build the complex. There still remains some transmission pipeline work in the state, as well as distribution maintenance work.

The Executive Board granted approval at its last meeting to allow the Business Manager to have a Local 18 phone app developed for the local union. The app should be ready to roll out to the membership by the time you receive this edition of the *Buckeye Engineer*. As you download the phone app, register your information to unlock access to features not available to the general public. Items included in the app are: the state-wide Building and Highway Agreements, access to Health and Welfare's Member XG, which shows



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your MRA money available, pension projector, contribution received on your behalf, and other valuable information including access to the Medical Mutual website. You will also be able to track your hours, see your dues paid-thru date, access the *Buckeye Engineer*, and find your state legislator through the app. Local 18 will be able to send push notifications for meeting reminders, event reminders, or to inform you of important issues affecting our Local Union. I believe once you load the app, it will be an incredible tool to assist you. Scan the QR code found on page 34, and register to gain access to a new wave of information exchange.

Work on upgrading the headquarters building and parking lot is complete. This year, Local 18's headquarters installed a new roof, waterproofed the footer where water was entering the building, replaced the clogged sewer system in the parking lot, and finally a new parking lot and lighting were installed. The headquarters building should be in good shape for the next 20 years or so, an asset of the Local everyone should be proud of.

District 2's new office is underway, the footers and steel are installed, and by this time the exterior masonry brick and siding should be going up. Rudolph Libbe is the general contractor for the project. Completion date for the new building is scheduled for end of May. Once we have relocated into the new facility, the existing building will be demolished to make way for parking. Local 18 will conduct an open-house of the facility

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## DUES SCHEDULE

Any member of Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18RA or 18S who does not have his/her current dues paid may be 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 July 1, 2020.

Local 18 \$66.75 per quarter  
+3% Administrative Dues\*

Local 18A \$66.75 per quarter  
+3% Administrative Dues\*

Local 18B \$66.75 per quarter  
+3% Administrative Dues\*

Local 18C \$51.75 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 \$57.75 per quarter (Stone  
Quarries, Material Yards, etc.)

Local 18D \$24.50 per month

Local 18G Two times the employee's hourly  
rate per month to be paid quarterly

Local 18RA \$66.75 per quarter  
+3% Administrative Dues\*

Local 18S Two times the employee's  
hourly rate plus \$10.00 per month to  
be paid monthly

Owner Operator members  
\$150.75 per quarter

Reduced Dues \$45.75 per quarter

**Jefferson S. Powell  
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.

# STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS, JULY 31, 2019

## OHIO OPERATING ENGINEERS HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN OHIO OPERATING ENGINEERS PENSION FUND OHIO OPERATING ENGINEERS APPRENTICESHIP FUND OHIO OPERATING ENGINEERS EDUCATION AND SAFETY FUND

	Health and Welfare Plan	Pension Fund	Apprenticeship Fund	Education and Safety Fund
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Investments, at fair value:				
United States Government Obligations . . . . .		\$ 331,399,603		
Corporate Bonds . . . . .		176,704,672		
Common Stocks . . . . .		806,297,182		
Preferred Stocks . . . . .		2,320,396		
Equity Index Fund . . . . .				
International Equity Index Fund . . . . .				
Real Estate Fund . . . . .		140,542,453		
Mutual/Common Collective Trust Funds . . . . .	\$ 137,614,141	860,932,283		
Limited Liability Companies . . . . .	7,069,841	293,535,589		
Municipal Bonds and Other Investments . . . . .		26,291,096		
Money Market Fund/Short-term Investments . . . . .	9,718,494	46,444,497	\$ 4,608,260	\$ 2,266,648
	<u>154,402,476</u>	<u>2,684,467,771</u>	<u>4,608,260</u>	<u>2,266,648</u>
Cash Awaiting Investment . . . . .		73,451,697		
	<u>154,402,476</u>	<u>2,757,919,468</u>	<u>4,608,260</u>	<u>2,266,648</u>
Cash . . . . .	146,043	12,183,714	172,210	6,405
Accrued Interest Receivable . . . . .	17,027	3,645,381		
Accounts Receivable . . . . .	15,724,754	11,277,550	1,366,418	139,297
Due From Other OOE Benefit Funds . . . . .	2,489,617			
Receivable For Securities Sold . . . . .		27,938,819		
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets . . . . .			27,295	
Property and Equipment, net . . . . .		2,255,724	19,102,497	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> . . . . .	<u><u>\$ 172,779,917</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,815,220,656</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 25,276,680</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,412,350</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Accounts Payable . . . . .	\$ 2,080,753	\$ 833,256	\$ 1,122,860	\$ 9,734
Due To Other OOE Benefit Funds . . . . .		2,454,793	11,457	23,366
Deferred Gain on Leasing Equipment . . . . .				
Payable For Securities Loaned . . . . .		72,745,684		
Payable For Securities Purchased . . . . .		74,188,605		
Accrued Expenses . . . . .	1,349,414	934,370	204,558	74,472
Note Payable . . . . .			172,721	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> . . . . .	<u><u>\$ 3,430,167</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 151,156,708</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,511,596</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 107,572</u></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b> . . . . .	<u><u>\$ 169,349,750</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,664,063,948</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23,765,084</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,304,778</u></u>

### Pension Plan Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits:

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at August 1, 2018:	
Vested benefits:	
Participants currently receiving payments . . . . .	\$ 1,358,814,920
Other participants . . . . .	945,311,810
	<u>2,304,126,730</u>
Nonvested benefits . . . . .	45,683,864
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits . . . . .	<u><u>\$ 2,349,810,594</u></u>

### Health and Welfare Plan Statement of Plan's Benefit Obligations:

Net Assets . . . . .	\$ 169,349,750
Benefit Obligations, at present value:	
Health claims and death benefits payable . . . . .	
Claims incurred but not reported . . . . .	16,052,800
Accumulated eligibility credits . . . . .	108,600,600
Medical reimbursement account . . . . .	38,946,691
	<u>163,600,091</u>
Net Assets, including benefit obligations . . . . .	<u><u>\$ 5,749,659</u></u>

# President



**Thomas Byers**

Happy New Year! 'Old Man Winter' moved in at the beginning of November when the rain turned to snow, and the temperatures dropped. Hopefully we see an early spring this year.

The construction of the new union hall in District 2-Toledo is moving along and is

on schedule to open in the spring. This is a much-needed improvement that will serve the membership of District 2 for many years to come.

The family picnics this past year boasted record attendance. We honored our apprentice graduates, had some good food, and caught up with old friends. It was a great time to show off the completed upgrades at Richfield, and the initial phases of construction of new classrooms, office space, mechanics

shop and an extension to the all-weather building at the Logan Training Center. Local 18 continues to have one of the finest training programs anywhere.

Please take advantage of these resources and upgrade your certifications and skills any chance you get, as our skills are why contractors continue to hire operating engineers. The past year saw a large volume of orders for CCO certifications and for qualified GPS equipment operators. If you have been thinking about what classes to take this winter, please check the schedule and get trained-up for these in-demand jobs.

January marks the beginning of Labor History season, with this important class being held once in each district. The first class this year will be on Saturday, January 4th, in District 6 at the Akron Union Hall. Come out and learn the history of unions, when and where they started, how unions work, meet your business reps and officers, and learn about some of the threats to unions and union members. Everyone is welcome to attend, bring a

friend or neighbor and support your union.

Three-night Steward Classes will be held later this year once the Labor History classes are completed. Everyone is welcome, apprentices are encouraged to attend and learn more about the role of stewards in the union and on the job. Steward duties, contract issues, and the grievance procedures will be covered. Even if you are not a steward on your job, it helps to be educated on your rights under whichever agreement you are working.

Contract negotiations will begin this spring for the Highway Heavy (OCA) and Building (AGC) Agreements. Please send written suggestions for these agreements to the district offices or to headquarters.

In closing, I want to thank the retirees in all districts for the support that you show for your union. Local 18 would not exist without the members who came before us and fought for what we have now. All of us want to leave this union better than we found it. Apprentices, I challenge you to do the same thing in the future.

# Energy



**Michael Bertolone**

Welcome to the new year, we hope the holiday season was good to you and your family, and you were able to enjoy some much-deserved time off. As we move into 2020, we are looking forward to the approval of a couple of pipeline projects and the beginning of construction.

We anticipate the pipeline-related projects to continue at a normal rate.

As we have reported at the meetings and in past issues of the Buckeye Engineer, the pipeline work has returned to normal activity. Typically, there may be a large diameter pipeline project consisting of multiple spreads in a normal year and of course, the normal distribution maintenance projects across the state. There is also the gathering pipelines for all of Utica Shale well sites that will continue to be built as well. This is normal activity when it comes to pipeline work in Ohio and the surrounding states.

The past four years have been something we will never forget and most likely will never experience again in our lifetime for pipeline projects. Projects such as the Rover Pipeline,

Nexus Pipeline, Utopia Pipeline, Leach Xpress Pipeline, Cornerstone Pipeline, and several others all happened on top of each other in just about every district. These many pipeline projects at the same time were record-setting in so many ways and provided numerous jobs for our members.

At the time we are writing this article, we are currently tracking the Buckeye Xpress Pipeline and the Central Corridor Pipeline project to be approved and hopefully built in 2020.

As you are reading this, we hope that the approval of the Buckeye Xpress has been granted, and our members are gearing up for construction. The proposed Buckeye Xpress Project includes the installation of 66.1 miles of 36-inch pipe along with compressor station upgrades and the replacement of other existing pipelines along the route. The proposed project would be installed in Vinton, Jackson, Gallia, and Lawrence Counties, Ohio and Wayne County, West Virginia, which is in the jurisdiction of Local 18, District 3 and Local 132. This is a FERC regulated pipeline, and we are anticipating approval at the end of 2019 or the beginning of 2020.

The proposed Duke Energy Central Corridor pipeline is approximately 13-mile long, 20-inch diameter natural gas pipeline. It will be located in Hamilton County, Ohio, which



is in the Local 18 District 4/5 jurisdiction. This project is being regulated by the Ohio Power Siting Board, who will either approve or deny the project. This particular project has been up against a great deal of opposition, which has delayed the approval numerous times.

As the approval process and construction begin on these projects, we will keep you updated via the Buckeye Engineer, membership meetings, Local 18 social media pages, and our website. We wish you and your family a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Labor History classes and membership meetings. Have a great 2020!



**Carol Wilson**

As another year has passed, and another year is upon us, the entire staff of the Fringe Benefit Office wants to wish you a New Year of happiness and health. We hope 2020 brings a safe and prosperous year of employment for everyone.

Because this past year was another good work season for Local 18 members and due to the trustees' continual efforts of monitoring, the Trust Funds remain on sound financial ground. The statement of net assets as of July 31, 2019 for the four Trust Funds appear in this issue of the *Buckeye Engineer*.

Your health and well-being is of the utmost importance to the trustees and staff. Remember, the best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get a flu vaccination every year and know that it is never too late to get one. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people over the age of 6 months get a flu vaccine each year. It is very important for seniors to get a flu shot, as more than 90% of flu-related deaths occur in people age 65 and older. The Trustees of the Health and Welfare Plan have authorized 100% reimbursement for your annual flu vaccination for members and dependents covered under the Plan. Your annual deductible does not need to be met to take advantage of this benefit. If your healthcare provider will not bill the Plan directly, you can mail your billing and receipt to the Fringe Benefit Office for reimbursement.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our health fairs held at the semi-annual state meeting this past June and at each of the district offices during the fall months. There were more than 200 people who took the time to check on their overall health. As a result of the screenings, we had some participants who had some significant medical conditions identified. That may not have been possible, had those people not taken advantage of the free screenings. We hope to have additional wellness initiatives in the coming year, so look for our Gearing Up for Health logo in the *Buckeye Engineer* when the trustees make an announcement for any health-related programs and take advantage of them.

Your Pension Fund is currently paying out \$12.7 million monthly, or \$152 million annually to 7,442 retirees and surviving spouses. The Trustees and staff remain in close contact with the actuaries and investment consultants in monitoring the Pension Fund in order

to preserve its financial integrity.

For those who want to continue their educational opportunities, we would like to encourage you to take advantage of the benefit available through the Education and Safety Fund. The application period for the 2020-2021 Education and Safety Fund scholarships is now open until April 1. Scholarships are available to members of Local 18 who are eligible for benefits from the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan, or who have been eligible at least one month in the twelve months preceding the date that your application is received in the Fringe Benefit Office. Qualified dependents

may be eligible for a scholarship if they meet the requirements established by the Board of Trustees. Those who pursue an education in a construction-related course of study may be eligible for a higher award amount. Scholarship applications are available at the Fringe Benefit Office and the district offices, as well as online at <http://memberxg.gobasys.com/OOEFBP> or by clicking on the MemberXG link through the IUOE Local 18 website. As always, if you have any questions about the scholarship program, or any other benefit matters, please call the Fringe Benefit Office at (614) 488-0708 or (800) 282-1767.

## ACA requirements for 1095-B



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Carol A. Wilson  
Administrator

To: All participants of the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan

Re: ACA Requirement for 1095-B on Income Tax Reporting.

Below is a snippet of the new requirements for healthcare eligibility:

*Section 11081 of Pub. L. No. 115-97, 131 Stat. 2054, 2092, enacted December 22, 2017, and commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, reduces the individual shared responsibility payment to zero for months beginning after December 31, 2018.*

*Because the individual shared responsibility payment is reduced to zero in 2019, an individual does not need the information on Form 1095-B in order to compute his or her federal tax liability or file an income tax return with the Service.*

**If you would like to receive a 1095-B, please send an email to [1095B@ooefbp.com](mailto:1095B@ooefbp.com) or a written correspondence to:**

**Ohio Operating Engineers Fringe Benefit Programs  
Attn: 1095-B  
1180 Dublin Road  
P.O. Box 12009  
Columbus, Ohio 43212-0009**

After receiving the request, the 1095-B will be mailed on or around February 3, 2020, or within 30 days, if the request is received after January 4, 2020.

If you have questions regarding the 1095-B, please call 1-800-282-1767, Option 2.

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# Safety



**Brett LaFaso**

The following entry is speculation, due to the fact that there were no witnesses or cameras covering the area, and as the report states, the member has no recollection of the incident.

On August 21, 2019, a mechanic was checking a dumpster for a part he had mistakenly thrown away. The mechanic presumably fell either while climbing into the dumpster or climbing out of the dumpster. There was an oil stain on the back of his shirt that matched a spill by the dumpster.

The member suffered a skull fracture that hospitalized him.

To prevent an accident of this type, if you absolutely must enter a dumpster, use a

step ladder.

On September 18, 2019, an operating engineer operating an RT forklift with outriggers, had a bundle of rebar suspended over a trench from the forks. An iron worker entered the trench to unhook the rigging. The foreman was standing next to the forklift watching the operation. The operator asked if the load was clear, he said yes. At that point, the operator raised the outriggers causing the forks and the extended boom to fall sharply, striking the ironworker on the hardhat.

The ironworker suffered sore neck and shoulder muscles.

To prevent an accident of this type, always raise your forks away from personnel, and retract the boom as far as you can before raising the outriggers.

On October 9, 2019, two laborers were in the process of striping a road when a drunk driver hit both of them with her car, killing one and dragging the other more than 100

feet before stopping briefly. Then she continued dragging the laborer another 600 feet before he became dislodged by an expansion joint in the road.

The surviving laborer suffered a broken leg in three places, a fractured eye socket and a fractured neck.

The cause of the accident is distracted/impaired driving.

On October 10, 2019, an accident happened while a tower crane was hoisting six beams weighing 9,000 lbs. During the lift, the straps broke causing the load to fall 250 feet to the parking garage being constructed below. The beams fell through the 4th floor and two beams stuck into the ground.

During the lift, the operator swung the load clear of the workers below as a safety practice, so there were no injuries.

This accident could have been prevented by properly inspecting the rigging before use and using rigging sufficient for the load.

# Medical Review

CBD oil is currently an incredibly trending topic. Is it legal or illegal? Can I get high from taking CBD? Does it have any real medicinal value? Are there any long-term side effects? Which method is best for ingesting? Will it show up on a drug test? Can my employer fire me for taking CBD? The following are answers to these questions along with dispelling some of the mysteries surrounding CBD oil:

CBD, or cannabidiol, is a compound that comes from the cannabis plant. Yes, before we get too far ahead, cannabis can be marijuana. Cannabis is the type of plant from which both CBD and THC (tetrahydrocannabinol), are derived. The two most common subspecies of the cannabis plant are sativa and indica. Hemp is a strain of the cannabis sativa plant and is where much of the legalized CBD oil is derived. Marijuana is a strain of the cannabis indica plant and is where much of the psychoactive drug THC is derived. THC and CBD are the most well-known cannabinoids from the cannabis plant, but there are hundreds.

On July 22, 2019, Governor Mike DeWine signed Senate Bill 57. The new law decriminalizes hemp, making it a legal crop for Ohio farmers to cultivate and process. The law also allows for hemp and hemp derived products, including CBD, to be sold legally in Ohio as long as they contain no more than .3% THC.

We all know that smoking or ingesting THC will get you high. The psychoactive effects depend on the levels of THC you ingest.

Marijuana can be consumed in concentrated levels upwards of 5%.

Hemp derived CBD, with a THC concentration of .3% or less will have no psychoactive effects on your body. It may however relieve chronic pain, muscle aches, and anxiety, none of which has been clinically proven. The only proven study and benefit with regards to CBD is for the drug Epidiolex, which is a drug used to treat childhood epilepsy. All other claims of the healing powers of CBD are unproven and based solely on personal experiences and word of mouth among users.

While there are no government approved clinical studies proving the medicinal value of CBD, there are studies being done on the side effects. One such study did show that



CBD is harmful to the human liver, much like drinking alcohol or using other drugs. CBD appears to increase the risk of elevated liver toxicity. While some are using CBD for pain in place of an over the counter drug, such as acetaminophen, or Tylenol, to prevent liver damage, they may be facing the very toxic contamination they are trying to avoid.

There are several ways to ingest CBD. Tinctures and oils that you place a few drops under your tongue and hold in your mouth as long as possible. These tend to not taste the best, and are often flavored. Vapes you inhale from a pen. There has been a lot of news recently about the side effects of vaping anything and how harmful we are learning it can be to the body.

- Edibles: gummies, chocolates, and baked goods.
- Topicals: balms, salves, creams and lotions.
- Be sure to look for products labeled with: nano technology, encapsulation, or micellization.

This will ensure the CBD can be absorbed into the skin, rather than just sitting on top. Concentrates are similar to oils and tinctures, but come in a much higher dosage and are dispensed orally with a syringe type applicator. Capsules which are pill form and typically come in 10-25 mg doses. The weakest of the

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**Timothy Fadel, Attorney**

The following is an updated report of activities regarding pending cases with Local 18 and its members since my last report in June, 2019.

**LOCAL 18 v. STEVEN HANK (OCRC Charge & Federal Court Complaint):** Member Steven Hank filed a charge with OCRC alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct. Mr. Hank then filed a complaint in Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The District Court granted the Union's Motion for Summary Judgment and dismissed Mr. Hank's claims arising under federal law. That decision was appealed by Mr. Hank to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit which recently affirmed the dismissal. Mr. Hank then refiled his state law discrimination claim in the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Recently, Mr. Hank voluntarily dismissed his state court claims against the Union and has one year to refile his claims or he will be forever barred from bringing the case.

**LOCAL 18 v. TEAMSTERS LOCAL 100 & LABORERS LOCAL 534 (Stein, Inc. ULP):** After Stein, Inc. voluntarily recognized Local 18 as the majority representative of its employees working at the A.K. Steel plant, both Teamsters Local 100 and Laborers Local 534 filed unfair labor practice charges. Local 18 denied all wrongdoing and the Board issued a Complaint alleging a breach of the NLRA. A hearing on that Complaint was held before an Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") who recently ruled against the Union. The Union has appealed ALJ's ruling to the NLRB.

**LOCAL 18 v. LJH COMMERCIAL CONTRACTING:** Local 18 filed a grievance alleging that the Employer violated the CBA when it failed to pay fringe benefits and administrative dues. The Union received a favorable award from an arbitrator and is in the process of using the court system in order to collect the damages awarded by the Arbitrator.

**LOCAL 18/Kauffman v. HANSON AGGREGATES (Grievance):** Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to discontinue healthcare benefits for retired members. The Union referred the matter to arbitration, an arbitrator was selected, and a hearing was scheduled. Prior to the hearing, the Union was able to reach a negotiated settlement whereby healthcare insurance for retirees was reinstated.

**LOCAL 18/Stagers v. TOWLIFT, INC. (Grievance):** Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to reduce life insurance coverage. An arbitrator was selected, a hearing was held, and post hearing briefs have been submitted. We are awaiting the arbitrator's decision.



**LOCAL 18 v. SUNNY FARMS LANDFILL, INC. (ULP):** After Local 18 won a representational election, the employer began terminating suspected Union supporters. The employer also failed to bargain in good faith for a collective bargaining agreement. The Union responded by filing a series of unfair labor practice charges with the NLRB. Recently, the NLRB dismissed some of the Union's charges while finding merit to others. Absent a settlement, the board will proceed to a hearing on the remaining charges.

**LOCAL 18 v. RUSSELL KENNISON (ULP Charge):** Member Russell Kennison filed a charge with the NLRB alleging that the Union breached its duty of fair representation when it refused to arbitrate a grievance concerning the staffing of its fine grind operations. The Union denied any wrongdoing and provided the NLRB with a prior arbitration decision that addressed the issues raised in Mr. Kennison's grievance. Recently, the Board issued a decision dismissing the charge due to lack of merit.

**LOCAL 18 v. JODY SPENCER (EEOC Charge):** Union member Jody Spencer filed discrimination charges with the EEOC regarding the selection criteria utilized by the apprenticeship program. That charge was then transferred to the OCRC. The Union submitted a position statement that identifies the apprenticeship fund as the appropriate and responsible entity.

**LOCAL 18/Gregory Stash v. CBRE:** Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision regarding the award of a job bid. An arbitrator has been selected and a hearing date has been set.

**L18-Rhulin v. LIUNA 860 (Skid-steer Dispute):** After LIUNA 860 filed a grievance challenging Rhulin's decision to award skid-steer work to Local 18 members, the matter was referred to the AFL-CIO's Plan for the Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes. Pursuant to the Plan's procedures, LIUNA 860 has been directed to withdraw the grievance giving rise to the dispute. Meanwhile, Local 18 members continue to perform the work.

**LOCAL 18/Mike Hood v. CUMMINS, INC. (Grievance):** Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to assign bargaining unit work to an employee from Indiana who is not a member of the Union. We are in the process of selecting an arbitrator and a hearing date.

**LOCAL 18/Mike Hood v. CUMMINS, INC. (ULP):** In response to the above grievance, the employer advised Local 18 representatives that they were banned from Cummins' property. The employer also threatened criminal charges against the Union and its representatives. The Union responded to these unlawful threats and actions by filing a ULP with the Board.

## Steward Training



**Joe Casto**

We are currently preparing for this year's three-night Steward Training class. All classes are from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the district office. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. prior to the class.

If you have already attended the class, this is a good time to get refreshed. If you hav-

en't previously attended a class, this is a good way to get introduced to what a steward is, their role in the daily job activities, and grievance handling. Plan to attend all three nights, and bring a brother or sister with you. Hope to see you there!

District 6	May 19, 20, & 21st
District 3	June 2, 3, & 4th
District 1	June 9, 10, & 11th
District 4/5	June 16, 17, & 18th
District 2	June 23, 24, & 25th

## Shops



**Ronald Krohn, Jr.**

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The equipment shops have been very busy in 2019 and are looking forward to a good start in 2020, with work from highway projects, gathering lines, natural gas power plants, and service contractor needs throughout the state.

We continue to grow the bargaining

1,100 members. The need for mechanics in our industry is at an all-time high. Please contact your Business Representative if you know someone who wishes to pursue a career with Local 18. Our signatory contractors continue to look for mechanics from the field to entry level.

The 2019 contract renewals went well, and we have added a Pump and Shoring Division Contract with Ohio Cat. The 2020 contract renewal schedule will include United Rentals, RECO Equipment, Cleveland Crane & Shovel, Skyworks and Gibson Machinery.

I would like to thank everyone involved in supporting the recognition of 35-year life

membership for the Local 18C shop members. These members will be recognized at the state meeting on Sunday, January 26. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for the continued direction and support of the Business Manager, Richard E. Dalton and President, Thomas P. Byers, through another successful year for Local 18 as a whole, and specifically in our shops as they continue to grow. I would also like to give heartfelt thanks to the Local 18C shop stewards and members for their hard work and support throughout 2019 and into 2020.

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## Organizing



**Scott Stevenson**

volume of work in our industry, along with the ever-growing need for highly skilled operators, has and will continue to allow Local 18's Organizing Department to create job op-

As 2020 begins, Local 18's Organizing Department is hoping that you and your family had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We are also looking forward to what, by all measures, should be another great work year for you and the rest of Local 18's membership. The large

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portunities for Local 18 members by signing new contractors who wish to utilize the best operators in the state.

At the time this article was written, together, we have signed over 75 contractors to one of our agreements that had never been signed before. This past year was extremely productive for Local 18's Organizing Department, and we fully expect to have the same level of success in 2020 with regards to signing contractors and creating jobs. Please keep an eye out for the next organizing report where we will be reporting on the total results for the 2019 season.

Again, we want to thank you and remind you that without you, none of this could have been accomplished. Your skills are what we

have to offer and what these contractors are in need of, so please utilize one of the four training centers in order to keep your skills sharp and updated.

The following are some of the contractors that we have signed since the last organizing report:

- IVS Hydro Inc.
- Multi-State Industrial Contracting
- Welshfield Trucking LLC
- ER Utility Construction LLC
- SAR Solutions Inc
- 4K Landscaping LLC
- Adleta Excavating LLC
- Custom Service Crane Inc.
- Rippstein's Excavating
- Underchief Construction and Remodeling
- Industrial Resourcing Group
- Illinois Valley Excavating
- TNT Utilities LLC
- Safeco Services Inc.
- McCrite Milling and Construction

Thank you to all of our members, old and new, and the staff who contribute to the success of Local 18's Organizing Department.



## Medical Review

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modes of ingesting CBD is the sprays. They range from 1-3 mg a spray.

Employers in Ohio can terminate you based on a positive drug test, depending on the company's workplace drug testing program. If THC shows up in your urine test, then it will not matter if you ingested it from CBD or smoking a joint. If they have a zero-tolerance policy for drugs, you will be terminated.

It is up to you as the consumer to do your homework before taking any CBD product. If you are concerned about drug testing for any reason, then be sure to know your supplier, and that the CBD product you are using is derived from hemp and contains .3% or less THC. The problem is the regulation of these products. While it is legal to buy, grow and sell hemp-based CBD products, not all prod-

ucts are the same. Not all manufacturers are the same or adhere to the .3% THC guideline. You could possibly test positive for THC on a drug test and never realize it is because of the CBD product you have been using.

CBD is the current buzz word for pain and anxiety relief, while there is no clinical evidence to support any claim of medicinal value. It is being marketed as all natural so that people think there is no risk. Be diligent in your research before taking CBD or any "organic" product. Everything in nature is not necessarily good for you.

All questions and correspondence should be submitted to the MRO department either by fax at 216-432-0370 or by email at MRO@IUOELocal18.org. If you need to speak directly to the MRO please call 216-432-3138.



# District 1 — Cleveland



**Tom Perevosnik**



**Jack Klopman II**



**Jacob Siesel**



**Robert Park, Jr.**



**John Capek, Jr.,  
Organizer**

District 1 is still very busy as the winter season progresses with many large projects keeping our members busy.

In Cuyahoga County, north of I-480 and west of I-271, Platform Cement is doing site work for the new West High School on Detroit Ave. in Cleveland and also the site work for a large addition at Stella Maris, a rehabilitation facility near the West Bank of the Flats.

Union Industrial Contractors is rebuilding the deck on the RTA bridge over East 37th St. near Broadway Ave., the rebuild of four bridges on Highland Rd. in Euclid, and are reconstructing a culvert on MLK Blvd. in Cleveland near the Cultural Gardens on Doan Brook.

The Ruhlin Company was awarded the I-77 over the I-490 bridge in Cleveland and should be working on site by the time you read this.

KMU Trucking & Excavating has the dirt work at the new Rose Senior Living site on Harvard Ave. in Highland Hills. Platform Cement is doing the site work for the NORD Greenway Pathway in University Circle that links the Opportunity Corridor to the museums.

The Dugway Storage Tunnel is ongoing near East 140th St. in Cleveland, keeping Salini-Impregilo/Healy JV, Triad Engineering, DiGioia Suburban, Marra Services and Northstar Contracting very busy. The Doan Valley Storage Tunnel has started in University Circle and is being constructed by McNally/Kiewit DVT JV and will provide work for years to come for our members. Ward & Burke Tunneling, Incorporated is doing the Westerly low-level relief sewer project in the Cleveland Flats. Triad/McNally JV continues shaft excavations and mining operations at the East 140th Street Consolidated Sewer Project that will dump into the Dugway Storage Tunnel once completed. Fabrizi Trucking & Paving is doing the open-cut sewers on this project. Marra Services has started the Kingsbury Run Preliminary Sewer project on Kinsman Rd., East 117th St. and East 149th St. in Cleveland. Engineered Concrete Structures will build the structures on this project. Ward & Burke has micro tunneling to do on the Kingsbury Culvert project near East 75th St. and Woodland Ave.

Independence Excavating, Incorporated continues work on the rebuilding of the Superior/Stones CSO Pump Station with help from Super Excavators. Independence Excavating is also working on a new towpath to connect the Tremont neighborhoods. Great Lakes Construction is still working on the Canal Road bridge repair and the Mary Street Pump Station in the Flats.

Kokosing Construction continues work at the Euclid Wastewater Treatment Plant on the clarifier tanks. Their tower crane continues running concrete. Kokosing is also working on major repairs at the Lakewood Wastewater Treatment Plant and ongoing tank-work and upgrades at the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant and is underway on the second stage of the lifting station. Shook Construction is working at the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant doing sludge pit rehabilitations.

Kokosing has the I-77/I-490/Broadway Ave. bridge repair project in Cleveland and is widening the ramps on I-77 south. Kokosing is also performing major reconstruction of I-271 near Oakwood Village.

The Great Lakes Construction Company continues work on improvements to the West Shoreway Transformation Project. Also, in Shaker Heights, at the new "The District at Van Aken" mixed-use site, Sitetech is doing the mass excavation, sewer, and water, with Standard Contracting digging for footers, Carbide Excavating digging for the electricians, and Xtreme Elements working on the concrete with help from General Crane. Chieftain Trucking & Excavating has the site work at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Snow Leopard Exhibit. Chieftain Trucking is also working on the East 38th St. and Broadway Ave. RTA Station reconstruction in Cleveland.

Terrace Construction is working on valve and hydrant repairs throughout the City of Cleveland, waterline repairs on Highland Rd. in Highland Heights, waterline repairs on Coventry Rd. in Shaker Heights, sewer work on East 150th St. in Cleveland, a road rehabilitation on West 73rd St., sewer work on Webb Rd. and along Lake Ave. in Lakewood,

and a waterline replacement on Larchwood Ave.

In North Randall, Sitetech has started on the new Amazon warehouse and distribution center dirt work. Other contractors working on this project are Reumac Stabilization, Mt. Carmel Stabilization, Nick KostECKI Excavating,

Xtreme Elements, Northeast Ohio Trenching and Capital City Crane. Sitetech is doing the site work at the Oliver Hazard Perry High School addition in Euclid, and Phoenix Cement has the concrete package. Sitetech is also doing the site work for the new Tide Dry Cleaners site on Center Ridge Rd. in Rocky River.

In Beachwood, near Chagrin Blvd. and Richmond Rd., Precision Engineering & Contracting is doing the site work for the Encore Medical Center addition, including a retaining pond. Precision Engineering is also doing the site work for the IBM Headquarters on East 105th St. and Carnegie Ave. with Forest City Erectors setting the steel.

Catts Construction is doing sewer replacement work on Rodoan Rd. in Brooklyn. Huffman Equipment Rental and McKinney Drilling are drilling and installing piling for Donley's at the Pier W restaurant in Lakewood.

The Opportunity Corridor Phase I continues with Perk Company, McTech Corporation, and Mr. Excavator. This project will connect I-490 to the University Circle area once all three phases are complete. Phase II also continues and has Great Lakes Construction, Chieftain Trucking, and Cook Paving & Construction on site. Phase III of the Opportunity Corridor has Independence Excavating moving dirt for Kokosing Construction.

The new "Centric" site in Little Italy is a mixed-use project with approximately 300 apartments, retail space and a parking garage. Chieftain Trucking is doing the site work on this project, and Cleveland Cement Contractors has the concrete, with General Crane doing the crane work.

Mr. Excavator is doing the site work for the new City of Cleveland Dog Kennel on West 91st St. and Detroit Ave. in Cleveland and continues site work at Lincoln Electric's corporate headquarter addition on St. Clair Ave. in Euclid, with Phoenix Cement on the concrete. Mr. Excavator has the parking lot expansion for the University Heights Library and improvements at the intersection of Canterbury Rd. and Center Ridge in Westlake. Phoenix Cement also has the concrete

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# District 2 — Toledo



**Brett LaFaso**



**Kipton Siesel**



**Ismael Gutierrez, Jr.**



**Jerid Donley**



**John Townes,  
Organizer**

With the spring rain not seeming to stop until June of last year, the work schedule for many employers was condensed into the last months of 2019, causing many contractors to utilize overtime conditions to wrap up their already full schedules.

Looking optimistically at 2020's work picture, we are hopeful that the members of Local 18 will have another very good year. Here are some examples of ongoing work and some upcoming projects in District 2.

E.S. Wagner continues work on the I-75 reconstruction project in downtown Toledo. The project includes reconstruction of multiple ramps, 11 bridges, eight retaining walls, 39,000 cubic yards of concrete and approximately 23 million lbs. of structural steel. The project is expected to be completed in 2022.

Directly south of E.S. Wagner's project, Kokosing was awarded the replacement of the Disalle Bridge, which is by far Toledo's busiest Maumee crossing, with more than 75,000 cars and trucks on a typical day. This project is expected take four years to complete.

Rudolph-Libbe, GEM Industrial, George Gradel Company, AZCO, Barton Malow, Mammoet, E.S. Wagner, and Capital City continue construction of the Cliffs Natural Resources Ironville site in Toledo. The facility will receive iron ore mined in Minnesota and Michigan to convert it to briquettes used in steel manufacturing. The 450-foot tall tower associated in making briquettes is visible from downtown Toledo and is expected to be operational by 2020. Mammoet completed de-mobilizing the Liebherr 13000, a 3,000-ton crane that is the largest crawler crane in production. The crane's work scope is complete and is being loaded on a ship set for Europe.

Miller Brothers Construction nears completion of a double roundabout at Front St. and Mallard Ave. and Tiffin Ave. and Mallard Ave. next to the Cleveland Cliffs Project. Mallard Ave. is a major artery for the Cliffs project with nearly 1,000 tradesmen and tradeswomen leaving the project daily.

Toledo Refining Company's upcoming Spring 2020 FCCU Block Turnaround is ex-

pected to begin early March. The preliminary schedule indicates the project will be approximately 40 days and nights, 6 days a week.

The long-awaited I-475 widening project between Central Ave./U.S. Rt. 20 and Airport Highway/S.R. 2, including adding an interchange at Dorr St., has begun.

The project includes widening I-475 from Central Ave./U.S. Rt. 20 to Airport Highway/S.R. 2, constructing new, widened I-475 bridges over Hill Ave. and Dorr St. and adding a roundabout interchange at Dorr St. Crews have started on drainage and waterline work along Dorr St. between Holland-Sylvania Rd. and McCord Rd. The project being constructed by Miller Brothers Construction is expected to be complete in November, 2021.

Improvements to the city-owned water treatment plant's basins continues, part of a 10-year upgrade to Collins Park Water Treatment Plant in Oregon. The work includes the replacement of flocculation, sludge collection, and carbon dioxide feed equipment, in addition to basin repairs and new piping, valves, and conduits. The first phase is to upgrade basins five and six, and the second is to upgrade basins one through four. Basins three and four should be completed by April 16, 2022 and basins one and two should be finished by April 28, 2023, officials said. Shook, Kokosing, and Mosser are currently on site and have all had a part in these major upgrades to the facility.

Husky Refinery in Lima has recently concluded the highly anticipated Crude Oil Flexibility Project (COF). The COF Project allows the refinery to increase their heavy oil (Canadian crude) processing capability from 10,000 barrels per day to 40,000 barrels per day. Many local and out-of-state contractors have been on site the last 18 months employing countless Operating Engineers on this project. Most of the members on site were certified crane operators (CCO) and certified forklift operators. With the high demand for certified crane operators, we highly encourage our members to acquire their CCO and forklift certifications, so that the Local 18 members can man every seat in outages and

other projects in the future!

Eagle Bridge is continuing construction of a new bridge over East Elm St. for the Indiana and Ohio Railroad grade crossing elimination project in Lima. This grade crossing elimination project, along with a new roundabout at the intersec-

tion of Bellefontaine Ave. and Elm St., will alleviate traffic congestion in that part of town. BCI installed the deep sewer, Smith Paving and Excavating performed concrete work, and Shelly will lay the asphalt. After a lengthy delay this past winter and spring, this project should be completed sometime in early spring.

R.B. Jergens has recently been awarded the modification of Wayne St. and High St. project in downtown Lima. The main purpose of this project is to convert Wayne St. from one-way to two-way between Cole St. and Central Ave., and to upgrade all street signage on High St. between Metcalf St. and Central Ave. Work is anticipated to start this spring.

White Construction is currently constructing the Scioto Ridge Windfarm location in Hardin and Logan Counties, approximately 10 miles southwest of Kenton. This 242 MW project consists of 75 turbines ranging from 2.6 MW to 3.4 MW each. Crews have been working on this project since last July, but are currently on winter layoff. All 75 sites have been excavated, the bases have been built and poured with concrete and back-filled with subsoil. Sometime in the spring, approximately April 15th, the erection crews will start assembling the turbines. If all goes according to plan, completion should be by December.

Also, in Hardin County, RES (Renewable Energy Systems) has been contracted by Invenery to build a 150 MW solar farm (Hardin Solar I) situated on approximately 1,100 acres south of McGuffey. Local contractors BCI and IRG (IHE) are subcontracted to perform all sitework including access roads on this project. There will be approximately 800 acres under panels when Phase I is complete. Phase II has been approved as well, increasing the capacity to 270 MW and 4,400 acres, making this the largest solar farm in Ohio.

Beaver Excavating and all of their subcontractors are finishing year number three on the I-75 reconstruction project in Findlay. This project included reconstructing and expanding interstate lanes, reconstructing bridges

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# District 3 — Columbus



**Robert Hughes**



**Mark Totman**



**Chad Creeks**



**Garold Baker**



**Brent McCarty**



**Frank Uhl II**



**Jeremy Hinkle,  
Organizer**



**Greg Greenlee,  
Organizer**

Happy 2020! We wish everyone a happy, prosperous and safe new year.

Kokosing Construction has three large projects including the eight miles of lane addition on the I-270 west outer belt. Paving is nearly complete at this time. They also are on I-70 in downtown Columbus with lane additions, bridge reconstruction and two surface street reconstructions. They were low bidders on Phase 2 of this project, which encompasses four bridges, more retaining walls, a new exit ramp at Parsons Ave. and prep work for the next phases to bid over the next three years. All of this is possible due to the new gas tax increase. Turn Key Tunneling is on site performing a large road bore under I-70. Shook Construction continues work on the Dublin Road and Southerly water treatment plant expansions. Crane work in Columbus has been phenomenal.

On I-71, south of I-70, Shelly & Sands is busy on a three-year project which includes north and south lane additions, 10 bridge replacements, flood wall relocation and several thousand feet of storm sewer. Ruhlin started in early January of 2018 on their portion of this project as a subcontractor. They will be reconstructing all of the bridges at I-270 and I-71 plus adding an additional bridge.

Elsewhere throughout Columbus, Danbert is working for AEP on electrical upgrades, duct banks, and vault work. In the Pipeline Distribution and Maintenance area, there are approximately 75 crews in the central Ohio area working for Columbia Gas. Some of these companies include InfraSource, RLA,

Northern Pipeline and Miller Pipeline. Columbia Gas has forecast more than 20 years' worth of distribution work in and around the Columbus area.

In Athens County, McDaniel's Construction is working on utility distribution and George J. Igel & Co. has bridge work on Richland Ave. Parker Corporation is busy with culvert replacements on multiple state routes. Shelly & Sands and Alan Stone Company are both working on slide repairs, while Nuko Paving is paving the county roads.

Shelly & Sands, Alan Stone Company and Ohio-West Virginia Excavating have all picked up slide repair jobs in Morgan County. Buds Inc. has bridge repair on C.R. 35, while Shelly

& Sands has been working on improvements along S.R. 60 and S.R. 37.

Work is good at the power plants in Gallia County. Beaver Excavating is hauling the ash at Kyger Creek, and Ash Management Services is hauling ash at the Gavin landfill. Duke & Duke and Enerfab have been working at the Gavin Power Plant with Entact Environmental, capping the old fly ash pond. Armstrong Steel has bridge work on S.R. 7, and Shelly & Sands has two bridges to re-deck on S.R. 775.

In Pike County, at the A-Plant, it looks like things are starting to pick up with WAI, Beaver Excavating, and Geiger Brothers all performing

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**DIGGING for Fechko in Delaware County is Todd Armstrong.**

# District 4/5 — Franklin



**Jeff Powell**



**Jason Baker**



**Justin Gabbard**



**Michael Young**



**Tony James,  
Organizer**

As the district headed into the fall and winter months, it was still one of the busiest seasons District 4/5 had experienced so far. Early fall rain and cold weather really didn't slow down our brother and sister operators who endured these conditions to get the job done. Even though some of the orange barrel road construction flowers will go dormant for the winter, many projects will continue on as weather permits.

## Southwestern Counties

Another year has gone by, and work has been busy in Butler County. Rack & Ballauer Excavating has completed Princeton Rd., which included widening of the existing lane and shoulders. They are also adjusting the roadway profile by flattening several vertical crests and installing edge line rumble strips. At Elk Run Rd. and S.R. 4, WG Stang widened the roadway to match the other side of the intersection to reduce the bottleneck effect at that intersection. Over at the Yankee Rd. and Hankins Rd. intersection, the roadway profile flattened the vertical crest to make it easier to get in and out of the intersection. In Fairfield, the intersection of River Rd. and Gray Rd. was improved with the installation of a roundabout. Barrett Paving had several paving projects this summer in the cities of Monroe and Fairfield.

John R. Jurgensen has kept busy this year with Lanes Mill Rd. over Four Mile Creek. They replaced the existing bridge which had a three-span concrete box beam structure with a new single-span pre-stressed concrete I-beam bridge. On the Butler County Veterans Highway from the City of Hamilton to Princeton Glendale Rd., the company milled the existing road surface and paved a new surface course and mill and filled various township and subdivision streets. They will continue work next season on Liberty Fairfield Rd. between Princeton Rd. and Millikin Rd. with roadway improvements to widen the two-lane roadway to three lanes by adding a center lane. They will also install lighting at the intersection and adjust the vertical profile of the roadway.

In Hamilton County, Walsh is keeping busy with the project at I-75 and I-74 with the widening of I-75 between Mitchell Ave. and Hopple St. from three lanes to four lanes and reconfiguring I-74 eastbound to connect to I-75. This includes re-decking of existing eastbound I-74 structure over Spring Grover Ave., Millcreek, and the railroad tracks.

Kokosing continues on the Lick Run Watershed Project along Queen City Ave. in Cincinnati, which is a storm water and sewer water separation project to prevent the overflow of sewer water into the Mill Creek.

John R. Jurgensen has completed various mill and fill pavement projects in the area. Work will continue into next year on I-75 at Glendale Milford Rd. to Shepard Lane with the widening of I-75 from 3 lanes to 4 lanes in both directions. There will also be a new bridge at Glendale Milford Rd. and Shepard lane going over I-75 in the area.

Barrett Paving has milled and filled various roadways in the area this year with a roadway project on Cheviot Rd. widening it from two lanes to three by adding a center

turn lane. Elex also installed a new light signal on this project. Barrett Paving is on Plainfield Rd. and Sycamore Rd. where a new roundabout is being installed, with Oglesby doing the concrete. F.A. Nemann is putting in new water main, and Elex is doing the electrical work on this project. Next year the reconstruction of Sycamore Rd. from Plainfield Rd. to Kenwood Rd. will begin with new curbs and sidewalks on this project. On Glendale Milford Rd. in front of Summit Park, Ford Development is working on a new multi-lane roundabout to help ease the congestion in and out of the new neighborhood at Summit Park.

In Northern Kentucky, there are contractors like Nelson Stark and Coppage who have remained busy on new logistic building pad and utilities for the buildings in several locations. This year has brought a lot of big companies such as Kokosing, Trumbull, and Nick Kostecki Excavating who are working at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport for the new Amazon building, which will be its primary hub on the south side of the airfield. Combined, the companies have been working around the clock to move 4.5 million yards of material.

## Northwestern Counties

The northwestern counties have been busy during the 2019 season. The Shelly Asphalt Plant in Celina produced over 120,000 tons of asphalt for Shelly, along with numerous customers. Just down the road at the Republic Waste Facility in Celina, R.B. Jergens moved 150,000 yards of debris. The company then moved over 145,000 yards of dirt to cap the existing 11-acre cell. BCC Ohio, Inc. has been awarded a Bridge Repair Contract for ODOT. This job consists of bridge repairs in six different counties throughout the northern area of District 4/5.

On I-75 in Miami County, Eagle Bridge continues working on a road widening project. The two bridges over a CSX Railroad have been widened, and the company has flipped traffic for the 3rd time in 2019 to allow them to demo an existing bridge and replace it in early Spring. Barrett Paving has been on this project over the past year performing the asphalt work. Miller Cable has the temporary lighting for this project.

The Great Lakes Construction Company has been awarded the 3rd phase of the Ter-

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**WORKING for Decker on a grader in Wapakoneta is Brad Prickett.**

# District 6 — Akron



Joe Casto



Darrin Morgan



Preston Yuzwa



Thomas Larkins



Brad Marshall



Mike Cramer,  
Organizer

We hope everyone had a great holiday! We look forward to a prosperous year in 2020. With pipeline work in the district slowing down, we look for the construction of the new energy facilities to pick up.

In **Ashland County**, Sarver Paving is keeping operators busy in their shop with equipment maintenance as well as doing winter repairs at their asphalt plant. Page Excavating is finishing up the F.E. Meyers Building Demolition project in Ashland and starting the demo at the old D.R. Hess Plant.

In Richland County, Kokosing has mechanics working on equipment maintenance. Kokosing Materials has several operators performing winter maintenance at the Mansfield asphalt plant and AC Terminal. Stein is keeping several operators busy with scrap and slag services at Mansfield AK Steel. Underground Utilities is starting the Butler Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project.

In **Wayne County**, Bogner Construction is keeping operators busy at the Wooster Wastewater Treatment Plant installing a new sludge tank. Bogner Construction is also finishing up construction at the new Western Reserve building in Wooster. Kokosing and Kokosing Materials have several operators working on maintenance at their Wooster asphalt plant and maintenance shop.

In **Stark County**, Beaver Excavating is busy with the I-77/U.S. Rt. 62/U.S. Rt. 30 bridge project. J.D. Williamson continues with the Gaminus Avenue Bridge Replacement project in Canton. Deep South Crane & Rigging has a couple of operators working on crane rental maintenance in the Marathon Refinery in Canton. S.E.T. Inc. is finishing up the Mahoning Avenue Reconstruction project. Karvo Paving is installing new storm sewers on S.R. 800 in South Canton. Stein has several operators working at Republic Steel hauling scrap

and processing slag. Edw. C. Levy is handling these duties across town at the Timken Steel facility. Beaver Constructors is building an addition and new press box at the Canton Local football stadium.

In **Holmes County**, Bogner Construction continues work on the new cold storage facility at Holmes County Cheese. They plan to start construction of the new Whey Process Facility in February.

In **Tuscarawas County**, Shelly & Sands continues construction of the new I-77 bridge over U.S. Rt. 36 in Newcomerstown. They are dropping the grade two feet to accommodate larger vehicles. Marrucci & Gaffney are also replacing a bridge on I-77 north of Strasburg.

In **Coshocton County**, Beaver Excavating continues at U.S. Rt. 36 with bridge reconstruction and new ramp construction. Capital City Crane is keeping several operators busy throughout the area with crane rental.

In **Summit County**, Shelly & Sands continues ramp and overpass construction, including sewer work and pavement construction at the central interchange project in Akron. R.G. Smith is at the new Leppo rental building project in Talmadge installing utilities. Terrace Construction is relocating utilities at the Cleveland Massillon Road project in Norton. Northeast Ohio Trenching and Miller Yount Paving have utility and site work at the new Hudson Middle School construction project. H.M. Miller has storm sewer improvements at White Pond Dr. and storm sewer construction on Hickory St. in Akron.

Kenmore Construction continues the S.R. 8 complete reconstruction project from Boston Heights to Cuyahoga Falls north- and south-bound with lane shift and Phase 2 pavement demolition continuing through the winter. Kokosing Construction continues pavement work on the four-year Ohio turnpike reconstruction program in Summit County from S.R. 8 to I-77 in Richfield. Great Lakes Construction continues moving material and tank construction at the Akron Peninsula Treatment Plant bio separator project. Ruhlin has

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**WORKING** for Kelly Steel at the Amazon project in Summit County are (l-r) Matt Krause and apprentice Steve Vasko.

# Stationary Engineers



**John Hardesty**



**Eric Eastwood**



**Daniel Hoopes**

The New Year brings nine contracts up for negotiations for the Stationary Department. Our stewards and members working under these agreements have been marking their contracts with items they believe need addressing during the upcoming negotiations. The 18S agents will be mailing out bargaining surveys to receive some early input from the members, member meetings will be set up, and proposals will be drafted to take to the negotiation table.

During the first quarter of 2020 the following agreements will be negotiated:

- Anheuser Busch, Inc.
- Fresh Mark / Sugardale Foods
- 1100 Superior Bldg.
- CBRE - Route Engineers

One group of stationary engineers that Local 18S represents is employed by Cuyahoga County Division of Public Works in Northeast Ohio. Currently, the 17 members work in one of the following classifications: Maintenance Mechanic I, II, or III, Project Inspector, and Groundskeeper.

Just recently, Cuyahoga County consolidated the bulk of its operations from multiple buildings around the county and moved into one large facility that was purchased in late 2017, and on which renovations were recently completed. The new location is comprised of a 193,175 square foot building that is located on 18.46 acres of land.

The five members in the Groundskeeper classification are responsible for the operation of the HVAC system, assisting in maintaining electrical equipment, and assisting in minor plumbing and carpentry repairs, as well as performing a wide variety of building and maintenance functions. As one can imagine with a building that large, just maintaining the cleanliness of the building on a day-to-day basis is a large feat in and of itself. Another large function is keeping up with the exterior of the property. Now that we are in the winter months, the members will have a bit of a learning curve to navigate the snow and ice removal for the entire property, in order to have the areas ready for when the bulk of the personnel show up of work.

The six members working in one of the classifications of Maintenance Mechanic I, II or III are responsible for the daily operation of the treatment plants and the 60 + pump stations located in Cuyahoga County. With the county being one of the

most populous in the state, it is imperative that the equipment stay running at all times to prevent wastewater from entering local streams and waterways. The members must be versed in a wide variety of duties, including the different makes and models of pumps at all the numerous pump stations, be able to repair and/or replace pumps that have worn out, inspect the mechanical and electrical equipment, and be aware of any issues that might arise to avoid a possible failure.

The six members in the classification of Project Inspector work at a wide variety projects throughout the county. From working on a multi-million-dollar new construction project to a simple new line connection and everything in between, the members make

sure the contractors properly install sanitary and storm lines to be sure everything conforms to standards and approved drawings. The members are often working on multiple jobs daily and need to not only keep accurate measurements for each project, but also have accurate sketches and as-builts drawings for each project, as these all become recorded for future reference. The Project Inspectors stay in constant contact with the contractor, but oftentimes need to be in contact with the project engineers and city officials to keep the project moving. They are also among the first individuals the contractor comes to when there are questions on the project, whether it be a rather simple question on the correct pipe or a more complicated one regarding the calculations for the right amount of material needed for a pipe run. The Project Inspectors have to be ready for everything.

As always, we thank our stewards for being our members first line of defense, the Organizing Department for their work to organize new stationary contractors, and finally we would like to thank President Thomas P. Byers and Business Manager Richard E. Dalton for their support of the Stationary Department and Local 18.

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## Keep Ohio's Heritage (KOH)

*Continuing report by the KOH officers*

As we head into the future with Local 18, let's back track a little into the past. I have been privileged with finding some of our history archived in some old dusty boxes in the storage room behind the meeting hall. In it was a letter from our 4th Business Manager, Earl A. Erwin addressing the 100th Anniversary of the International Union of Operating Engineers that was being celebrated throughout the districts, as well as the nation.

In the Business Manager's letter, he reflected that it was the AFL Convention held on December 7, 1896 in Cincinnati when our union was founded and that we were no longer a part of Knights of Labor. He spoke of the troubles in the early days about after the amalgamation of the six different locals in Ohio that became Local 18, and how a collection had to be made to buy pencil and paper for meeting minutes. The district membership meetings were held in

the basements of the District Representatives homes. Included in his letter, there was mention that in 1961 the top rate was \$3.70 per hour, our health and welfare plan didn't start until 1962, at 10 cents per hour, pension contributions started in 1964 at 10 cents per hour, and the apprentice training program at one penny per hour.

Ok, fast forward to 2020 and the hard road in between. Today, our top scale exceeds \$37 per hour and we have the finest benefits available, and the best training facilities in the nation. I cannot think of any

reason that our heritage, history and hard work should be taken away from us by others who find us as a threat to a better way of life. As my history teacher said, if you don't study the past, there is very little hope for the future. Please remember who we are, where we have been, and where we are headed. Also, please stay focused and please be safe.

**"We have the finest benefits available, and the best training facilities in the nation."**

# Legislative



**Mark Totman**

As we move into the new year, let's do a recap of 2019.

First and most important, Local 18 operating engineers were successful in getting an ODOT Budget passed with a user fee increase, to keep Ohio's infrastructure program moving forward for

the near future. This will keep thousands of Operating Engineers employed for years to come.

The next budget was Ohio's Operating Budget (MOB), which we basically try to keep "clean" of any detrimental language related to our issues such as prevailing wages, competitive bidding language, etc.

One issue did make it in the MOB, and that was the TID's (Transportation Improvement Districts) language. TID'S allow the state, counties, cities, and townships to bid projects without prevailing wages and competitive bidding requirements if they run them through a TID. So far, it has been limited to one project. We will be keeping a close eye on this issue and working to correct it legislatively.

We expect 2020 to be relatively quiet, with it being an election year at the statehouse. If you are not registered to vote, PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE!

2020 will be very important politically both locally and nationally for Local 18 members.

All in all, with Local 18's leadership of our union and our political approach of working with Republicans and Democrats to achieve our goals, we have achieved many successes like never seen before in the history of this great local.

As always, THANK YOU to the members for your support of the PEP POLITICAL fund. With your support, we have become a powerhouse in politics at the Statehouse and in Congress.

We look forward to a prosperous and safe 2020 for Local 18 members.

**IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE**

## Apprentice Application Period January and February 2020

The 2020 apprentice application period is set for January 27, 28, 29 and February 6, 7, 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications will be taken at the following locations:

### Region 1 Training Center

4675 Newton Rd.  
Richfield, OH 44286  
(800) 842-9419

### Region 3 Training Center

30410 Strawn Rd.  
Logan, OH 43138  
(888) 385-2567

### Region 2 Training Center

9435 Cygnet Rd.  
Cygnet, OH 43413  
(888) 634-6880

### Region 4/5 Training Center

4250 Soldiers Home  
Miamisburg Rd.  
Miamisburg, OH 45342  
(800) 635-4928

If you need further information about the application period, please call any of the Regional Training Centers or the Central Office at (888) 488-9997.

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**WORKING for Ohio CAT PSD in Canton is Aaron Pizzo.**



**KEEPING busy for Ohio CAT PSD in Canton is Brandon Kalbfell.**



**ON THE JOB for Ohio CAT in Canton is James Jackson.**



**PROUDLY displaying his 40-year pin is Brian Herwerden working at Ohio CAT in Cleveland.**



**RECEIVING his 40-year member pin is David Vasconi.**

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package for the Jesse Owens School on MLK Blvd. in Cleveland, with Mr. Excavator doing the site work. Phoenix Cement has the concrete work at the William Rainey Harter School, with Mr. Excavator on site work in Cleveland.

Members are working on the new Cleveland Clinic/CWRU Health & Education campus on East 100th St. and Euclid Ave. Forest City Erectors have erected the steel, Independence Excavating is on site work and Howard Concrete Pumping continues to pump concrete. Forest City Erectors also has the operation of the house elevators, and General Crane is setting all the glass.

Fabrizi Trucking & Paving has sanitary sewer work on Rockport Rd. in Cleveland, Rocky River Drive, Hampton Drive and Westway Drive in Rocky River.

Marous Brothers Construction has the site work for townhomes on East 73rd St. and Euclid Ave. in Cleveland and is still working on the new Breakwater Bluffs condos on the west side of Cleveland.

The Perk Company is working on the road rehabilitation on West 130th St. and Pearl Rd., both in Cleveland, with Shelly Company doing the milling and paving on both projects. Perk is reconstructing Clark Ave. on Cleveland's westside, with Mr. Excavator doing the sewer work on this project.



**POUNDING** guard rail posts on West Erie Ave. in Lorain is Lake Erie Construction, with Pilar Cabello operating the post pounder truck.



**SETTING** new escalators at Progressive Field Stadium in Cleveland with a 600 ton crane are operator Jon Knebusch and oiler Erik Rausch, working for ALL Crane.

Perk is working on the East 55th Street road rehabilitation in Cleveland, with Chagrin Valley Paving doing the paving. Perk is also reconstructing a section of Harvard Ave. in Highland Hills and has the Turney Road rehabilitation in Garfield Heights.

Don Wartko Construction, DRS Enterprises, 1127 Construction, Vallejo Company, Petty Group, SJS & Sons, H.M. Miller, and InfraSource are busy with distribution and maintenance gas line projects throughout Cuyahoga County.

Work in southern Cuyahoga County continues to be busy with many ongoing projects. Catts Construction has the waterline replacement on Lafayette Drive in Independence. DiGioia has the widening of Royalton

Rd. in Broadview Heights. Fabrizi has the widening of Sprague Rd. in North Royalton. Marous Brothers has the site work for a retirement home on York Rd. in North Royalton. Fabrizi and Phoenix Cement are working on the addition at Baldwin Wallace Arts building. Great Lakes Construction has the intersection improvements at I-480 and State Rd. in Cleveland and Parma. Independence Excavating has the demolition of the VA Hospital in Brecksville.

Work at ArcelorMittal is keeping our members busy working for Stein, Matt Construction, Kelley Steel Erectors, Bulk Transport, and KT-Grant.

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**SETTING 78-inch sewer line on Abbe Rd. in Elyria for the 3rd phase of the east side relief project is Fabrizi. Billy Dezarn is operating the PC800 hoe and Brook Murray is the oiler.**

In Lake County, Agworks is demolishing a middle school on Ridge Rd. in Willoughby. Also, in Willoughby, Marous Brothers Construction is working on the underground utilities at Breckenridge Village.

In Mentor, Davis Diggers is doing the sewers on Maple St., and D.B. Bentley is doing the sewers on Miami Rd. In Painesville, Great Lakes Construction continues work on the Vrooman Road Bridge. Ricman Construction continues work on the water intake for the Painesville Wastewater Treatment Plant on Headlands Rd. Hallmark Excavating, Inc. is working on the sewers on Richman St. in Painesville.

In Geauga County, Eclipse Company is doing the site work for a new office building at Great Lakes Cheese.

In Thompson, Mr. Excavator is doing the site work for a new public library. Gradeline is working on the underground utilities for a new Hemly Hardware location on Leroy Thompson

Rd. Ronyak is paving Booth Rd. in Kirtland.

In Conneaut, Kirila Construction, Incorporated is working on the sanitary sewers for a new Truck World at I-90 and S.R. 7 in Orwell. Northeast Ohio Trenching, Incorporated and

Eclipse Company are working on the underground utilities at the Kennametal addition.

In Geneva, Marous Brothers Construction is working on the underground utilities at the University Hospital Pharmacy and at Hearthside Grove R.V. Park.

In North Kingsville, Trimor Construction is replacing a section of Parish Rd.

Eclipse Company is building a dam at the Harpersfield covered bridge. Koski Construction is resurfacing Windsor/Mechanicsville Rd.

In Medina, Miller Pipeline has the distribution and maintenance gas line work on Spieth Rd. Fechko Excavating has the full-depth road rehab project on West Smith Rd. Ronyak is resurfacing Weymouth Rd. Lockhart Concrete is replacing a box culvert on Elmwood Ave. Precision Engineering and Contracting has the site work for a new school on Wilbur Rd. Karvo Paving Company is widening Medina Line Rd.

In Brunswick, Perk Company has the full-depth road rehab of Laurel Rd. Kelley Steel Erectors is setting the steel for the new middle

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**CELEBRATING their 25-year membership are (l-r) John Ginley, Steven Kershner, Ernest Bernard, Pasquale Lombardi, James McClafflin, Pete Pozzuto, Dennis Quimper and Walter Sweet.**



**RETIRED after 40 years is Fred Dreslinski.**



**40-YEAR members (l-r) Erich Geis, Donald Toth, Business Manager Richard Dalton, Jim Ali, Dayton Davis, Jr., William Debenedictis, Robert Germano, Robert Koran, Jr., Phillip Latessa, Richard Mikut and Anthony Salvatore.**

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school on Pearl Rd. Lockhart Concrete is replacing a bridge on S.R. 303 in Hinkley. Ronyak is resurfacing Columbia Rd. in Valley City.

In Lorain, Herk Excavating has the site work for the new city service complex on West Park Drive. Karvo Paving Company has the streetscape project on Broadway Ave. D.L. Smith Concrete has the road rehab project on W. 23rd St.

In Elyria, J.D. Williamson is replacing a bridge on I-90 westbound. Cioffi Construction is doing the asphalt and concrete repairs on Cleveland Rd. Fabrizi is digging a 78-inch sanitary sewer on Abbe Rd.

In Columbia Station, DiGioia Suburban is digging sewer for a subdivision on Redfern Rd. Miller Pipeline has the distribution and maintenance gas line work on Sprague Rd.

Cioffi Construction is digging waterline on Chester Rd. in Avon. Blakeslee Excavating is demolishing a building for the city of Lagrange on Liberty St. Karvo is resurfacing Royalton Rd. in Grafton. Cioffi Construction has the concrete road repairs on Englewood Court in North Ridgeville.

In Westlake, Chieftan Trucking has the site work for an office building on Clemens Rd., General Crane is also on site setting the steel. Barbicas Construction is paving the new Marc's parking lot on Detroit Rd. KMU Trucking & Excavating is digging a storm sewer on Canterbury Rd. Mike Coates Construction is doing the site work for a new recreational center building on Hilliard Boulevard. Burton Scot is doing asphalt repairs on Center Ridge Rd. in Westlake.

In Olmsted Township, Underground Utilities is working on the sanitary sewer project on Cook Rd. Tri-Mor has the concrete road repairs on Tall Oakes Trail. Schirmer Construction is replacing a culvert on Westwood Lane. Chagrin Valley Paving is resurfacing S.R. 252. Marous Brothers is doing the site and



**ALL Crane setting panels for Allied Corporation in Cleveland.**

underground work for a retirement home on Lorain Rd.

In Sandusky, Mosser Construction is cutting in a turn lane for the Sports Force facility on Cleveland Rd. Speer Brothers is doing the site and underground work for a photography studio on Hayes Ave. Kokosing is working on the full-depth road reconstruction of Shoreline Drive. Sitetech is doing the site and underground work at the Jackson Street Pier.

Xtreme Excavating is doing the site and underground work for Mucci Farms Phase 2 on Rye Beach Rd. in Huron. Luedtke Engineering is dredging the Huron Harbor in Huron. Rising Son Construction is digging storm sewer on

Mechanic St. in Berlin Heights.

In Huron County, Great Lakes Demolition is replacing a culvert on S.R. 269 in Bellevue. Mosser Construction is upgrading the water Treatment Plant on East Center St. in Bellevue. Erie Construction Group is resurfacing U.S. Rt. 20 in Wakeman. Mosser Construction is replacing a bridge deck on S.R. 60 in Wakeman. Buckeye Excavating is digging sanitary line on Franklin St. in Norwalk.

Thank you to the Executive and Advisory Boards for their continued support. Please take advantage of the many classes the training centers offer to improve your skills and maintain or get new certifications.

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**WORKING for Ric-Man in Mentor is James Kerry.**



**BUSY for Ric-Man in Mentor is Norm Darling.**



**ON THE JOB for Marous Brothers in Geneva is Bruce Stevenson.**



**KEEPING busy for Marous Brothers in Geneva is Lonnie Balogh.**

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**REPLACING** a culvert on Adele Lane in Olmsted Falls is Schirmer. George Janosik is operating the hoe.



**LOADING** out after finishing up a bridge job on Billings Rd. in Castalia is Schalk Brothers. Donnie Saalman is operating the hoe.



**SITE** work for a retirement home on Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted being done by Marous Brothers. Solomon Roscoe is operating the sheep's foot roller.



**MOVING** dirt for a subdivision on Hollstein Drive in Amherst is Kostecki Excavating. Tyler Fleck is operating the challenger pull pan on the left and Logan Fleck is operating the challenger pull pan on the right.



**MILLING** off the asphalt for a sewer project on Cook Road in Olmsted Falls is Underground Utilities. Tim Lynn is operating the loader.



**LOADING** out barrier wall on S.R. 113 in Elyria is Kokosing. Steve Seidel is operating the hoe.

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and interchanges all while maintaining four lanes of traffic to the public. A majority of the work left to finish includes the ramps from northbound I-75 to U.S. Rt. 68 and S.R. 15 and from north bound U.S. Rt. 68 and S.R. 15 to southbound I-75. Both of these ramps have been closed since early 2018. A final coat of asphalt will be laid on the entire work zone south of the S.R. 12 interchange area in late 2020.

Kiewit Power Constructors is nearing completion of the Timber Road IV Wind Farm in Paulding County. This 125 MW facility consists of 31, 110-meter turbines, with a 4.25 MW capacity each. These turbines are currently the largest ever erected in North America. Miller Brothers was subcontracted by Kiewit to build approximately 17 miles of access roads, excavate and backfill foundations, build cages and pour concrete foundations. Gerken Paving has been repairing county roads since the onset of this project and will do touch-up work this spring. Once completed and operational, this wind facility will generate enough electricity to power 36,000 average sized homes.

In Wood county, Ryan Companies is the general contractor on the Amazon project. The building is on the corner of Crossroads Parkway and U.S. Rt. 20 in Rossford, directly behind the Home Depot. Miller Brothers was awarded the sitework on this project, Barton Malow has the building portion of the project and has subbed the rebar for the foundations to Ivy Development and the erection of the steel to Ideal Contracting out of Michigan. The project itself has led to a handful of jobs for our members in the surrounding area as well. Miller Pipeline has benefitted from this job by way of the many gas lines that need to be hooked up and Speer Brothers in the same way as a result of the water line that has to



**BUILDING cages for Scioto Ridge Wind Farm in Hardin County is L. Keeley.**

be improved feeding into the site. When all is said and done, the fulfillment center will be 85 feet tall and occupy 700,000 square feet with a total footprint of 2.8 million square feet. Plans also call for 1,800 parking spaces and 300 truck bays. A noise wall will be built on the facility's north end, where trucks will operate. Entrances will be located at Compass Drive and Crossroads Parkway, and the site will include a fence and a guard shack. This project has been a great job for journeymen and apprentices alike, as many of our operators will be working steady through the winter and straight through the next year.

Ohio Cat, the authorized and exclusive Caterpillar Dealer in Ohio, northern Kentucky

and southeastern Indiana, kicked off construction of its newest building project with a ceremonial groundbreaking at its recently purchased property in the city of Perrysburg, Ohio, August 2nd.

Building construction at the nearly 40-acre property off of Eckel Junction Rd. will house Ohio Cat, The Cat Rental Store and Northern Ohio Peterbilt, all on one campus. The sitework for this facility has been awarded to E.S. Wagner Company. This project will consist of construction of a 65,250-square-foot building including shop space, a parts warehouse and office space for Ohio Cat's machine sales, rental and administrative

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**25-YEAR members Tim Wilcox, Chad Kiefer, Steven Kiefer and District Manager Brett LaFaso.**



**40-YEAR members Sheila Wilson and Jerry McQuillin with District Manager Brett LaFaso.**

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personnel. Other equipment-related work includes an 8,300-square-foot wash building and a 5,940-square-foot cold storage structure. Also, Northern Ohio Peterbilt, the company's on-highway truck dealership, will be housed in a new 68,000-square-foot building adjacent to Ohio Cat with 26 service bays and a 7,400-square-foot cold storage structure.

Increased business activity in Northwest Ohio has created the need for a larger facility for Ohio Cat in the Toledo market, and for the first time, its Peterbilt dealership will have a full-service location in the Toledo area.

Rudolph-Libbe is working on the construction of a Pilkington Glass Plant in Troy Township. The owner will construct a 511,000 square foot float glass plant. The plant will make specialty sheet glass for the solar panel manufacturing industry, and its primary customer will be the first solar facility in Perrysburg Township. Only ten miles away, first solar will use the Pilkington Glass to produce its new series six solar panels. The NSG Pilkington plant will produce about 130,000 tons of glass annually. The Pilkington glass plant will keep our members busy well into 2020. Expect to see some work generated from the



**SETTING a tower section on the Timber Road IV Wind Farm in Haviland Village, Paulding County using a Liebherr 1750 is Kiewit Power Constructors.**

addition of this facility by way of utilities and possible road improvements in the immediate vicinity of the plant.

The Clinton Street Bridge, which carries State Routes 15, 18 and 66, is the only Maumee River crossing in downtown Defiance. An estimated 27,000 vehicles a day cross over the Maumee River on this bridge. Earlier this year Great Lakes Construction started demolition on the old bridge. Traffic has not been an obstacle for this project. The bridge has been completely shut down, forcing commuters to find other routes. The full closure has also allowed construction to be done differently than if traffic were maintained, which will reduce the projects expected duration. The new bridge has been widened to carry four lanes of traffic, overlooks and paths for walking and biking. Now that the bridge deck has been poured, Great Lakes has been able to start working on final touches. Weather permitting, they will be removing the causeway and buttoning up around the walkways and overlooks. The bridge should be open to traffic by the end of the year. Look for the entire project to be done in July of 2020.

In closing, the staff of District 2 would like to wish you a safe and prosperous new year.

## The battle continues in Virginia to repeal Right-to-Work ☠️

With a Democratic governor, it was thought that Virginia would come into line with other solidly Democratic states where organized labor flourishes. Right now, that doesn't seem to be the case. At a recent state revenue forecast meeting, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam (D) largely ruled out repealing the state's anti-union Right-to-Work ☠️ law. Labor and unions leaders commented on the governor's stance:

"Right-to-Work ☠️ policy has succeeded in its purpose. The wage levels for working people in the state of Virginia are appalling," said Chris Townsend, the organizing director of Virginia's Amalgamated Transit Union.

"Allowing unions to be effective promotes the wages of not just union members, but non-union members as well," said Jeff Hauser, a former AFL-CIO spokesman who now runs the Center for Economic and Policy Research's Revolving Door Project.

### There is hope

However, all may not be lost in the fight to remove Right-to-Work ☠️ in Virginia. Elections at the end of 2019 handed Democrats unified

control of the state government. Democrats have traditionally been shown to be more supportive of unions as a whole.

Additionally, Delegate Jennifer Carroll Foy (D), a public defender representing the outermost suburbs of Northern Virginia, is hopeful of passing legislation to overturn Right-to-Work ☠️. She noted that Delegate Lee Carter (D) from Manassas has vowed to introduce repeal legislation.

"In Virginia, we can not only win by being a good state for business, but we can also win by being one of the best states for workers," Delegate Foy said. "Many other states have done this."

Should the decision to repeal Right-to-Work ☠️ be put to Virginia voters, there could very well be a positive outcome. Data shows that when given the opportunity to weigh in, the voting public, even in conservative states, often overturns such laws. Most recently, Missouri voters threw out Right-to-Work ☠️ through a statewide ballot.

Virginia voters have a record of similar action. In November 2016, state residents voted down a referendum that would have enshrined the state's Right-to-Work ☠️ status

in its constitution.

### What's good for workers is good for everyone

Right-to-Work ☠️ is simply wrong for workers and our society. According to research from the Economic Policy Institute, Right-to-Work ☠️ does not boost jobs — it restricts unions and hurts wages. In Right-to-Work ☠️ states, the average worker makes 3.1% less in hourly wages. This pattern of lower wages is also true for women workers and workers of color. Furthermore, by restricting the capacity of unions to bargain for workers and thus lowering wages and benefits, Right-to-Work ☠️ laws lower state tax revenues.

For these and many other reasons, we must stand against Right-to-Work ☠️ wherever we see it. When we do that, we all win.

Sources: Economic Policy Institute [<https://www.epi.org/publication/right-to-work-is-wrong-for-missouri-a-breadth-of-national-evidence-shows-why-missouri-voters-should-reject-rtw-law/>] • Huffington Post [[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/virginia-ralph-northam-right-to-work\\_n\\_5ddd8bcde4b00149f725b566](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/virginia-ralph-northam-right-to-work_n_5ddd8bcde4b00149f725b566)].

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ing work there. Shelly & Sands has also been paving on S.R. 104 and S.R. 335.

In Ross County, Rudolph Libbe is performing site work and erecting buildings for The Kenworth Plant in Chillicothe, while Ison Excavating and Fluor are working at Sun Coke in Scioto County. George J. Igel & Co. has bridge work on U.S. Rt. 50, east of McArthur in Vinton County.

Beaver Excavating is working on the dam at the Racine Lock in Meigs County, and Fields Excavating is performing sewer work in Pomeroy.

Dew Excavating and Parks Enterprise have been performing new residential site work on Cheshire Rd. in Delaware. Peterson Industrial is working on one of many Delaware County water treatment plants.

At Polaris in Delaware County, Shelly & Sands is working on Phase I of the Lazelle Rd. widening project, with KD Complete



**SETTING box culvert in Fairfield County for Capital City Crane is Brian Johnson.**



**RETIRING from field service at Ohio CAT is Dick Adair, pictured with his wife, Sharon. He has been Steward at CAT for over 6 years and a member for 25 years.**



**WORKING for KMI in Franklin County are (l-r) Andrew McNeil, Ryan Stutz and Drew Beckert.**

Clearing getting all the trees and shrubs out of their way. On the other end of Lazelle Rd., Double Z is doing their work on Phase III. Complete General is working on a new roundabout on Polaris Pkwy while Strawser Paving is working on the new connecting road between Polaris Pkwy., and Ikea Dr. Also at Polaris, Mr. Excavator and George J. Igel & Company are both doing new site work on Cleveland Ave. Miller Brothers crew is working on Altair Pkwy installing water and sewer lines for a new road.

In Wyandot County, Shook Construction is performing work at the water treatment plant in Upper Sandusky. In Carey, Stoneco, Inc. Quarry has had many new upgrades this summer, and they plan to add another rail line to help with the growing needs for product on the eastern side of the state. Miller Brothers is performing site work for Stoneco, Inc. clearing topsoil.

Cummins was awarded the power generators at the Turnstile site and also the Project Mustang site in Licking County. George J. Igle

& Company, Haywood Baker, ALL Crane, and Mt. Carmel Stabilization all have several members working on both projects in New Albany.

Our equipment shops in Columbus have been busy. Ohio Cat has had several large rebuilds, and their equipment rental shop has never slowed down. At Columbus Equipment, the mechanics have a steady stream of new products to get ready for delivery. McLean Company mechanics have been busy getting several new pavers ready for companies like Shelly Company and Shelly & Sands. Towlift mechanics are busy with their customers and getting out new fork trucks. Cummins and Ohio Cat Truck shops have a steady stream of trucks to work on, and both contractors have crews working in the oil and gas field.

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**BUSY with Easton Towne Center's expansion project are George J. Igel & Company in the foreground and Wilhelm Construction and ALL Crane of Columbus in the background.**

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**DIGGING** a new canal system at Buckeye Lake in Licking County is Miller Brothers.



**BUSY** for NPL in Muskingum County are (l-r) Sam Brown and Gregory Ball.



**WORKING** at the Delaware County Courthouse for Capital City Crane is Rick Roshon.



**KEEPING** busy for Walsh Construction at the OSU Wexner Medical Center parking garage project are (l-r) apprentice oiler David Herb and operator Christian Taylor.



**RUNNING** a berm box laying blacktop for Axis Civil in Vinton County at MacArthur is Dave Tipton.



**WORKING** in Hilliard for Complete General is David Walker.



**ON THE JOB** for Trucco in Grove City, Franklin County is Steve Hoskinson.



**OPERATING** a compactor for Miller Brothers at Buckeye Lake in Licking County is Lena Hays.



**BUSY** for George J. Igel & Co. in Torch, Athens County, operating lowdrill is Fred Albright.

# Rover and NEXUS Pipeline dollars provide much needed revenue for schools

When Energy Transfer started planning its Rover Pipeline across southern Stark County, officials at Fairless Local allowed themselves to dream — cautiously.

If the pipeline really was built in the school district, how much would it pay in taxes and how would the district use the money?

Five years later, Fairless is getting its answer. State projections show the pipeline will generate \$3.9 million in additional revenue this tax year, and the district is planning to build a new \$20 million high school.

“It’s an awesome thing,” said Fairless Superintendent Broc Bidlack. “It’s a great wind-fall. It’s a benefit to our community. It doesn’t cost our community anything and, so, we’re trying to invest it in ways that will last and serve our community for many generations.”

## Shipping dollars

Two interstate pipelines have been built across Stark County since 2017, to carry natural gas from the Utica and Marcellus shales to markets in the Midwest and Canada.

The pipelines are on pace to generate almost \$20 million in additional tax revenue in Stark County this year, according to state projections released by the county auditor. The taxes will be paid next year.

Rover Pipeline’s twin 42-inch diameter mainlines cross Pike, Bethlehem and Sugar Creek townships. The pipeline is poised to add \$9.6 million to local government coffers.

NEXUS Gas Transmission is a single 36-inch diameter pipeline in Washington, Nimishillen, Marlboro and Lake townships. NEXUS is projected to boost tax revenue by \$9.8 million.

## Taxing utilities

The Ohio Department of Taxation calculates the property taxes owed to local jurisdictions by public utilities, including pipelines. “The amount paid is based on the value of the pipeline infrastructure and the value of the commodity flowing through it,” said Stark County Auditor Alan Harold.

During calendar year 2017, public utilities property tax payments totaled \$1.33 billion, according to the latest report from the Department of Taxation. The public utility property tax revenue is divided between the county, school districts, townships, library districts and any other jurisdiction with a tax levy. The influx of pipeline money impacts local governments in two ways.

“Because some levies are set to raise a specific amount of money, any increase in the tax base due to a pipeline means a drop in the tax rate, not an increase in revenue,” Harold



said. “That’s good for taxpayers as a group, but general fund and permanent improvement levies aren’t capped, so that revenue increases as the tax base grows.”

## Who is getting what?

Six Stark County school districts stand to get more than \$1 million in additional revenue from the pipelines based on this tax year’s projections.

Fairless is second on that list, with Rover projected to add \$3.9 million. The pipeline generated \$849,000 last year, of which the district spent \$770,000 on artificial turf for Brideweser Stadium.

The district’s next project is a new high school to replace a building constructed in the mid-1960s. The state will bear 71 percent of the project’s cost, with the district using pipeline revenue to pay the balance.

“The project is in the early planning stages but site preparation could begin as early as next fall, with construction underway in 2021,” Bidlack said.

“The district’s pipeline revenue is expected to peak in 2020 and decline from there due to depreciation. Other uses for the money over the next few years could include updating buses, stadium renovations and facility repairs,” Bidlack said.

Next door to Fairless, Tuscarawas Valley Local is projected to get \$5.9 million in added revenue. The district straddles Stark and Tuscarawas Counties, and most of its Rover funding comes from the Tuscarawas section.

Tuscarawas Valley is planning to build a new \$24 million school for grades 7 through 12 by 2023. The school will be co-funded by the state. The second phase of the project will see Tuscarawas Valley renovate and

expand its existing middle school to hold pre-K through grade 6 students. That project, which doesn’t yet have a timeline or cost estimate, will take the district from four buildings to two.

Superintendent Mark Murphy said revenue from Rover means the district could do the projects without further taxing residents. “We’re so thankful and blessed, but we want to make sure we’re capturing those dollars and maximizing them for a strategic, intentional purpose that we could never do on our own,” Murphy said.

Other districts are still figuring out how to use the money. Marlinton Local is projected to get nearly \$3.7 million from NEXUS this year. Superintendent Joe Knoll said the school board would have to decide how to spend the money, which was a major issue in the recent election. Two candidates who want to use the money to repair Washington and Lexington elementary schools defeated two incumbents who wanted to build a new consolidated elementary school.

## Million-dollar club

Local school districts stand to see more tax revenue from the Rover and NEXUS pipelines than other jurisdictions.

Tuscarawas Valley:	\$5.9 million*
Fairless:	\$3.9 million*
Marlinton:	\$3.7 million
Sandy Valley:	\$2.1 million*
North Canton:	\$1.5 million
Lake:	\$1.3 million

\*Taxpayers in these districts also will see decreases in the rates of some levies.

Based on state estimates obtained from Stark and Tuscarawas county auditors.



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**WORKING** in Ross County at Chillicothe at the Adena hospital for George J. Igel & Company are (l-r) Jonathan Hooper and Michael Woolum.



**ROLLING** blacktop on S.R. 93 in MacArthur, Vinton County for Axis Civil is Matthew Krone.



**PERFORMING** the mass excavation at the Columbus Crew stadium is George J. Igel & Company.



**REPAIRING** a broken water line on Wells Rd. in Delaware County for the George J. Igel & Company is Jerry Reeves.



**OPERATING** a tower crane for ALL Crane in Gambier, Knox County is Wendy Stone.



**ON THE JOB** in Newark, Licking County is Loewendick Demolition.

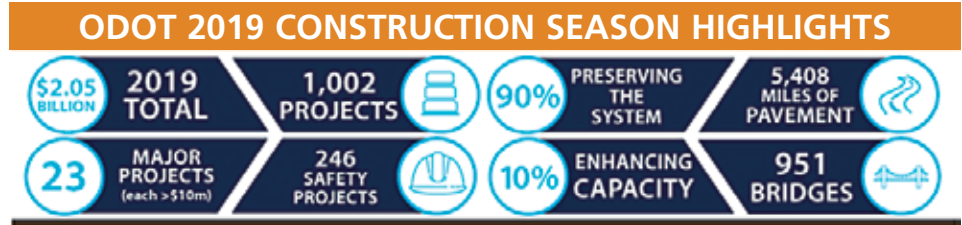
# ODOT announces millions in new funding for transportation construction projects

Construction spending on Ohio transportation projects will increase by an additional \$398 million over the next four years. This is according to a recent announcement from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The department's Transportation Review Advisory Council, known as TRAC, approved the funding at the end of 2019 during a meeting in Columbus. This money is above and beyond what has already been approved by ODOT for transportation construction.

ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks explains: "As Ohio's economy continues to grow, we must be able to address the demands put on our roads and bridges. These funds allow us to eliminate pinch points, reduce congestion, and make our roads and bridges safer for moving people and goods across Ohio."

A list of projects that are receiving the construction funding include:

- \$79 million for widening of I-475 and construction of a new interchange at U.S. Rt. 20A in Lucas County
- \$65 million for widening and interchange improvements along I-77 from Arlington Road to I-77, I-277, and U.S. Rt. 224 in Summit County



- \$38 million for intersection and interchange improvements along S.R. 32 in Clermont County
- \$38 million for widening of I-75 in Hamilton County
- \$10 million for construction of northbound express lanes on I-71 between Stringtown Road and I-270 in Franklin County
- \$18 million for widening of S.R. 18 between the City of Medina and I-71 in Medina County
- \$73 million for interchange improvements at I-270 and I-70 in Franklin County
- \$4.3 million for improvements to the U.S. Rt. 33 and S.R. 161 interchange in Union County
- \$8 million for interchange improvements to U.S. Rt. 40 and the Dayton International Airport Access Road in Montgomery County
- \$8 million for improvements to the U.S. Rt. 36 and S.R. 37 intersection and associated railroad bridge replacement in Delaware County

Source: Ohio Department of Transportation [<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/news/Pages/TRAC-approves-final-list-of-major-new-projects.aspx>].

## GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE NOMINATION PETITION NOTICE: GENERAL ELECTION

Article XIII, Section 12 of the Local Union Bylaws states that at the June District Membership meeting candidates for the office of Business Manager, President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, Auditor, Conductor, and Guard, must each secure on Nomination Petitions provided by the Election Committee, the signatures of a minimum of 200 members or the signatures of two percent (2%) of the entire membership whichever is less.

To be eligible for nomination to the position of Executive Board at the June District membership meeting Executive Board candidates must each secure on Nomination Petitions provided by the Election Committee, the signatures of a minimum of 200 of their respective District members or the signatures of two percent (2%) of their respective District membership whichever is less.

Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 12, Nomination Petitions will be made available by the Election Committee at the respective District offices on and after the first (1st) business day in April preceding the June District membership meeting. Petitions will also be available to members on or after the first (1st) business day in April preceding the June District membership meeting through a written request to the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of the Union, by certified mail at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

In order to assure the validity of petition membership signatures, the signing member must place either their registration number or the last four digits of their Social Security number on the petition. Signatures without either a registration number or the last four digits of the Social Security number will not be counted as a valid signature.

The Nomination Petitions must be submitted to the chairman of the District membership meeting at the time of nomination at the June District membership meeting.

## This Month in Labor History

### United Rubber Workers Begin Use of Sit-Down Strike Strategy in January 1936

Despite thousands of Akron rubber workers banding together to join the United Rubber Workers (URW) in 1935, Goodyear, B.F. Goodrich and Firestone initially refused to recognize their union. At 2 a.m. on January 29, 1936 truck tire workers at Firestone sat down at their workstations making it difficult for management to replace the strikers with scabs. Within two days management gave in and the strike was over.

This sit-down strike began a wave of additional sit-down and picket strikes at various rubber companies during the early months of 1936. These Akron sit-down strikes are considered to be some of the earliest origins of that strategy which is credited as one reason for the growth of union success during the 20th century.

# January and February Local 18 Training Schedule

## Richfield (800) 842-9419

January 4	8-Hour Labor History - District 6	February 12-14	24-Hour Skid Steer
January 10-11	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	February 14-15	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP
January 18	8-Hour Forklift Combination	February 15	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
January 18	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	February 17-21	40-Hour HAZWOPER
January 20-21	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 19	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
January 20-24	40-Hour Crane I	February 19-21	24-Hour MSHA
January 24-25	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	February 20	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
January 27-31	40-Hour Deep Excavation	February 22	8-Hour Load Securement
February 1	8-Hour ICRA	February 22	8-Hour Signal Person
February 3-6	32-Hour Asphalt Milling	February 24-28	40-Hour Crane I
February 4-7	32-Hour OSHA 30/STP	February 25-26	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment
February 6-7	16-Hour Trench Safety	February 27-28	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment
February 10-13	32-Hour Asphalt Paving	February 29	8-Hour Hydro Excavation

## Cygnets (888) 634-6880

January 4	8-Hour Forklift Combination	February 15	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
January 9-10	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 15	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation
January 11	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	February 17-21	40-Hour Grader
January 11	8-Hour Signal Person	February 17-21	40-Hour Welding
February 1	8-Hour Skid Steer Refresher	February 19-20	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP
February 3-7	40-Hour HAZWOPER	February 22	8-Hour Forklift Combination
February 8	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	February 24-26	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 10-14	40-Hour Crane I	February 27-29	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 11-13	24-Hour MSHA	February 29	8-Hour Labor History - District 2

## Logan (888) 385-2567

January 2-3	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 7	8-Hour Forklift Combination
January 4	8-Hour Forklift Combination	February 8	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
January 6-10	40-Hour HAZWOPER	February 8	8-Hour Labor History - District 3
January 11	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	February 10-12	24-Hour Skid Steer
January 11, January 18	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP (2 Saturdays)	February 13-14	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment
January 13-16	32-Hour OSHA 30/STP	February 15	8-Hour Skid Steer Refresher
January 13-17	40-Hour Lift Director	February 17-21	40-Hour Crane I
January 20-24	40-Hour Crane I	February 17-21	40-Hour Welding
January 24-25	16-Hour Trench Safety	February 20-21	16-Hour Trench Safety
January 25	8-Hour Load Securement	February 21-22	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP
January 28-29	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 22	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
February 1	8-Hour Tier IV Emissions	February 24-28	40-Hour Deep Excavation
February 3-5	24-Hour Skid Steer	February 24-28	40-Hour Grader
February 3-7	40-Hour Plan Reading	February 24-28	40-Hour Utility Support Equipment
February 6	8-Hour Signal Person	February 24-March 6	80-Hour Sideboom Pipeline (L18) 2 Weeks (Monday-Friday)
February 6-7	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment		

## Miamisburg (800) 635-4928

January 6-10	40-Hour Plan Reading	February 12-14	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
January 11	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	February 13-14	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP
January 17-18	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	February 15	8-Hour Labor History - District 4/5
January 18	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	February 17-20	40-Hour Asphalt Milling (4x10's)
January 25	8-Hour Skid Steer Refresher	February 17-21	40-Hour Crane I
January 27-31	40-Hour Directional Drill	February 17-21	40-Hour Drones in Construction
February 1	8-Hour Signal Person	February 18-20	24-Hour Skid Steer
February 3-7	40-Hour Pipeline Distribution	February 22	8-Hour MSHA Refresher
February 7-8	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 24-27	40-Hour Asphalt Paving (4x10's)
February 8	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	February 24-28	40-Hour Crane II

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minimal Apron Reconstruction at the Dayton International Airport. This project will be starting in the 1st quarter of 2020. Barrett Paving finished up the 2019 asphalt season on I-75 at Austin Landing in Montgomery County. The company has done joint repairs in preparation for mill and fill in early spring. Welfle performed the milling for this project, along with Blue Ridge Custom Sweeping. Barrett Paving has also been working on the Crossroads of America asphalt project at I-75 and I-70. The main line of both interstates has been milled and filled. In the spring, Ebony Construction will be back on site milling the on and off ramps along with Barrett paving them.

Barton Malow is working on a new 250,000 square foot GM Duramax Facility in Brookville. The company has moved 90,000 cubic yards of dirt and two new water run-off retention ponds for the storm water run-off for the site. Barton Malow is laying 2,000 feet of 10-inch plastic sanitary sewer line along with 1,500 feet of 12-inch plastic water main. The company started digging the footer for the building in early December, and in early 2020 the new steel building will be erected.

At the Honda Facility in Troy, John R. Jurgensen laid 9,400 tons of asphalt for a new semi-trailer parking lot. The company in late fall also laid over 15,000 tons of asphalt on 3 different projects in the city of Kettering.

In the city of Dayton, there has been a number of contractors working on various projects. CG Construction & Utilities laid 4,000 feet of 12-inch and 16-inch ductile water main along with 11 fire hydrants. Seven new 4-inch water services have been tapped and service the business in the area. R.B. Jergens performed the hydro excavation on this project to locate existing utilities. On 3rd St. over the Great Miami River, Eagle Bridge is starting a two-year bridge replacement project. In late fall, Eagle Bridge started to build



**WORKING in Northern Kentucky is Kokosing.**

access ramps from street level down to the river to allow access for equipment to demo the bridge. This project has a completion date of October, 2021. Tall View Palladium demoed an existing building on Salem Ave. in Dayton. This building site is for the new Gem City Market. This market will allow access of a fresh food grocery store near downtown. Belgray is working for the Regional Transit Authority on Longworth St. in Dayton installing three new wash bays for the busses along with new fueling stations.

Great Lakes Construction is working on U.S. Rt. 35 at Smithville Rd. in Dayton. A new 5-foot concrete medium wall was poured using 600 cubic yards of concrete in early fall. John R. Jurgensen then laid 1,600 tons of asphalt on the project. Security Fence is working on nine new light pole fixtures in the new center median wall. Over the winter, Great Lakes will be shutting down one lane in each direction on Smithville Rd. to allow for the bridge to be overlaid in the spring.

Elex Inc. is working in Franklin on Main

St. installing three new traffic intersections. The new traffic signals will be able to be controlled by the city to help with traffic control. R.B. Jergens has been working for the City of Middletown on a city-wide street improvement project. Over 10,000 lineal feet of concrete curb was removed and poured. The concrete company stabilized 16,000 square yards of subbase, and Barrett Paving is laying 12,000 yards of asphalt for this project.

## Distribution and Maintenance

Vectren has awarded a number of projects to signatory contractors. Miller Pipeline is working off Euclid Ave. in Dayton laying 6,000 feet of 2-inch plastic main and installing 100 new residential natural gas services. On Leland Ave. in West Dayton, Miller Pipeline finished up a 4,500-foot main replacement project in late fall. Premier Energy finished up its 2019 working in the City of Kettering off Hillside Ave., where 4,000 feet of 2-inch plastic main and 50 residential services were installed. KS Energy has been working off 2nd St. in East Dayton replacing 4,700 feet of 2-inch main and 80 residential natural gas services.

## Eastern Counties

John R. Jurgensen continues to work on the I-70 major widening project between U.S. Rt. 68 and I-71. Ten Local 18 members continue to work in order to switch traffic to the center lanes, to allow for work on the outer east and west bound lanes. Double Z Construction is doing the major bridge reconstruction for this project. Double Z is currently working on the S.R. 72 bridge and the bridge that spans Springfield Xenia Rd. Capital City Crane, Statewide Concrete Pumping, and U.S. Utility

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**WORKING on new building pad in Northern Kentucky is Coppage Construction.**

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Contractors are also assisting with this project, which has a Fall 2021 completion date.

In Springfield, A & B Asphalt has completed the 2019 City of Springfield paving project. This project consisted of milling and asphalt paving, along with sidewalk and curb replacement of numerous city streets. A & B Safety assisted with the asphalt stripping for the project. Associated Excavating is also busy in the city of Springfield replacing 1,000 feet of 6-inch water pipe and installing 20 residential and commercial water services. Associated Excavating is also replacing 1,500 feet of sewer main and 30 new sewer laterals. A & B Asphalt is assisting with the concrete and asphalt work.

In Greene County, R.B. Jergens is busy with the Shakertown Road Project. This project has consisted of dirt moving, storm pipe installation, and compaction and placement of the road base. Barrett Paving completed the asphalt paving. This project is on schedule to be completed in Spring 2020. Also, in Greene County, the John R. Jurgensen Company has completed the 2019 City of Xenia paving project, which consisted of the milling and asphalt replacement of numerous city streets.

In Clermont County, Barrett Paving has completed the S.R. 32 major widening project from Glen Este-Withamsville Rd. to Old State Route 74. Mt. Carmel performed the lime stabilization. Oglesby Construction did the refection wall concrete work, and A&A Safety did the asphalt stripping to complete this year-long project. Also, in Clermont County, Rack & Ballauer Excavating is working on the major widening of Old State Route 74 keeping many of our members busy with dirt moving and installation of storm piping.

In Madison County, Kokosing Construction is working on the I-70 major reconstruction project. Kokosing has moved traffic onto the eastbound lanes to allow for the removal of the concrete westbound lanes in the early winter months. Cem-Base will be stabilizing the road base. Kokosing will also install 15 to 60-inch storm piping and underdrain. Security Fence is also busy completing the electrical work for this project, which has a completion date in the Fall of 2020.

In West Jefferson, Miller Brothers has completed an 850,000 square foot warehouse building pad. Miller Brothers moved more than 200,000 yards of dirt and installed 6,000 feet of sanitary and 3,000 feet of storm pipe in various sizes.

In Butler County, John R. Jurgensen continues work on the Union Centre Blvd. reconstruction project. John R. Jurgensen has added one exit lane to Union Centre Blvd., from northbound I-75 and two exit ramp

lanes from southbound I-75. This will create a diverging diamond design which will provide easier access on and off the ramps and keep the flow of traffic moving. This project will be completed by the Fall of 2020.

In Hamilton County, Great Lakes Construction continues work on the I-275 major rehabilitation project. This project consists of bridge overlays, reflection and parapet wall construction, asphalt milling, and replacement. Security Fence, Bansal Construction, Mamco, and John R. Jurgensen have assisted with this project, which has a completion date of late summer 2020.

### Distribution

Miller Pipeline has completed the installation of 25,000 feet of 2 and 4-inch gas main in the City of Yellow Springs, along with over 300 residential and commercial services.

KS Energy has installed 13,000 feet of 2 and 4-inch gas main in the town of Jefferson-

ville along with 20 residential and commercial services.

### Mainline

Minnesota Limited has completed 20,000 feet of 20-inch lift and lay in Montgomery and Greene Counties. Inter-Con Construction assisted on this project.

Price Gregory has completed 15,000 feet of new 12-inch gas main in the town of Red Lion. Badger Daylighting assisted with pot holing for the completion of this project.

The District 4/5 staff hopes that everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season with their families and loved ones. Please take advantage of your downtime to recuperate and brush up on some additional skills at the training center. This will help meet the ever-changing demands of the industry that we are trying to navigate in today's time. Once again thank you, be safe, and we hope to see you at the district membership meeting.

## The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

On October 21, 1998, the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act was signed into law. Effective for plan years on or after that date, group health plans, insurance companies and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) offering mastectomy coverage must also cover reconstructive surgery as determined in consultation with the attending physician and patient.

### The Health & Welfare Plan takes the responsibility seriously. Coverage includes:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed.
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to present a symmetrical appearance.
- Prostheses and treatment of physical complications at all stages of the mastectomy procedure. This includes lymph-edemas, which are swellings of the hand and arm on the operated side.

These benefits are subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance that apply to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan.

If you have any questions about this, or other health care benefits, please contact your health care representative, or call the Customer Care number listed on your identification card.

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- 29 District 2 Labor History Class – Cygnet Training Center, 7:30 a.m.

### RETIREE CALENDAR

#### JANUARY

- 23 District 1 mtg.

#### FEBRUARY

- 5 District 3 mtg.
- 27 District 1 mtg.

January and February training schedule appears on page 27.

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in the fall and you will be duly advised.

These projects complete our scheduled capital investment projects approved by the Executive Board for the near future. I want to personally thank the wisdom of the Board to spend the monies required to maintain the assets of this organization. Should the economy take a downturn, the Local will not be facing any major capital expenditures when it can least afford to spend the money.

Stay safe and healthy in these winter months!

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exit ramp reconstruction and utility improvements on U.S. Rt. 224 at the 619-exit ramp. Ruhlin has started preservation work at the ODNR Partage Lakes dam project. Kenmore Construction is installing plant improvement equipment at the Upper Tuscarawas Water Treatment Plant in Akron.

H.M. Miller has the waterline replacement on Middleton Rd. for the City of Hudson. Ruhlin continues pavement reconstruction at Romig Rd. Lockhart Construction is installing new sewer lines at the Hampton Ridge Road project. Cioffi Construction is replacing storm sewers and pavement in Northfield on Houghton Rd. Sitetech, Donley's, Reumac Stabilization, Nicholas Kostecki, Soil Installers, Northeast Ohio Trenching, Kelly Steel, and ALL Crane are all on site at the Amazon project. Boss Union has foundation and site construction for the Akron Municipal Housing Authority complex and Habitat for Humanity. H.M. Miller has storm sewer separation work at the Uhler conveyances CSO Rack 27.

In **Portage County**, Shook Construction has been awarded the Kent State Science Building expansion project at Cunningham Hall. ALL Crane has the hoisting work at the Neomed building addition project in Rootstown. Kokosing Materials is making plant repairs and improvements at the Shalersville Kokosing Materials asphalt plant. Parella and Punnunzio Inc. has sewer installation work and pavement reconstruction at the I-76/S.R. 14 intersection in Edinburg. Utility Contractors is replacing storm sewers on North Valley Road. In Brimfield, Forest City Erectors is hoisting the roofing materials at the Meijer's building site, and Extreme Elements is pouring concrete floors and sidewalks. Davis Diggers is installing new waterline and fire hydrants

on S.R. 43 in Kent. Also, in Kent, Joseph Jeffries is excavating material for the site work at the Cranberry Creek Estates development on Sandy Lake Road.

In **Carroll County**, DiPietro Excavating is working on the S.R. 9 road project installing waterline and storm sewers with pavement replacement to follow. Sterling Boiler and Mechanical continues a nine-month maintenance and repair project for the Carroll County gas fire power plant in Carrollton. At the Apex landfill there are approximately 110 operators working at the site in Amsterdam doing various duties related to the trash industry.

In **Jefferson County**, Shelly & Sands are putting the final touches on the bridge replacement project off of C.R. 74 in Gould's.

NPL crews are replacing distribution pipeline through out several streets in Steubenville. Enerfab and Brand Scaffolding have operators working on a small outage at the Sammis plant in Stratton. Flatiron Construction, Triton Construction, and Geottle have several hands busy building the new bridge spanning the Ohio River from Brilliant, Ohio to Wellsburg, WV. Day & Zimmerman and Brand Scaffolding have members doing maintenance work inside the Cardinal powerhouse in Brilliant. James White construction has crews replacing water lines in Steubenville and members doing site work for a new dialysis building in Winterville. Stevens Engineering has a couple members doing maintenance work at the Timet Plant in Toronto.

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**40-YEAR member, Opie Triplett with Pipeline Director, Darrin Morgan.**



**RECEIVING his 40-year award is Larry Weimer.**



**MEMBERS receiving their 25-year award at the November membership meeting are (l-r) Patricia Trego, Retired Business Representative Doug Pallaye, Agent Darrin Morgan, Matt Harmon and Robert Wells, Jr.**



**CELEBRATING their 40-year membership at the November membership meeting are (l-r) James White, John Oster, Hubert Brownfield, Paul Saling, Todd Bowman, James Day, Nancy Hanlan, Howard Bates, Susie Miller, Tom James, Dail Roberts and Jim Williams.**

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In **Harrison County**, inside the Mark-West Plant in Hopedale, Songer Services and Maxim Crane have several operators building the new Number 5 Fractionator Facility. Murphy Crane and Stevens Engineering are also assisting McCarl's with pipe work inside the plant. NLS Paving has a skeleton crew doing patchwork on U.S. Rt. 22 outside of Curtis. J.D. Williamson is putting the final touches on a bridge replacement project on C.R. 51 outside of Hopedale.

In **Washington County**, Inside the Eramet Plant AECOM has a few members busy doing outage work inside the plant. Jacobs Engineering has an operator staying busy assisting with maintenance work inside the Krayton Plant in Belpre.

In **Monroe County**, Kiewit has two shifts working at the Long Ridge Energy Powerhouse facility in Hannibal. ALL Crane has members assisting with maintenance work at the Blue Racer Berne Plant in Lewisville. Trumbull Construction has several members doing site work for a new well pad for Eclipse Energy above Sardis. Shelly & Sands is putting the final touches on the S.R. 255 slip project above Sardis.

In **Belmont County**, Beaver Excavating has started moving the dirt for the new Cracker Plant in Dille's Bottom. Swank Construction is keeping operators busy on the I-70 bridge deck replacement project going through Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Stanley Miller still has a few operators doing work at the new AEP Training facility in St. Clairsville. Cast & Baker has members doing site work building a new Chick-fil-a at the St. Clairsville Mall. Mechanics are staying busy with maintenance work at NLS Paving in Colerain.



**DOING** maintenance on equipment at the Romig Rd. project in Akron is Anthony Stone.



**OPERATING** an excavator for the Romig Rd. project in Akron is Grant Hallock.

In **Guernsey County**, Beaver Excavating and NDK are doing site work for the Guernsey County Powerhouse outside of Derwent. Howard Concrete and newly signed Kickapoo Drilling have members pumping grout to the ground for stabilization at the Guernsey Powerhouse facility. Kirk Brothers have a couple operators working at the Barnesville Wastewater Treatment Plant doing rehabilitation work.

In **Noble County**, NLS Paving has a crew doing road work for Ascent Energy off of S.R. 513 outside of Summerfield. Shelly & Sands has operators working on a slip repair on S.R. 513 outside of Caldwell.

## Pipeline

Michel's Pipeline is working on cleanup punch list for Nexus Gas Transmission in Stark County. Roberts Pipeline is working for Columbia Gas in Knox County on 5,400 feet of 4-inch new lay. Geeding Construction is working for Tall Grass Energy on the Integrity digs in Warren, Clinton, Pickaway, and Fairfield Counties.

Orders Construction is working for TransCanada on a slip repair project in Noble County. Integrity Kokosing Pipeline Service is working for TransCanada in Coshocton County on slip repairs. Minnesota Limited continues work on the falcon line, 94 miles of 12-inch, and Ellingson Trenchless has 45,000 feet of horizontal boring. Minnesota Limited has continued punch list work on the Utopia Pipeline project. United Piping continues work on the Colerain compressor station, Badger Daylighting is working as a sub-contractor. Precision Pipeline is working on slips on the Mariner East 2 Project for Sunoco in Harrison, Jefferson and Belmont Counties.

United Piping is working at the B.P. Refin-



**RUNNING** a dozer for Lockhart at the Harlem Rd. dump is Marc Kahn.

ery near Cleveland doing cathodic protection. Minnesota Limited is working on slip repairs for Marathon in Lawrence County. In Vinton County Minnesota Limited is working for TransCanada hydrotesting 3,600 feet of 12-inch line. Contractors Rental has one operator working in Jackson County for TransCanada at the laydown yard for the Buckeye Express project. Hinkle and McCoy are doing 400 feet relay in Wellington for Columbia Gas Company. Firestone Energy Services LLC is working on the Mariner East 2 project doing 105 miles of environmental restoration. EnRec Environmental is winterizing 87 miles of 12-inch for Minnesota Limited on the Falcon line.

As always, stay safe out there! Use this winter downtime to upgrade your skills and renew your certifications at one of the training centers.



**BUSY** at the Romig Rd. Project in Akron is Jordan Bryson.

# Tips to be healthier and happier during Ohio's winter's months

The winters in Ohio can be long, cold and dark. Many people report feeling depressed and unusually unenergetic during this time. There are some things you can do however, to make the season bearable – and maybe even fun.

## Get outside

We know it can seem counterintuitive, but getting outside can actually make you feel better and more energized. Give these a try:

- Go for a walk
- Go skiing
- Ice skate
- Go birdwatching; feed the birds in your garden
- Take nature photos of winter scenes
- Make sure to enjoy the sun when it comes out; absorb some vitamin D
- Take notice of the changes happening in nature

Of course, you should always be careful in cold temperatures. Wear proper clothing and layer up. Always be mindful of the temperature and your body's response to it.

## Adjust your mindset

Instead of thinking of winter as a season that must be endured, embrace the things that make winter special. One strategy is to visit places you wouldn't normally visit during winter. For example, walk through the local zoo when there's snow on the ground. You'll find most animals are highly active and even playful.

Decide that you are going to appreciate the season and experience it to its utmost. Take it up as a challenge. The Norwegians are famous for enjoying winter. They have a saying: "there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing."

## Read and learn

You will undoubtedly spend some long periods indoors during winter. Take advantage of this time. Finally read those books you've been too busy to get to. Hit the library or bookstore and stock up. Read for fun. Take an online class in a subject area that interests you. Learn something new. You could probably learn to speak a new language in a single winter season.

## Spend more time with winter warriors

There are just some people who love winter. They are always out there, doing something fun. They don't seem to mind the cold and the grey skies. Studies show that the



people we surround ourselves with have an effect on our emotions and outlook. So, spend more time with these winter warriors. If they want to go for a hike, say yes!

With a little effort, and a sense of adventure, you can make winter more enjoyable. If all else fails, there's always hot chocolate!

Sources: PsyChom [<https://www.psychom.net/depression.central.seasonal.html>] • Home-spun Seasonal Living [<https://homespunseasonalliving.com/10-tips-to-enjoy-winter/>] • WikiHow [<https://www.wikihow.com/Enjoy-Winter>] • WebMD [<https://www.webmd.com/depression/guide/seasonal-affective-disorder#1>].

*The material in this article is for informational purposes only. Before you take on any changes to your health or lifestyle, or engage in any physical activity, it is recommended that you consult a physician or other medical clinician.*

## Winter and SAD

On occasion, winter can bring out more acute feelings. Some people may experience what is called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). This is much more than feeling 'blue,' it is a depressive mood condition. Feeling closed in and lack of adequate light to activate melatonin production can contribute to SAD. Common symptoms include:

- change in appetite, especially craving sweet or starchy foods
- weight gain
- fatigue
- sleeping more than normal
- difficulty concentrating
- irritability and anxiety
- avoidance of social situations
- physical problems, such as headaches

If you are experiencing symptoms of SAD, the best advice is to consult your physician or mental health professional. Common treatments for SAD include medication, psychotherapy and light therapy.

## GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE ARTICLE XIII - ELECTIVE OFFICERS: NOMINATION AND ELECTION

### Section 10

The election of Officers, Trustees, Auditors, District Executive Board members, Conductor and Guard shall be conducted by an Election Committee composed of two (2) members elected from each of the Districts of the Local Union, plus a Chairman appointed by the Business Manager. The members of this committee shall be nominated and elected by secret ballot at the regular District membership meetings in the month of March in each election year. No member may serve as a member of the Election Committee while he or she is an officer, delegate or alternate candidate to the International Convention or a candidate for any office. In order to be elected to the Election Committee, a member must be in good standing, working at the trade with an employer under contract with the union, or actively seeking work at the trade through Local 18's referral system and shall not be retired at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of service as a member of the committee, and in addition, the district he/she is nominated to serve must be his/her home district (district where their membership records are held) and must have been continuously registered or referred to work from that district for one (1) year immediately preceding the election. Should a vacancy on the committee occur by reason of retirement, or any other reason, the vacancy shall be filled from the district in which the vacancy occurred through appointment by the President.



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*EMT Allyson Davis and Paramedic Mark Holzwarth working for Meigs County EMS.*



*ADVISORY board member Brad Bechtol working as an Operating Engineer for CBRE Stationary Engineers in Columbus.*



*LEAD Engineer Donald Millar working for CBRE Stationary Engineers in Columbus.*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



*PLANT Operator Dustin Barr working for Aqua Ohio in Franklin County.*



*WORKING for the City of Painesville is Daniel O'Leary.*



*BUSY at Warren City Schools is Michele Douglas.*



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## IN MEMORIAM

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

Robert McNichols (D-3)	Oct. 19
LM Donald Smith (D-1)	Oct. 30
LM Orion Grable (D-6)	Nov. 4
Franklin Hundley (D-4/5)	Nov. 7
LM Walter McCarley (D-3)	Nov. 7
LM Lloyd Dugan (D-3)	Nov. 8
John Clevenger (D-4/5)	Nov. 10
Daniel Pritchard (D-1)	Nov. 12
LM Henry Scott (D-4/5)	Nov. 20
LM Leon Fogle (D-4/5)	Nov. 22
LM James Duncan (D-6)	Nov. 24

## Survivor, pension benefits go to 10

Survivor of one Local 18 member has qualified for death benefits and 11 members have qualified for retirement benefits. They include:

### District 1

Gregory A. Bowman and Ronald R. Callihan, Joint & Survivor (early retirements).

### District 2

Robert P. Shanahan, Joint & Survivor (early retirement).

### District 3

Grover W. Baisden, Jr. (early retirement);

James L. Bratton, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Steven E. Hiles, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Brice Shepherd (normal retirement); and Donald R. Taylor, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

### District 4/5

Roger K. Sweet (early retirement); Timothy R. Voss, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

## Scholarship Period

The Education and Safety Fund scholarship application period runs from January 1, 2020 through April 1, 2020. Applications are available at the Fringe Benefit Office, or at any Local 18 district office, as well as on Local 18's website, by clicking on the "FRINGE BENEFITS" link below the "MEMBERS" tab, or by going directly to <https://memberxg.gobasys.com/OOEFBP>.

Scholarships are available to members of Local 18 who are eligible for benefits from Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan, or who have at least one month of eligibility in the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date that the application is received at the Fringe Benefit Office. Qualified dependents may also be eligible for a scholarship if they meet the requirements established by the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees will be awarding a special

scholarship to an eligible dependent child majoring in a construction industry-related course of study. If interested for consideration of this special award, the Trustees require that a two-page, double-spaced, essay is submitted, along with your scholarship application.

The essay should include answers to the following:

1. What is the reason you are pursuing a construction industry-related major?
2. Who or what influenced you to pursue a construction industry-related major?
3. What is your connection to the IUOE Local 18?
4. What are your long-term plans?

All scholarship applications must be submitted to the Fringe Benefit Office by April 1, 2020.

## PEP'S Club 18

**Yes**, I would like to do my part to support candidates and issues that help promote work for Local 18.

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## Publications Available

The following publications are available through your District Office upon request.

1. International Union of Operating Engineers Constitution
2. Local 18 Bylaws
3. U.S. Department of Labor Publications
  - A. Election of Officers of Labor Organizations
  - B. Rights & Responsibilities Under the LMRDA

## 2020 Labor History classes scheduled

Jan. 4	Dist. 6	Union Hall
Feb. 8	Dist. 3	Union Hall
Feb. 15	Dist. 4/5	Union Hall
Feb. 29	Dist. 2	Cygnnet Training Center
Mar. 7	Dist. 1	Union Hall