

Buckeye Engineer



Local 18 CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 2-4 Steward Training Class – District 3 Union Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Canceled
- 8 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 9-11 Steward Training Class – District 1 Union Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Canceled
- 10 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 15 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 16-18 Steward Training Class – District 4/5 Union Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Canceled
- 17 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 23-25 Steward Training Class – District 2 Union Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Canceled
- 27 Executive Board mtg. – Columbus District Office, 1 p.m.
- 28 Semi-Annual State mtg. – Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive, 10:00 a.m.
- 30 Deadline for June dues to be received to be eligible to vote in General Officers' election.

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 6 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 13 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 15 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 15 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 20 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds

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REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

I want to thank everyone for your support in ratifying the OCA/AGC contract extension. The one-year extension with a \$1.35 total wage package, less \$0.25 to Health and Welfare, is a fair package for contractors and us alike. This package will put us to work and keep us working during these trying times. Thank You! Next year, full negotiations will again take place with the associations for a complete long-term agreement.

As everyone now knows, the April and May Advisory Board and regular membership meetings were canceled. The June Advisory Board and June membership meetings will resume on the regular schedule: the first two Mondays of the month commencing at 7:30 pm. As a precautionary measure, the retirees' monthly meetings are still on hold for the time being.

These past few months with the COVID-19 virus have placed heavy burdens on many of our families; let us hope the worst is behind us as we move forward. It is imperative that we abide by the Governor's rules in social distancing, hand-washing, and sanitizing as we return to work for the summer months. Sanitize all hand contact points for ingress and egress of the equipment, sanitize the seat, armrests, controls, and control panel before operating the machine. Good hygiene habits should include frequent handwashing or sanitizing throughout the day. Social distance at lunch by eating on the equipment or in your personal vehicle, and do not congregate in crowds. These



Work safe,
work smart;
keep your
distance as you
venture out
in society for
the next few
months.

simple habit changes will help keep you and your coworkers safer in the months ahead.

The International Union has just advised the Local Unions that due to the pandemic and the reduced work hours for many members, the General Executive Board is suspending any per capita tax increase until January 1, 2021.

Work the past couple of months has continued for Local 18 members, but with rain in April and May, much of the work was slowed down. Highway work has been steadily increasing, and ODOT still has an aggressive schedule for this year. Speaking with the ODOT Director, he feels the 2020 construction funding cycle through June of 2021 should remain as planned. The 2021 ODOT construction cycle will be dependent on revenues from the gas tax on fuel consumption this year. So, when the restrictions are lifted, buy a lot of gas!

The District 2 union hall construction should be completed by the time you receive this edition of the *Buckeye Engineer*,

although there has been a delay in getting the office furniture delivered. The outbreak of the coronavirus shut down the manufacturing company prior to Local 18's order being built. Once the office furniture is delivered and installed, we will then schedule an open house for the membership. The open house will most likely be in the fall. Rudolph Libbe worked on the project throughout the pandemic by minimizing crew size and applying

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DUES SCHEDULE

Any member of Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G, 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
+2.5% Administrative Dues*

Local 18A \$66.75 per quarter
+2.5% Administrative Dues*

Local 18B \$66.75 per quarter
+2.5% Administrative Dues*

Local 18C \$51.75 per quarter (Shops)
+1.5% Administrative Dues*
only when working for Dealer/Rental
Shops. 2.5% 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
+2.5% 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.

*The Executive Board, at its January 25, 2020 meeting, approved a resolution to Article VIII, Section 1, of the Bylaws, decreasing the administrative dues to 2.5% of gross wages for all members of Local 18, 18A, 18B, and 18RA. The Executive Board also approved a decrease of administrative dues to 1.5% of gross wages for 18C equipment shop members. Local 18C Quarry and Sand & Gravel Pit members, Local 18D, Local 18G, and Local 18S members dues will remain unchanged. The decrease is effective on April 1, 2020.

LOCAL 18 INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS — MODIFIED CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2019

ASSETS

Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 57,048,339
U.S. Treasury Bills	8,082,485
Prepaid Expenses	31,979
Total Current Assets	65,162,803
Property and Equipment, at Cost:	16,188,417
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(6,022,874)
Property and Equipment Net	10,165,543
Certificates of Deposit:	521,572
Total Assets	<u>\$ 75,849,918</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:	
Refundable Fees	\$ 1,002
Payroll Withholdings	13,306
Total Current Liabilities	14,308
Net Assets:	
Operating	60,490,419
Internally Designated:	
Charitable Contributions Committee Fund	36,984
Members' Program Fund	40,145
Special Dues Assessments Fund	15,268,062
Total Net Assets	75,835,610
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 75,849,918</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES — MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Revenues:	
Members' Dues and Fees	\$ 26,018,483
Other Revenues	922,779
Total Revenues	26,941,262
Direct Expenses:	
Per Capita Taxes	2,662,517
Dues Refunds	26,658
Benefits to Members	2,836
Total Direct Expenses	2,692,011
Change in Net Assets Prior to Operating Expenses and General and Administrative Expenses	24,249,251
Operating Expenses:	
District Office Salaries and Expenses	8,348,390
Headquarters Salaries and Expenses	2,162,586
Membership Group Life Insurance	259,704
Local Newspaper Expense	540,348
Total Operating Expenses	11,311,028
Change in Net Assets Prior to General and Administrative Expenses	12,938,223
General and Administrative Expenses	1,560,369
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 11,377,854</u>

BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

We, the Auditors of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, have participated in a review of the financial statements audited by the independent Certified Public Accountants as of December 31, 2019.

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

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

BOARD OF AUDITORS
LOCAL 18, IUOE
Thomas J. Perevosnik
Robert Hughes
Ismael Gutierrez, Jr.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

We, the Trustees of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, have discussed and reviewed the financial statements audited by the independent Certified Public Accountants as of December 31, 2019.

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

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LOCAL 18, IUOE
Scott R. Stevenson
Darrin Morgan

President



Thomas Byers

I hope this issue of the *Buckeye Engineer* finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. The year 2020 has turned out to be anything but a normal one as we have experienced a worldwide health crisis and economic downturn. Some new terms have been used recently

that have become everyday language for a lot of us.

2020 is the first time most of us have heard of a "coronavirus", but we all know way more about it now by its nickname, COVID-19. Another new term is "social distancing," which we need to practice to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Other new terms include "shelter-in-place" and "essential workers".

The Governor of Ohio specifically included Operating Engineers and Building Tradesmen and Tradeswomen as part of a large group classified as essential workers. Being included as essential workers means that in addition to the healthcare workers and first responders who are working on the front lines in the public health crisis, the people who build things in this country are helping to keep it running and support the economy.

Many of you have been asked to continue working or have been dispatched to work, and you accepted the task to help build and maintain this country's infrastructure, including hospitals, highways, bridges, and sewer and water service. Thank you all for doing your part! Some jobs were understandably slowed down or canceled due to project owner fears, or because the nature of the work prevented it from being done according to social distancing guidelines, but plenty of contractors have continued working when they can, and operators are not in close contact with each other. Most Operating Engineers are isolated by the nature of our jobs operating equipment and have found it easy to maintain our distance from other workers.

The "N95 mask" is a term many of us were not familiar with because we just knew this piece of gear as a lowly "dust mask." We would wear them in dirty or dusty conditions and not think much about it. Dozens of these masks for years lay in our toolboxes, on the dashboard and seats of contractor vehicles, or in job site offices where they were in plentiful supply to those who needed them, just like earplugs. And almost overnight they become valuable commodities, prized possessions second only to toilet paper or hand sanitizer. Who knew?

As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Trustees of the Apprenticeship and Training

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Energy



Michael Bertolone

Shortly after the last Energy Report was printed, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) awarded TC Energy the notice to proceed with the construction of the Buckeye Xpress Pipeline Project. As you read this article, the construction of the Buckeye Xpress is

in full swing in the District 3 area.

The Buckeye Xpress project includes replacing approximately 64 miles of existing pipeline with a safer, more reliable, 36-inch-diameter coated pipe. This project is expected to be placed in service in late 2020, so this will create hundreds of jobs for Local 18 members this year. We want to thank the members who helped get this project approved by showing up to meetings, making phone calls, sending emails, and anything else to show your support of the project.

Another project Local 18 has been tracking for at least two years is the Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline project. The project is a proposed 13 mile, 20-inch replacement pipeline in Hamilton County Ohio, which is in the District 4/5 jurisdiction. For a brief moment in November of 2019, Local 18 was excited

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Organizing



Scott Stevenson

2020 is shaping up to be a very interesting year for Local 18 and its members, but it still has been very productive for your Organizing Department. Non-signatory contractors are still coming to the realization that Local 18 members will be extremely valuable assets to their

respective companies. This is enabling us to continue to sign new contracts to one of our agreements that had never been signed before, creating more job opportunities for you and the rest of Local 18's membership.

Your Organizing Department continues to work diligently to follow up on all of the leads and information that have been provided by you and other Local 18 members. We are also continuing to build the relationships that we have been developing with non-signatory contractors in our jurisdiction, all while adhering to the safety protocols put in place by

our Business Manager, Rick Dalton.

Our bottoms-up organizing efforts are continuing, although at a slower pace. Bottoms-up organizing campaigns require constant face-to-face communications with the prospective employees in order to counter the pressure applied to them by their company's management. Your organizers are continuing to stay in contact with these employees through emails and phone conversations for their safety and ours. We have plenty of time to file petitions for representational elections, and the employees understand this and appreciate our continued efforts to assist them in bettering their working conditions and lives in general.

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

- Driven Excavating
- Kickapoo Drilling Company, LLC
- Bluff City Materials
- L. Keeley Construction
- Metro Elevator Company, Inc.
- Tallahassee Crane, Inc.
- Royal Crane Service, Inc.
- Set in Stone Contracting, LLC
- Harris and Stewart Electrical, Inc.
- G and Me Construction, Inc.
- Walden Construction, LLC
- Integra Excavating, LLC

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

Report to the members

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social distancing, which allowed the work to continue, but extended the construction cycle by a couple of weeks. The building is beautiful and something all members can be proud of for the years to come.

Work safe, work smart; keep your distance as you venture out in society for the next few months.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve this great Local Union, and thank you for your support of the administration.

Legislative



Mark Totman

In early May, Ohio businesses were starting to reopen under the Governor's Reopening Ohio Plan, after Governor DeWine and Director of Health Dr. Acton ordered all businesses to be closed, except for essential businesses, due to the health emergency of the coronavirus pandemic in March.

During the shutdown, construction was designated as an essential business. Our ODOT work has continued throughout the shutdown to keep Ohio's roads and highways open and unimpeded for commerce, supplying essential businesses, such as hospitals and grocery stores, during the coronavirus emergency. Other construction projects such as building, pipeline, sewer, etc. have been continuing without much delay as well.

ODOT projects for 2020 are going to be proceeding as planned, with the exception of a couple of large projects, which will be moved to the fiscal year 2021 that starts July 1, 2020. We will be closely monitoring our ODOT work as we are keenly aware that the last few months of lost gas tax revenues will eventually affect the upcoming years' funding for projects. Also, Ohio has lost approximately \$775 million in recent months in tax revenues, so we will be monitoring the state's future budget cuts that will come from this loss of revenue too. Obviously, we do not exist in a bubble.

In Washington D.C., we have been watching the stimulus packages that our elected officials have been pushing out the door to bolster businesses to help pay for furloughed

workers. We have not heard of anything to date on a possible stimulus for infrastructure at this time, other than the occasional rumor mill. We will update you on any news as soon as we get it.

With that, I'll wrap this session and just remind you to stay safe and keep your family safe! We will get through this!

See you next month.

Steward Training



Joe Casto

At the time of this writing, the status of this year's three-night Steward Training Class is unknown. The first three classes have already been postponed due to the social distancing requirements and gathering limitations put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Keep in-

formed and up-to-date by using the Local 18 app, social media, or by simply calling the district office in which you would like to attend and check the status of the class.

Each class is three nights, Tuesday through Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dinner will be served in each district at 6 p.m. prior to the class. I urge everyone who is a steward or is interested in learning what it takes to be a steward to attend. There is information to gain for everyone from an apprentice to a seasoned journeyman.

Fringe



Carol Wilson

The new year has proven to be a very challenging time for our members, employers, Local 18, and the entire country. But throughout the coronavirus pandemic, it has been business as usual at the Fringe Benefit Office. Despite these unprecedented times, work hours for

the fiscal year are slightly up compared to the same period last year.

The Health and Welfare Plan trustees continually monitor the rising medical and prescription costs of the Plan. For the fiscal year, the total claims paid to Medical Mutual of Ohio and Caremark is running about \$12 million more than what was paid in 2019.

Once again, we have telemedicine available to Local 18 members and their dependents. The program is through Cleveland Clinic's Express Care Online, which is affil-

iated with American Well. Participants have access to board-certified professionals for a consultation, diagnosis, and prescription, if appropriate, from anywhere at any time. To sign up from your smartphone or tablet simply search for Cleveland Clinic Express Care in the App Store or Google Play. To sign up from your computer, visit cleveland-clinic.org/eco. You can find additional information about Express Care Online on the MemberXG portal, as well as on Local 18's app and website.

The Health and Welfare Plan trustees will again be offering free health screenings to eligible members and spouses through Life Line Screening. All you need to do is call Life Line Screening to make an appointment at a location, date, and time that is convenient for you. If you have not received a voucher in the mail for your free screening, please contact the Fringe Benefit Office. Participants who complete the screenings will receive a \$25 CVS gift card in the mail from the Health and Welfare Plan.

With the coronavirus pandemic and shut-

down of the country, the investment markets had a volatile first quarter of 2020. The trustees and fund professionals are continually monitoring the markets and environment to ensure that benefits will be available for retirees and active members in the future. At the time this article was submitted for publication, the net assets of the Pension Fund were nearly \$2.3 billion. Currently, the Pension Fund is paying out \$12.9 million monthly, or \$154.8 million annually, to 7,455 retirees and surviving spouses.

The Education and Safety Fund scholarship program was established to promote training and educational opportunities for Local 18 members, their spouses, and children who have graduated from high school and are under the age of 25.

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Retirees

President

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Program made the decision to cancel scheduled classes and block training for apprentices at the training sites. The sites themselves and the equipment have been cleaned and sanitized. When the situation is deemed safe, classes and training will resume.

Local 18 offices remained open, with proper precautions being observed, to process work orders, monitor job sites, and serve the membership. Membership and Advisory Board meetings were canceled. The April Executive Board was held by video conference from each district office to allow proper social distancing and to comply with the Governor's order banning meetings with more than 10 attendees in the same place.

Business Manager Richard Dalton negotiated a one-year extension of the OCA (Highway Heavy) and AGC (Building) Agreements with the employer associations via phone conferences to prevent any potential lengthy delays waiting on the COVID-19 outbreak to clear up.

As many non-essential workers stayed home during this outbreak, traffic on roads and highways has been especially light, which allowed more road work to take off and get started. The reduced traffic made it

much safer for those of us who work alongside the road, at times with nothing more than reflective vests and orange barrels for protection. Less traffic on the road also made for speedier delivery of materials via truck, leading to more production in some cases. The downside of less traffic is obviously less demand for gasoline, which may mean less gas tax money available for infrastructure. Local 18 will continue to monitor this situation and take whatever steps are

necessary to protect the highway budget going into the future.

In closing, as a group, we construction workers think of ourselves as a pretty hardy bunch that doesn't get sick, or if we do, we "tough it out" and go to work to provide for our families. We think we are bulletproof and immune to most things. We should all think about the older generation and those most vulnerable; our parents, our grandparents, and the retirees we sit next to at union meetings. Please maintain safe distances from people when possible, and wear whatever protective equipment the experts recommend to keep our loved ones safe until this threat subsides. We are stronger together. Best wishes! Stay safe, stay healthy!



Gary Siesel

It is my sincere hope that the members of Local 18 and their families stay safe and healthy through this worldwide illness that is affecting so many people.

Unfortunately, this coronavirus doesn't seem to be going away any time soon, and after conversation with Business Manager Richard Dalton and District Retiree Chairpersons, it has been decided that in the best interest, safety, and health of our Retirees, that the annual retiree picnic will be canceled this year (2020). If conditions would improve, with little or no threat to the Retirees' health and safety, Business Manager Dalton has stated that the Retirees could have some type of get together later this year. Watch for updates to this and to resuming District Retiree Meetings in the Buckeye Engineer, Local 18's website, the Local 18 app, Facebook, or Twitter.

Keep vigilant about staying safe this summer, especially by washing your hands or using sanitizer, staying six feet apart when visiting with others, wearing a mask, having groceries etc. delivered if possible, and staying out of the public as much as you can.

Brothers and Sisters, we can survive this pandemic by taking the proper precautions, and we will be back together shortly with some kind of normalcy. Wishing all of you the best.

**We are stronger
together. Best wishes!
Stay safe, stay healthy!**

Pipeline



Darrin Morgan



Kipton Siesel

U.S. Pipeline has 19 miles of 36-inch pipe on the Buckeye Express Pipeline in Jackson. Hoover Construction is drilling and blasting in Gallia and Lawrence Counties. Letourneau Clearing is doing right-of-way clearing. Macki Pipeline is doing the offloading, storage, and stringing. Michels Dewatering is also on site for U.S. Pipeline.

Apex Pipeline Services is working on a meter station for TransCanada Energy in Oak Hill. Discovery Hydrovac is subcontracting for Apex Pipeline. InfraSource Construction has started 4.5 miles of 20-inch pipe for Duke Energy in Cincinnati. Aaron Enterprises will be doing directional drilling on this project as well. Associated Pipeline is working for TransCanada on 23 miles of 36-inch pipe on the Buckeye Express. Cogar Right-of-Way Clearing is doing the right-of-way, and Hoover Construction is doing the blasting and drilling in Ironton.

Price Gregory has been awarded 24.5 miles of 36-inch for TransCanada on the Buckeye

Express in McArthur. B&N Clearing and Macki Pipeline Logistics have both started working as subcontractors on this project. B&N is doing right-of-way clearing and warehouse preparations. Macki Pipeline is doing the unloading and racking of the pipe as well as stringing pipe in Jackson County.

Appalachian Construction is working for Williams Company, doing compressor station work in Bloomingdale, Harrison County. Roberts Pipeline is working on maintenance near Cleveland for Buckeye Pipeline on 12-inch existing lines. Minnesota Limited and Ellingson Trenchless both continue work on the 94 miles of 12-inch Falcon Line from Pennsylvania into Ohio, near Cadiz.

In Lucas County, Minnesota Limited is working for Kinder Morgan on 12-inch replacement and PVC bypass removal project. Sheet Piling Services is on site, and Toppert Jetting Service is working on the watering. Snelson Pipeline is working on 2.5 miles of 16-inch pipe near Newton for Duke Energy. Lonestar West Hydrovac is doing potholing, Sheet Piling Services, Turnkey Boring, and Michels Dewatering are all on site.

General Pipeline Construction is working on 4,000 feet of 12-inch for Equistar Pipeline in Monroe County. Contractor Rental is working for TransCanada Energy near Mt. Gillion on various launcher and receiver projects. In Warren County, Price Gregory is working on restoration for Duke Energy on last year's work. Geeding Construction is working for Zenith on the Buckeye Pipeline in Lucas County. They have a relay of 3,000

feet of 12-inch pipe. Lunda Construction is on site working on sheet piling and boring. In Montgomery County, Minnesota Limited is working for Vectren on 1,300 feet of 16- and 24-inch pipe. U.S. Pipeline continues to keep Local 18 operators working in Clarington and St. Clairsville on the Mountain Valley project in West Virginia. Contracts Rental is working for Marathon in Lima doing pump station work.

IN ALL DISTRICTS:

ADVISORY BOARDS WILL

MEET 1st MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. MEMBERSHIP WILL

MEET 2nd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

This Month in Labor History

June 1947 Taft-Hartley Act was enacted over the veto of President Truman

Following a wave of strikes in 1945-46, and increasing fear of Communist infiltration of labor unions, legislation was introduced in Congress to restrict activities and power of labor unions. Officially called the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, the law was better known as the Taft-Hartley Act after the bill's sponsors, one of whom was Ohio Senator Robert A. Taft. The legislation was enacted with bi-partisan support by the 80th Congress over the veto of President Harry S. Truman and became law on June 23, 1947.

While preserving the rights of labor to organize and bargain collectively, the Taft-Hartley Act amended the 1935 National Labor Relations Act (Wagner Act) to prohibit unions from engaging in "unfair labor practices" including several specific types of strikes, closed shops and monetary donations by unions to political campaigns. The Taft-Hartley Act also granted states the power to pass Right-to-Work laws.

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because the Ohio Power Siting Board approved this project, and we were anticipating construction in 2020. Shortly after the approval, an appeal came from the Neighbors Opposing Pipeline Extension (NOPE) group. Long story short, this will delay the project once again, and the Ohio Power Siting Board will take another look at the project. If the board chooses to stand by its original decision, then construction on the pipeline is expected to begin in late 2020 and conclude in 2021. We will keep you updated on the status of this project.

Local 18 is also anticipating the ongoing distribution and maintenance projects across the entire state that create work for our members. Natural gas suppliers, such as Dominion Energy and Columbia Gas for example, have been spending millions upgrading their outdated infrastructure that supplies natural gas to residential and commercial cus-

tomers. Local 18 members will continue to be busy upgrading the pipe from bare steel, cast iron, wrought iron, and copper pipe to either coated steel or plastic pipe. The lines being replaced in some areas date back to the 1940s, so an upgrade is long overdue for most areas. Dominion Energy alone has committed to a Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement program, which is a 25-year, \$4 billion plan to replace a quarter of the company's 22,000-mile system. We look forward to all of the job opportunities this will lead to for our members.

To stay up-to-date on these projects and more, follow the Local 18 social media accounts, check out OE18.org, and read your *Buckeye Engineer*. Be safe and look out for your Brother and Sister members while out on the job. We look forward to getting back to normal and being able to see you all soon.



Ronald Krohn, Jr.

The Equipment Shops have managed to work on rental and customer equipment, along with winter projects such as total rebuilds, and as always, they continue to seek out new work. Also, our current shop census continues to maintain over 1,000 members.

I would like to thank the Equipment Shop 35-year life members for participating in the semi-annual state meeting, where they received recognition. I would also like to encourage the next class of 35-year life members, when notified, to keep January 2021 open, and to attend the meeting to receive their recognition as well.

The Equipment Shops statewide steward meeting has been canceled this year. It is always well-attended, and we look forward to

this meeting to cover current events pertaining to our contracts. However, we have to look out for the safety of our membership.

The 2020 contract renewal went well with United Rentals Perrysburg and RECO Equipment, Inc. Both have been ratified and are back to the membership. Cleveland Crane &

Shovel and Gibson Machinery are set to follow.

Thank you to Business Manager Richard E. Dalton and President Thomas P. Byers for their continued support to our Local 18C shop stewards and members, and to the members of Local 18 as a whole, please have a safe work season.

Exploring our shale fields and our future

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

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

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

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

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

Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager



Have a safe and healthy summer!

Local 18 Calendar

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RETIREE CALENDAR

Suspending all retiree luncheons until further notice due to coronavirus.

JUNE

All retiree district meetings and retiree district board meetings canceled for the month of June.

JULY

All retiree district meetings and retiree district board meetings canceled for the month of July.

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

Provisions of the International Constitution and Local Union Bylaws Pertaining to Union Elections

I.U.O.E. CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE XXVI DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FORM OF LOCAL UNION GOVERNMENT

Art. XXVI Section 1

Where the circumstances of a Local Union so require, and appropriate bylaws have been adopted by the Local Union and thereafter approved by the General President, it may proceed under a district administration form of government and shall:

(h) Provide for the nomination of Local Union officers at district or general membership meetings prior to the election, but in no event earlier than a May meeting preceding the election, with elections during the month of August by mail referendum conducted by secret ballot among the general membership or by Australian ballot system, in which event the polls shall be kept open for a period of twelve (12) consecutive hours between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. on the date of election. The term of office shall begin on September 1st, unless otherwise directed by the General President;

(j) Provide for adequate safeguards to ensure a fair election in elections conducted pursuant to subsection (h) and (i) of this Section, in accordance with the International Constitution, applicable law and such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the General Executive Board.

District 1 — Cleveland



Tom Perevosnik



Jack Klopman II



Jacob Siesel



Robert Park, Jr.



**John Capek, Jr.,
Organizer**

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

In Cuyahoga County, 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. Platform Cement is also working on an addition at Saint Edwards High School in Lakewood.

Union Industrial Contractors is rebuilding four bridges on Highland Rd. in Euclid and reconstructing a culvert on MLK Blvd. in Cleveland, near the Cultural Gardens on Doan Brook.

The Ruhlin Company is replacing four bridges on I-90, two of them over East 140th

St. and two over East 152nd St.

ALL Crane, Vantastic Crane Service, and Independence Excavating are working on the new Dexter Place Apartments on Dexter Ave. in Cleveland.

Forest City Erectors and Custom Crane Service, Inc. are working on a new mixed-use development site on Detroit Ave. in Cleveland.

The Dugway Storage Tunnel is ongoing near East 140th St. in Cleveland, keeping Salini-Impregilo/Healy JV, Triad Engineering, 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.

The Westerly Storage Tunnel has many members busy along with subcontractors

Northstar Contracting, Marra Services, and Digioia Suburban.

Independence Excavating is working on a new towpath to connect the Tremont neighborhoods.

Kokosing Construction continues work at the Euclid Wastewater Treatment Plant on the clarifier tanks. Kokosing Construction is also working on major repairs at the Lakewood Wastewater Treatment Plant and ongoing tank work and upgrades at the Nottingham Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Shook Construction is working at the Southerly Wastewater Plant performing sludge pit rehabilitations.

Kokosing is also performing major reconstruction of I-271 near Oakwood Village, working on Phase 3 of the Opportunity Corridor in conjunction with Independence Excavating, and widening Mastick Rd. in Fairview Park.

Great Lakes Construction has various projects along the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland replacing sheeting and putting in new bulkheads. Great Lakes Construction is also working on the Wendy Park Connector, which connects River Rd. over to Whiskey Island Dr. Great Lakes Construction is also performing slope stabilization along County Line Rd. in Hunting Valley and Lorain Rd. in Fairview Park.

Precision Engineering and Contracting and Forest City Erectors are performing the site and structural work for an addition at Swagelok in Solon.

Terrace Construction is working on valve and hydrant repairs throughout the City of Cleveland, water line repairs on Highland Rd. in Highland Heights, and sewer work on Lake Rd. in Lakewood, Monterey Blvd. in Euclid, and East 105th St. in Cleveland.

In North Randall, Sitetech has started on the new Amazon warehouse and distribution center dirt work. Sitetech is also doing the municipal addition for Rocky River on Hilliard Blvd.

Catts Construction has sewer replacement work on Aurora Rd. and SOM Center Rd. in Solon.

Huffman Equipment Rental and McKinney Drilling are drilling and installing piling for Donley's at the Pier W restaurant in Lakewood.

Tri-Mor Corporation is replacing storm sewer on Sunset Blvd. in Bay Village.

Fabrizi Trucking & Paving is working on the

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REPLACING the bridge locks on the Charles Berry Bridge in Lorain for Ruhlin is rough terrain forklift operator Matthew Veselko.

District 2 — Toledo



Brett LaFaso



Kipton Siesel



Ismael Gutierrez, Jr.



Jerid Donley



**John Townes,
Organizer**

With the COVID-19 pandemic causing a shudder step in the beginning of this year's work season, the hard-working members of Local 18 are getting back to work in what looks like a very good work season. Here are a few of the projects in District 2.

Eagle Bridge is nearing completion of the I&O Railroad grade separation project in Lima. The roundabout at the Bellefontaine Ave./ Elm St. intersection has been completed. The company is currently removing the temporary road and finishing up the landscaping. This project will greatly increase the flow of traffic in this congested part of Lima.

Miller Brothers Construction is repaving the bridge on S.R. 81 at mile markers 21 through 51 in Allen County. The company is replacing the existing deck, rebuilding the abutments and beam seats, installing new approach slabs, new guardrails and a fresh coat of asphalt. This project should be completed by the end of August 2020. Miller Brothers also has two more bridge repair projects in Lima; one on S.R. 65 (Elm St.) and another on C.R. 509 (Pine St.). Both projects consist of replacing the existing box beams with composite box beams, rehabilitating the abutments, pouring new reinforced concrete decks, new approaches, new sidewalks, new curb and gutters, new guardrails, and fresh asphalts. The repairs will start approximately June 1, 2020, and they will be working on the projects concurrently in order to be completed by November 30, 2020.

R.B. Jergens is currently converting Wayne St. from a one-way street to a two-way street, between Cole St. and Central Ave., in Lima. New curb, ADA ramps, sidewalk, new pavement, and upgraded signage are called for in all parts of this project. The company will also upgrade all signage on High St., between Metcalf Ave. and Central Ave. Ebony Construction will perform the milling and Shelly will lay the asphalt. Completion is anticipated for late October 2020.

Shelly is underway on the I-75 major reconstruction project in Beaverdam. The main purpose of this project is to increase the super elevation in the sweeping curves just south

of the I-75/U.S. Rt. 30 interchange to eliminate the probability of semi-trailer rollovers. New exit and entrance ramps, bridge repairs, drainage improvements, and approximately 6 miles of new pavements on northbound and southbound I-75 are all portions of this project. Subcontractors working for Shelly include Complete General, U.S. Utility Electrical Services, Mt. Carmel, Bunn Enterprises, Antigo Construction, Lake Erie Construction, BOCA, Smith Paving, and Zimmerman Paint. Completion is scheduled for late October 2020.

White Construction has resumed working on the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm located approximately 10 miles southwest of Kenton in Hardin and Logan counties. This 242-megawatt project consists of 75 turbines ranging from 2.6 megawatts to 3.4 megawatts each. White Construction started this project last summer building access roads, excavating the foundations, installing rebar, pouring concrete, and backfilling all 75 turbine foun-

datations. Component delivery started in mid-April and now the tower erection crews are on site. White Construction is utilizing the Liebherr 1300 crane to set the base and mid tower sections and a Liebherr 1600 crane to set the upper tower sections, nacelle, and blades. After the tur-

bines are erected, the civil crew will move in and "dress up" the site. In all, this project will employ approximately 40 operating engineers through the end of 2020.

Beaver Excavating and their subcontractors are well into the 4th and final year of the I-75 reconstruction project in Findlay. A majority of the work left to finish includes the ramps from northbound I-75 to U.S. Rt. 68/S.R. 15, and from northbound U.S. Rt. 68/S.R. 15 to southbound I-75. Bridge work continues on these areas, which have been closed to traffic since early 2018. Once the final coat of asphalt is laid across the entire project in late summer, traffic will be able to flow freely in the Findlay corridor without seeing an orange barrel for the first time since March 2017.

Vernon Nagle is repairing a bridge on U.S. Rt. 68 that runs traffic over S.R. 15 in Hancock County. This project entails new abutments, deck, approaches, and guardrails.

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MOVING dirt at the Fostoria Wastewater Treatment Plant for Kirk Brothers is Gerard Graham.

District 3 — Columbus



Robert Hughes



Mark Totman



Chad Creeks



Garold Baker



Brent McCarty



Frank Uhl II



**Jeremy Hinkle,
Organizer**

On the north and west sides of Franklin County, work has been steady this winter. In Hilliard, Danbert is working on Hayden Run Rd. Trucco did a road reconstruction of Elliot Rd. Over at the Amazon facility on Hayden Run Rd., Kokosing Construction and Capital City Group are working on three buildings, with plans of a fourth possibly this summer. Complete General has been doing electrical work around the City of Hilliard. George J. Igel & Company and Park Enterprise have crews working on the Ohio CAT dealership for their new building. George J. Igel & Company also has had crews working at the UPS distribution center. Complete General has crews working around Dublin replacing storm drains. Miller Pipeline has several crews installing new service lines in multiple new housing sites, with more coming this summer.

Trucco Construction has pipe crews working in Grove City on Southwest Blvd., and also on Jackson Pike. Both projects are site developments for housing. In Lockbourne, Shelly & Sands has operators working on a pipe crew installing sanitary and water lines on a new road project. Trucco is on site performing site grading, and installing water lines, storm and sanitary sewers to new warehouses on London-Groveport Rd. Miller Pipeline has a crew on site installing new gas lines. Shook Construction is working on finishing their project at the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant. Miller Brothers is currently working in Westerville, on Hamilton Rd. at the new OSU Medical Center, where they are grading and installing pipe for a sewer line.

Kokosing Construction has three large projects that are employing many operating engineers. They are busy on the second phase of the I-70 and I-71 North Crossroads project downtown with four bridges, retaining walls a new exit ramp at Parsons Ave.

and prep work for the next phases to bid over the next three years, thanks to the new gas tax increase. They are also finishing up the suspension pedestrian bridge in Dublin that will connect Old Dublin with the massive Bridgepark project, spanning the Scioto River. They have the concrete package on the new Columbus Crew Soccer Stadium near downtown. The soccer stadium project has George J. Igel & Company performing the sitework and mass excavation. Goettle is installing a secant wall and foundation piles for the grade beams. McDaniels Construction is working on the guide footers for the secant wall. K.D. Complete Clearing had clearing

and demolition on the job. Columbus Steel Erectors were low bidder on the steel erection. More packages are yet to bid, including infrastructure improvements, a hotel, and other buildings surrounding the stadium.

Phase 2 of the Cannon Dr. relocation project has bid out with George J. Igel & Company and Ruhlin Company joint venturing as Construction Managers. Kokosing was low bidder on the first package. The OSU Wexner Medical Center expansion project has begun with construction packages being released for bid to the joint venture team of Walsh Construction and Turner Construction. Walsh Construction

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INSTALLING sewer line in Athens County is Stonegate Construction.

District 4/5 — Franklin



Jeff Powell



Jason Baker



Justin Gabbard



Michael Young



**Tony James,
Organizer**

Even with the rather wet spring and the upheaval with the coronavirus pandemic, District 4/5 had a great start. Dispatching for work started to get really busy in early April and stayed that way through the whole month. The orange safety barrel highway flower bloomed to get back to work on projects that still had to be finished from last season, despite the current state of affairs. We also experienced a great letting of new infrastructure work earlier this year.

Eastern Counties

In Greene County, John R. Jurgensen has started the U.S. Rt. 35 Super Street project. John R. Jurgensen will be doing a major widening of both the eastbound and westbound lanes of U.S. Rt. 35 from Factory Rd. to Trebein Rd. This project will consist of excavating the existing highway, along with the installation of 5,000 feet of new 12- to 42-inch storm piping. Shelly & Sands will be doing the bridge structures, Mt. Carmel Stabilization will be completing the soil stabilization, and Bansal Construction will be doing the electrical work for the project, which has a completion date of summer 2022. John R. Jurgensen has also started Phase 1 of the four-lane resurfacing and bridge reconstruction of I-675. John R. Jurgensen will be milling and repaving 15 miles of road, and Complete General Construction will assist with the bridge reconstruction, working on bridge overlays and new reflection wall on 18 bridges.

Also in Greene County, Barrett Paving is nearing completion of the U.S. Rt. 42 roundabout project. Barrett Paving built a Roundabout on U.S. Rt. 42 at the Church St. intersection in Xenia, Oglesby Concrete Construction installed new curb and gutter for this project, and Don May Construction installed new water lines for business and residential water service.

R.B. Jergens has started the Kemp Rd. widening project in Beavercreek. This project will consist of the installation of 3,000 feet of new 12- to 36-inch storm piping and two miles of new concrete curb and sidewalk, along with a mile of new asphalt.

In Clermont County, Rack & Ballauer continues working on the major widening of Old State Route 74 in Eastgate. Local 18 members are moving the dirt, installing new curb and gutter, along with 6,000 feet of new storm piping, manholes, and catch basins. RLA Utilities is working on relocating the natural gas main for this project. Also in Eastgate, Ford Development has completed the Clepper Lane project. Ford Development installed new various sized storm piping, manholes, and catch basins. They also completed the installation of approximately 2,600 linear ft. of new concrete curb and gutter,

along with placement of one-quarter of a mile of new asphalt pavement. On S.R. 125 in the City of Bethel, Barrett Paving is nearing completion of the widening project at the intersection of the Grant Career Center. Barrett Paving has built two left-hand turn lanes. Welfle Inc. milled 34,000 square

yards of old pavement, and Barrett put down 2,400 tons of new asphalt. Elex Inc. completed the electrical work, and Security Fence installed new signs.

In Madison County, Kokosing Construction continues work on the I-70 major reconstruction project. Kokosing has completed the improvements and asphalt paving to the eastbound lanes, and now is removing the concrete on the westbound lanes. Cem-Base is doing the stabilization of the road base. Kokosing is working on the installation of new storm and underdrain piping. Security

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WORKING in Walton, Kentucky is Coppage.

District 6 — Akron



Joe Casto



Darrin Morgan



Preston Yuzwa



Thomas Larkins



Brad Marshall



**Mike Cramer,
Organizer**

In District 6, Highway Heavy work looks good with ODOT continuing to bid and award work to our contractors throughout the first half of 2020.

In **Ashland County**, Page Excavating is busy razing the F.E. Meyers building on Orange St. in Ashland. Sarver Paving is keeping several operators busy with the Ashland County paving program. Marra Services has the U.S. Rt. 224 culvert replacement project and Kokosing picked up the S.R. 3 resurfacing project. Page Excavating is working on 13 residential demolition projects across Ashland.

Lockhart Concrete is busy at Charles Mills Campground with Phase 3 of the improvement program, which includes new water lines, concrete, sewer, campsites, and paving the roadways. Shelly & Sands was awarded the Wells Rd. extension project in Ashland and Blackhorse Bridge Construction has the bridge replacement project on U.S. Rt. 42 in Ashland.

In **Richland County**, Kokosing has the resurfacing work on I-71. Underground Utilities is busy with the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades in Butler. Ohio Concrete Paving has bridge repairs in various locations across the County. Shelly & Sands has the resurfacing work on U.S. Rt. 42 in Lexington.

In **Wayne County**, J. D. Williamson has the bridge replacement project on U.S. Rt. 250 near Apple Creek. Bogner Construction is busy with the new Western Reserve building in Wooster. Karvo Paving has the two-lane resurfacing and widening of S.R. 83 between Wooster and Burbank. Shelly & Sands has the four-lane resurfacing Phase 1 and 2 on S.R. 21 and S.R. 585.

Smith Paving & Excavating picked up Phase 3 of the Heartland Trail in Orrville. Kokosing has the resurfacing work on Elyria Rd. west of Wooster. 7L Construction picked up the Wooster parking improvements program. Kokosing also picked up the resurfacing of S.R. 3 south of Wooster. S.E.T. Inc. has the sidewalk and bike path construction for the Wooster loop. Liberta Construction has the concrete repairs in the Country Club Estates in Wooster.

In **Stark County**, Beaver Excavating is busy

with the I-77/U.S. Rt. 30 bridge replacement project. Central Allied has the Market Ave. streetscape project in Canton. Karvo Paving picked up the Perry Dr. and Jackson Ave. intersection reconstruction project. Wenger Excavating is busy on the Northfield Ave. SE sanitary sewer replacement project as well as the water line installation on Earl Rd.

Shelly Company picked up the Hills and Dales resurfacing project in Canton. Karvo Paving has the four-lane resurfacing of I-77 in Canton. Northstar is working on the S.R. 619 roundabout and widening project in Hartville and the Erie St. south resurfacing project in Massillon. DiPietro Excavating and R.G. Smith are both working on the new downtown theatre in Canton.

Ohio Concrete Paving has bridge repairs in various locations throughout the County.

Wenger Excavating picked up the Spangler St. bridge replacement project in Canton. S.E.T. has the Wagner Place sanitary sewer replacement project in Canton. Karvo Paving picked up the U.S. Rt. 30 realignment project through Minerva. Barbicas Construction has the Green Local Schools multi parking lot repair project. Miller Pipeline has several crews working on the distribution gas project in Alliance and Navarre. Central Allied is putting new lighting in for the City of Alliance. Edw. C. Levy at Timken Steel in Canton has been slow.

In **Holmes County**, Bogner Construction is finishing up its expansion project at the Holmes County Cheese Plant and The Eclipse Companies is doing the inspection modification project on S.R. 39.

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BUILDING the MarkWest Fractionation V Plant in Hopedale are Songer Services and Maxim Crane.

Stationary Engineers



John Hardesty



Eric Eastwood



Daniel Hoopes

2020 is turning out to be a very busy and challenging year for 18S with the issues that the COVID-19 virus is bringing us. As we write this article, we hope it finds our members safe and healthy.

We will be opening or have opened the following ten contracts over the course of this year:

- Fresh Mark (extension)
- CBRE Mobile Route Techs (ratified)
- OhioHealth Nelsonville
- Zanesville Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Sofidel America
- Dairymens (extension)
- 1100 Superior Avenue (extension)
- Key Bank Center
- Lorain County Commissioners
- Anheuser-Busch (ratified)

COVID-19 has really slowed down our negotiations, resulting in contract extensions and phone-conference bargaining. Hopefully, the level of uncertainty that our nation is facing will diminish soon.

One group that Local 18S will be negotiating with is OhioHealth Nelsonville. This group used to be known as Doctors Hospital of Nelsonville. The facility sits on three acres outside of Nelsonville on John Lloyd Memorial Drive and houses a seven-day-a-week urgent care facility, primary care doctors offices, x-ray lab, blood draw lab, sleep study lab, and addiction and mental health counseling. We represent nine members working as Billing Clerks, Clinic Nurses, CMA/RMAs, Physician Office Specialists, X-Ray Techs, and Technical Lab Assistants.

The Stationary Department also represents 22 members working as Mobile Route Engineers for the management company of CBRE. Each of these Mobile Route Engineers service from 25 to 30 Chase Bank locations, corporate and retail, in an area covering parts of West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. Some of our members cover a large geographical area, with over a two-hour drive to reach some locations. The Mobile Engineers

are the first responders for any emergency issues at their designated locations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and they are responsible for addressing any work requests from facility managers, supervisors, and clients during regular business hours. These

Engineers perform building maintenance, including plumbing, electrical, lighting, flooring, interior and exterior walls, and roofing.

They also perform preventative maintenance and repair of HVAC units. The members continually update parts and supplies inventories at facilities and in their service vehicles. These members take pride in their work and in the condition in which they keep their respective locations.

As mentioned earlier, the Stationary Agents negotiated and ratified a three-year renewal agreement for these members during the second quarter of this year.

In closing, the Stationary Department would like to thank all of the stationary stewards for a job well done, keeping the day-to-day problems in check, and their loyalty to Local 18S.

Keep Ohio's Heritage (KOH)

Continuing report by the KOH officers

In past KOH articles, it has been mentioned and brought to the readers' attention many times about the catchphrases and slogans used by our non-friends of the Right-to-Work Foundation that have been bestowed upon us. These catchphrases and slogans have been used many times against those who do not understand the real underlying meaning and the long-term damage this will do to the working class of America. That suggests another possible problem that can arise from the aftermath of the unfortunate situation we are currently experiencing with the COVID-19 pandemic. As I type this article, it brings to mind how a so-called non-profit organization used the slogan "Protect my Check" to get the State of Kentucky to go Right-to-Work three years ago and how similar that phrase is to the "Pay Check Protection Program" that is in play today. I certainly hope that in the future we think hard and

do a tremendous amount of study and research when someone knocks on our door to sign a petition. God forbid if it goes to referendum that we fully understand what we are signing or voting on and not voting on a catchphrase that sounds so great that it must be great. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true it must be a lie.

Currently, 10.3% of the American workforce is in unions. It is that 10.3% that sets the standards across America in salaries, benefits, and working conditions. If you are making a decent salary or have some kind of decent working conditions in a non-union job, you can thank the UNION for it!

Please stay safe and healthy. If you have not downloaded the Local 18 app on your phone, now would be a great time to do so. It's a great way to stay informed with current events that we are having to navigate around in today's time.

Fringe

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This year, the Education and Safety Fund trustees awarded \$3 million in scholarships to 924 eligible applicants for the 2020–2021 academic year. There were 197 industry-related awards granted for members and dependents pursuing an education in the construction industry. In addition, the trustees are granting four special dependent awards for children of Local 18 members whose essays explaining why they are pursuing an education in a construction-related field were selected. These recipients will be recognized at the Semi-Annual State Mem-

bership Meeting in Columbus, Ohio on Sunday, June 28, 2020.

The Education and Safety Fund has paid out over \$1.1 million in benefits during the 2019–2020 academic year.

In closing, please know that the staff at the Fringe Benefit Office appreciates all that you do. We realize you have a difficult job, often with long hours and challenging conditions. We hope you stay healthy and work safely this summer, and remember to take time for yourself to relax and enjoy your family and friends.

Transportation construction in Ohio: Good for union jobs, drivers — and the environment

When most of us think about transportation construction projects, we commonly think of manpower and machinery. We don't necessarily view them as being environmentally friendly — but they are. Especially in Ohio.

Ohio transportation construction accounts for over \$2 billion in project spending throughout the state. It employs countless union members including, of course, operating engineers. Additionally, it makes travel more convenient, safer, and faster for everyone.

But there is something more at work here. In Ohio, these transportation projects and the construction professionals involved in them are careful to protect our planet's treasured environment and ecosystems. That's good for us all.



Here are some of the ways in which the state achieves the delicate balance between transportation infrastructure building and earth-friendly best practices.

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) conducts an environmental assessment of every project it undertakes to ensure natural resources are protected during construction.
- ODOT routinely coordinates with up to 10 environmental resource agencies on every project, depending on its size.
- The Army Corps of Engineers regulates anything related to a waterway. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) regulates protecting endangered wildlife. The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service regulates projects involving federally endangered wildlife, and the EPA regulates water quality issues.

A visit to the ODOT website reveals a list of projects that are employing a range of innovative construction technologies and strategies to protect the environment. (See the web link provided in the "Source" listing at the end of this article.)

It's clear that many state and federal agencies team with ODOT to help ensure

transportation projects are eco-responsible. What's also clear is that operating engineers play a part in that forward-thinking equation.

Source: ODOT [<https://transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/about-us/news/district-2/environmental-protection-built-into-odot-projects>].

Members overwhelmingly extend two agreements


CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL 18 ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

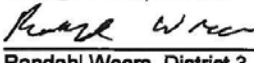
We, the undersigned Local 18 Election Committee members, DO CERTIFY that, to the best of our knowledge and ability, the following is a true and accurate tabulation of the ballots counted May 2, 2020 from a mail referendum vote to accept or reject the one-year extension on the AGC of Ohio Building Agreement, and the Ohio Highway Heavy Agreement.

Total Ballots Mailed	12,354
Total Void Ballots	115
AGC of Ohio Agreement and the Building Light Commercial Threshold	Accept 4,529 Reject 45
Ohio Highway Heavy Agreement and the Residential Light Commercial Threshold	Accept 4,580 Reject 42

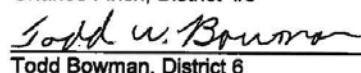
We, the undersigned Local 18 Election Committee members DO FURTHER CERTIFY and DECLARE that, based upon the foregoing tabulation of all votes cast for or against approval of the one-year extension on the AGC of Ohio Building Agreement, and the one-year extension on the Ohio Highway Heavy Agreement, that the majority of the members voting did ACCEPT the AGC of Ohio Building Agreement effective May 1, 2020; and DO CERTIFY and DECLARE that the majority of the members voting did ACCEPT the one-year extension on Ohio Highway Heavy Agreement effective May 1, 2020.



Robert Michaels, Jr., District 1


Vicente Torres, District 2


Randahl Wears, District 3

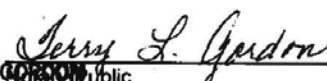

Charles Finch, District 4/5


Todd Bowman, District 6


Max L. Seyfried, Chairman

Sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 2020




TERRY L. GORDON
Notary Public
In and for the State of Ohio
My Commission Expires
5-17-24

Busy work season leads to busy shop season



WORKING for Columbus Equipment is Adam Kluk.



KEEPING busy for Herc Rentals in Cleveland is Anthony Marason.



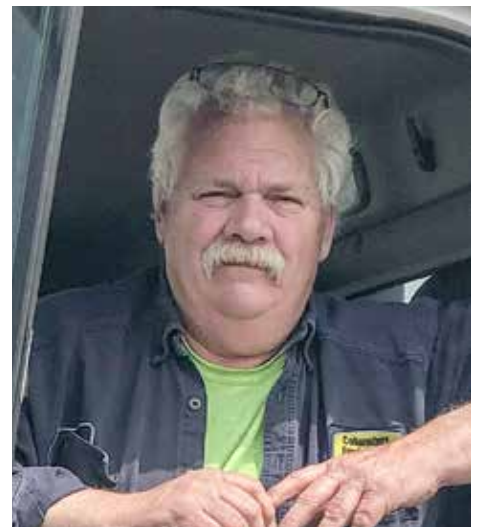
ON THE JOB for Columbus Equipment in Cadiz is Aric Woods.



STAYING busy for Ohio CAT is Brent Greathouse.



WORKING for United Rentals in Cleveland is Daniel Kenney.



LIFE member John Knepper working for Columbus Equipment in Massillon.



ON THE JOB for United Rentals, Cleveland is Eric Adkins.



KEEPING busy for Ohio CAT in North Canton is Joshua Walent.



STAYING busy for Herc Rentals is Mike Conti.



BUSY for Herc Rentals in Cleveland is Dwight Childs.

U.S. needed infrastructure investment before . . . now it's really needed

According to a recent editorial in the *Baltimore Sun*, an increased commitment to infrastructure investment is needed now, especially in light of the economic damage caused by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"Long before anyone gave much thought to a viral pandemic or contemplated 20% unemployment rates or seriously considered passing along a \$600 boost to unemployment checks or bailing out the airline industry, experts were fretting about the state of U.S. public infrastructure – all those roads and bridges, pipes and wires, runways and transit systems that keep the economy moving," the editorial said.

"Americans expect clean water and waste treatment when they turn on the tap or flush. Most assume their highway overpass is safe, that dams will hold back floodwaters and the electric grid can handle growing demand. But the truth is, the country hasn't kept itself in good repair," according to the editorial. "There isn't really much serious dispute about this . . . but when it's come down to coming up with the money to finance that investment? That's where (government leaders) have come up short."



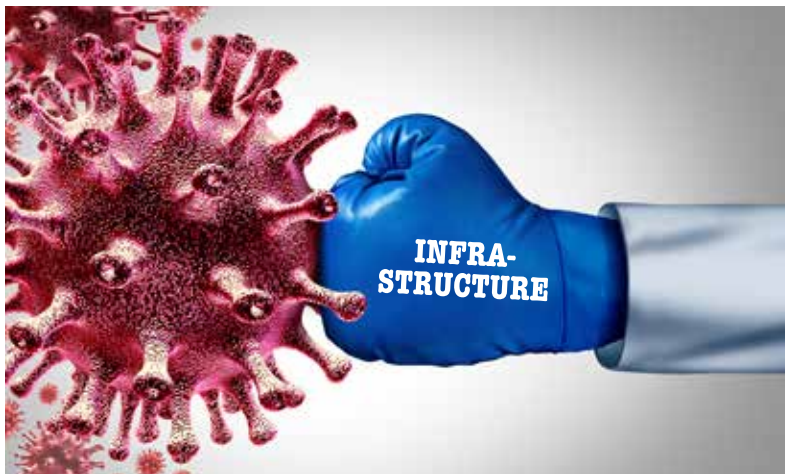
The editorial suggested some ways to fund a major national infrastructure program. "Instead of just printing money and adding to an already enormous federal deficit, Washington could incorporate a plan to pay for it. How? By agreeing to borrow money over a specified period of time with the expectation that it will be paid back as the economy returns to a more normal footing."

According to the editorial, the best way to repay that debt would be by increasing the federal gas tax, which "has been frozen for 27 years at 18.4 cents for regular unleaded. America not only needs a higher gas tax, but with prices being at multi-year lows and the critical state of U.S. public infrastructure, there's never been a better time to contemplate one".

Infrastructure only way to fight a COVID-19 recession

According to a recent column on the World Economic Forum website, revising the lagging U.S. infrastructure sector may be the best response to the negative economic impact of COVID-19.

"The U.S. infrastructure industry is 30 years behind its global counterparts, but a new centralized and data-driven approach to infrastructure projects could help it catch up," wrote Shai Kivity. "In fighting the COVID-19 crisis, the Federal Reserve has used all of its monetary tools. A new recession is underway, or already here . . . Right now, reviving the lagging infrastructure sector may be the best approach: infrastructure creates economic growth, 5G cellular infrastructure will allow for faster data rates, a better electric grid allows us to drive electric cars and new roads reduce congestion and commute times."



Kivity wrote, "The best way to exemplify the huge infrastructure gap is to look at China's construction of the Sanyuan Bridge, which took less than 43 hours to build. In the first

The difference is not just the cost, but the speed of execution. Needless to say, a full-blown fiscal plan that focuses on infrastructure can close some of the gaps with China."

According to the author, there are three solutions to these problems: 1.) Consolidate government authority to execute infrastructure projects; 2.) To prioritize projects, the U.S. should start using data-driven decision-making processes; 3.) Harness innovation and the Fourth Industrial Revolution to improve construction technology. "There will be no way out of the coming recession without a fiscal plan that involves infrastructure. If the U.S. is going to invest hundreds of billions of dollars in the infrastructure

24 hours, the bridge was demolished; in the remaining 19 hours, the new-and-improved structure was built in its place. While the U.S. takes years to build a road, China takes days.

industry, it must use the crisis to reform the sector and make sure it emerges from this recession with a stronger, more durable economy than before," Kivity concluded.

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sanitary sewer on Huntington Rd. in Shaker Heights and on South Woodland Rd. in Hunting Valley.

Marucci and Gaffney is performing slope stabilization along SR-87 in Moreland Hills.

TRAX Construction is replacing the water line along Lakeshore Blvd. in Euclid. TRAX Construction is also replacing a storm sewer along County Line Rd. in Hunting Valley.

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 Clark Ave. in Cleveland, with Mr. Excavator performing all of the sewer work.

Don Wartko Construction, 1127 Construction, Vallejo Company, Petty Group, SJS & Sons, Miller Pipeline, H. M. Miller, and Infra-Source 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 road reconstruction of Ridge Rd., from Pleasant Valley Rd. to Brookpark Rd., in Parma. Karvo has the Pearl Rd. reconstruction in Parma Hts., Middleburg Hts. and Strongsville. Fabrizi has the site work for the new Meijer store in Seven Hills. Shelly & Sands has the sound wall on I-77, south of the Turnpike. DiGioia has the widening of Royalton Rd. in Broadview Hts. 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. Great Lakes Construction continues intersection improvements at I-480



TRIMMING for a new curb at the new middle school in Sandusky for Smith Paving is Dave Brown.

and State Rd. in Cleveland and Parma.

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

In Ashtabula County, Renno Excavating is replacing the sewers on Lake Rd. in Conneaut. Integra Construction is building a new shower house and doing the underground utilities for new RV sites in Pymatuning State Park. Kirila Contractors is doing the restoration for the new Truck World at S.R. 7 and I-90. Marucci and Gaffney is replacing the

bridge on Water St. in Geneva. Union Industrial is doing the site work for new buildings at the Geneva Wastewater Treatment Plant. ASW Pipeline is working on a new gas line for newly built cabins in Saybrook.



EXCAVATING a retention pond on Commerce Dr. in LaGrange for Diggers of Ohio are Gene Voros on the excavator and Paul Holbrook on the skid steer.



WORKING for ASW in Madison is Mark Swartout.

In Mentor, Chagrin Valley Paving is working on the road project on Tyler Blvd. KMU Trucking & Excavating is doing the underground utilities for a new senior center.

In Willoughby, TRAX Construction is doing road reconstruction on Erie St. D.B. Bentley

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OPERATING a skid steer for Independence Excavating on North Point Pkwy. in Lorain is Tyler Srokowski.



WORKING for Union Industrial at Geneva Wastewater Treatment Plant is Keith Kister.



ON THE JOB for Eclipse in Burton is Jose Ramirez.

has the sewer project on East 364th St. Marous Brothers Construction is doing the site work for their new office building.

At I-271 and I-90, Ruhlin is replacing two bridges. In Hiram, Eclipse is doing the underground utilities for a new office building at Great Lakes Cheese. In Concord, Hallmark Construction is building a road for new homes by Quail Hollow. They are also doing the sewers for new homes off of Richmond St. in Painesville.

In Medina, Precision Engineering and Contracting has the site work for a new school on Wilbur Rd. Karvo Paving Company is widening Medina Line Rd. Xtreme Elements has the parking garage project on Elmwood Ave. InfraSource is lowering gas lines on South Broadway St.

In Westfield Center, Shelly & Sands is constructing turn lanes on U.S. Rt. 224. InfraSource Construction is replacing gas lines on East Main St. and Greenwich Rd. in Seville.

In Brunswick, Precision Engineering and Contracting has the site work for the new middle school on Pearl Rd. Shelly & Sands is widening North Carpenter Rd. and Cornerstone Electric has the signalization work. DiPetro Excavating has the site and underground work for a new school on Ridge Rd. in Hinckley.

In Lorain, Herk Excavating has the site work for the new city service complex on West Park Drive, Cleveland Crane Rental is also on site setting the steel, and Cleveland Cement has the concrete work. Ruhlin is rehabilitating the Charles Berry Bridge.

In Elyria, Precision Engineering and Con-

tracting has the site work at the new Eastern Heights Middle School. Fabrizi Trucking & Paving is digging a 78-inch sanitary sewer on Abbe Rd. Triad Engineering is sinking a shaft for a tunnel under the turnpike on Bon Air Ave. Perk Company has the turn lane project on West Ridge Rd. Underground Utilities is replacing water and sewer lines on Chestnut St. in Grafton. Schirmer Construction is replacing a bridge on Whitney Rd. in Wellington.

In Columbia Station, DiGioia Suburban is digging sewer for a subdivision on Redfern Rd. KMU has the site and underground work for a subdivision on Sprague Rd. in Columbia Station. Diggers of Ohio have the site and underground work for a new medical facility on Cooper Foster Park Rd. in Amherst. Independence Excavating is cutting in access roads for high tension power line right of ways on

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DRILLING foundations for new traffic light posts on S.R. 252 in North Olmsted for Terrace Construction is Phil Harter.

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North Ridge Rd. in Amherst. Rudolph Libbe is replacing a steam line on Professor St. in Oberlin.

Cioffi Construction is widening Chester Rd. in Avon and replacing driveway aprons on Elizabeth St. InfraSource is replacing gas lines on Recreation Lane and Joseph St. in Avon. TRAX Construction is replacing the water line on Avon Rd. in Avon. KMU has the site work for a new medical building on Nagel Rd. in Avon. Underground Utilities has the sanitary sewer project on Jaycox Rd. in Avon Lake. Karvo Paving, Co. is replacing curb on Detroit Rd. in Sheffield. Shook Construction is converting a building into a library on Commerce Drive in LaGrange. Fechko Excavating is widening Center Ridge Rd. in North Ridgeville, and Trafftech has the signalization work.

In Westlake, Mike Coates Construction has the site work for a new recreational center building on Hilliard Blvd. Cunningham Paving is grading stone for a parking lot on Crocker Rd. Schirmer Construction is repairing a retaining wall at the Rose Hill Museum in Bay Village.

In Olmsted Township, Underground Utilities is working on the sanitary sewer project on Cook Rd. Marous Brothers has the site and underground work for a retirement home on Lorain Rd. Fechko Excavating has the site work for a subdivision on Lakeview Dr. in Olmsted Falls. Fabrizi Trucking & Paving is replacing water and sewer lines on Cranage Rd. in Olmsted Falls. Terrace Construction has the traffic signalization work on S.R. 252 in North Olmsted. DiGioia Suburban has the site and underground work for a subdivision on Stea-



REPLACING the sheet piling with a mini excavator for Herk Excavating at the Vermilion Power Boats yard in Vermilion, is Dan Young.

rns Rd. in North Olmsted and the intersection rehabilitation at Dover Center Rd. and Center Ridge Rd. in Westlake.

In Sandusky, Kokosing is working on the full-depth road reconstruction of Shoreline Dr. Sitetech has the site work for the campground expansion at Cedar Point. Great Lakes Demolition is replacing a culvert on Barrett Rd. and the road rehabilitation on McCartney Rd. Mosser Construction is building a new elementary school on Ontario St., a new middle school on Buchanan St., and replacing a culvert on Columbus Ave. Erie Construction

Group is grading a parking lot on Hayes Ave., and D.L. Smith Concrete is rehabilitating Buchanan St.

Xtreme Excavating has the site and underground work for Mucci Farms Phase 2 on Rye Beach Rd. in Huron.

In Huron County, Great Lakes Demolition is excavating for a fuel station at the Norfolk Southern Railroad yard in Bellevue. Mosser Construction is upgrading the water treatment plant on East Center St. in Bellevue. R.A. Bores Excavating is replacing water line on Pleasant St. in Norwalk. R&I Construction is replacing a bridge on S.R. 162 in Willard and a bridge deck on Ridge Rd. in North Fairfield.

Thank you to the Executive and Advisory Boards for their continued support.



DIGGING sewer for DiGioia Suburban at the Red Tail subdivision on Saint Theresa Blvd. in Avon is Mark Bright.



WORKING for TRAX Construction on Erie St. in Willoughby is Benjamin Brazis.

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Subcontractors include Jeffers Crane Service, Cuyahoga Fence, Dot Diamond, Hite, K&R Landscape and Oglesby Construction. Completion is scheduled for late summer.

By the time you read this, R&I Construction should have started their bridge replacement project on S.R. 568 in Hancock County. This existing structure is being replaced with a steel plate girder and reinforced concrete bridge. Completion is scheduled for late Fall 2020.



LIFE member Darla Wolfe working for Miller Brothers on the Waterville Bridge project.

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 Construction has been awarded the sitework on this project, Barton Malow has the building portion of the project and has subbed



OPERATING excavators for Kokosing on S.R. 51 in Elmore are David Gutierrez, Adam Davis and Kenneth Wollet.

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 benefited 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 feeding into the site that has to be improved. 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 that have been paved by Shelly Company, along with entrances and roadways on site. Wings Excavating has been subcontracted by Romanoff Electric Co., LLC to provide forklift support and install hundreds of light poles that will illuminate the site. A noise barrier will be built on the facility's north end, where trucks will operate. Entrances will be located at Com-

pass Drive and Crossroads Parkway, and the site will include a fence and a guard shack. As the project draws near to its conclusion, portions of the building have been turned over to the customer.

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 2, 2019.

Building construction at the nearly 40-acre property off of Eckel Junction Rd. has been awarded to Rudolph Libbe, and 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 consists 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 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.

Rudolph Libbe is working on the construction of a Pilkington Glass Plant in Troy Township. The owner will spend over \$260 million to 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

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LOADING out konex containers on the Timber Road IV Wind Farm in Paulding County is Kiewit Power Constructors.

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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. Underground Utilities Inc. has come into some work as a result of this facility's construction by way of water lines and sewer work that needed to be done in the direct vicinity of the site.

Site preparations have begun on Napoleon's new bridge linking Industrial Drive at Riverview Avenue to S.R. 110. The construction of this bridge has been awarded to Vernon Nagel, Inc. The subcontractors include Ebony Construction, FET Construction, Lake Erie Construction, Oglesby Construction, Gerken Paving, Toledo Caisson, and Jeffers Crane to name a few.

Crossing the Maumee River, with a completion date of June, 2022, the new bridge will provide a closer river crossing to Henry County's only hospital, reduce truck traffic congestion in downtown Napoleon, and increase the longevity of current infrastructure utilized by truck routes. The newly constructed bridge will also link two separate areas into one large industrial region. The Campbell's Soup Plant will have access to highway and rail infrastructure, and nearly 44% of Henry County workers, whose jobs are located within one mile of the new bridge, will have a more efficient route to work.

Roughly \$700 million have been financed to fund the expansion of the North Star Blue-scope Steel Plant in Delta. Scheduled for completion in two years, the work has been awarded to Rudolph Libbe. The project will add a furnace and a slab caster to produc-



MILLING with Garza at Toledo Metroparks is Lee Laird.

tion. Jeffers Crane Service has been brought in to provide crane support. The addition is expected to be operational by late 2021 and will add 950,000 metric tons of steel to the 2.3 million metric tons North Star already produces annually, an increase of about 40%.

In March of this year, Kokosing Construction started work on a Turnpike project in Fulton County that will keep our members busy until November, 2021. Kokosing will self-perform much of the work, but the stabilization will be done by Mt. Carmel Stabilization Group, paving is to be done by Shelly Company, and the seeding will be done by Deitering Landscaping.

Work continues on Elmore's only bridge

crossing of the Portage River. The bridge being built by Kokosing Construction will feature 12-foot lanes, 4-foot shoulders, an 11-foot multi-use path on the west edge, and a 6-foot sidewalk on the east. Kokosing had to build a causeway to access the bridge. Causeway work had to be finished before the fish spawn in spring. Kokosing has 150 days between the bridge's closing for demolition and its replacement's reopening to traffic.

E. S. Wagner continues work on the I-75 reconstruction project in downtown Toledo. The project includes reconstruction of multiple ramps, 11 bridges, 8 retaining walls, 39,000 cubic yards of concrete, and approximately 23

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WORKING for Todd Alspaugh & Associates in Bowling Green is Jack L. Morrison.



PULLING sheet piling for E. S. Wagner at Cleveland Cliffs in Toledo is Jeff Cook.



BUSY for Ohio CAT at Stoneco Clay Center Quarry is Ken Garland.

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million lbs. of structural steel. The project is expected to be completed in 2022.

Kokosing continues construction of the replacement of the DiSalle Bridge, by far Toledo's busiest Maumee crossing with more than 75,000 cars and trucks on a typical day. The project spans an area from Dorr St. to Buck Rd. in Wood County. The beam part of the project started in December and allowed construction crews to work on the new bridge deck from a causeway beneath the bridge through the winter months. Construction on the northbound lanes of the bridge deck is work that is currently ongoing. This project is expected to take four years to complete.

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

Miller Brothers continues the widening of about three miles of I-475/U.S. Rt. 23 in western Toledo and Springfield Township. The project will add a third lane to Toledo's western beltway in both directions between Central Ave. and Airport Highway. Crews continue working on drainage, water lines, and roundabouts on Dorr between Holland-Sylvania Rd. and McCord Rd. Overall construction is expected to be completed by late 2021. A separate project to widen



BUSY at District 2 are (l-r) Manuel Gutierrez, Jr. and Ismael Gutierrez, Jr.

I-475/U.S. Rt. 23 between Airport Highway and U.S. Rt. 24 in Maumee and add an interchange at U.S. Rt. 20A is planned.

Improvements to the city-owned water treatment plant's basins continues as 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, new piping, valves, and conduits. The first phase is to upgrade basins five and six, and the second is to up-



LIFE member Larry Scott Chamberlain working the night shift for Kokosing on I-75 in Toledo.

grade basins one through four. Basins three and four are complete, and basins one and two should be finished by April 28, 2023. Shook, Kokosing, and Mosser are currently on site and have all had a part in these major upgrades to the facility.

Construction has begun on Toledo's waterfront to enhance East Toledo and downtown neighborhoods.

Helms & Sons Excavating was awarded Phase 1 of the Glass City Metroparks 30-acre project, between the Maumee River and Front St. Phase 1 will include a 3,500-square-foot pavilion, able to accommodate 150 people, rooftop plaza space, an event lawn to accommodate 5,000 people for events, a sledding hill, aggregate and asphalt paths, water access for fishing, canoeing/kayaking, shoreline restoration, reforestation with more than 2,000 trees, stormwater wetlands and bioswales, boardwalk with seating, the realignment of Riverside Drive, and a 70-vehicle parking lot. A separate contract will be awarded next year for Phase 2. Phase 1 is expected to be completed by the end of 2020.

Salenbien Trucking and Excavating was also awarded a similar Metroparks project at the Manhattan Marsh. The scope of work for this park development is two miles of aggregate path, 1,500 feet of concrete boardwalk with wooden overlooks, along with a canoe/kayak launch. Manhattan Marsh Metropark will be serving one of Toledo's most economically distressed neighborhoods in North Toledo, once known as the Village of Manhattan, which dates back to the early 1800s.

In Sandusky County, Mosser was awarded

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REMOVING bridge beams on I-75 in Toledo for Kokosing is operator Joe Sowers.

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the construction of The Ross High School in Fremont. Early site work included stripping of the topsoil, drainage, and a temporary road into the construction site. Subsurface Constructors has been on site installing aggregate piers. Aggregate piers are columns of compacted stone installed in groups in poor soil to increase bearing pressure and mitigate settlement under structural footings. Foundation and concrete work is expected to begin in the spring. Construction is scheduled to be completed in August, 2021.

Miller Brothers Construction is near completion of the S.R. 64 Bridge over the Maumee River in Waterville. Currently the new bridge is open to both vehicles and pedestrians, but not complete. Fascia panels, a decorative feature planned to make it a distinctive local landmark, and outlook platforms will be installed. By the time you read this, the demolition should be finished, and preparations to remove the causeway should be in order.

Miller Brothers continues to work on the Anthony Wayne Trail Bridge project. The northbound half has been replaced. The new structure built with the old stonework remained in place during construction because it was still needed to support the southbound half of the old bridge that was used for traffic. Currently, the southbound half has been removed, and the stonework has been completely removed to allow construction of the new southbound lanes' bridge piers.

Gerken was awarded and will soon begin the resurfacing of Alexis Rd. in North Toledo.



REPAIRING a bridge on S.R. 81 in Allen County for Miller Brothers Construction is Charles Albright.

Gerken will resurface almost four miles of pavement from Flanders Rd. to Jackman Rd. This includes pedestrian ramp improvements.

In 2007, the single largest project was completed by the Ohio Department of Transportation. At 400 feet tall, The Veterans Glass City Skyway project opened for commute. The bridge design is a single pylon tower centered in the river, with two deck spans, one

on each side of the tower. Since the bridge's opening, the first round of upgrades included installation of lighting upgrades performed by FET Construction Services. The LED fixtures installed are capable of producing a full spectrum of colors and light shows. Two of the most notable are an orange barrel theme for National Work Zone Awareness Week, and the waving and the static representations of the United States Flag. Along with those upgrades, Kokosing Construction was recently awarded a large surface upgrade project. Upgrades consist of a super-plasticized dense concrete overlay and replacement of the existing railing and stay dampers.

Since gas supply is abundant thanks to nearby production in the Marcellus and Utica shales, Clean Energy Future LLC, a Massachusetts company, is moving ahead with plans for a second 955-MW combined-cycle plant in the City of Oregon (the Oregon Energy Center). The Oregon plant would be adjacent to the 960-MW Oregon Clean Energy Center that came online in 2018. The OEC will be located at the end of Parkway Rd., just south of the train tracks, and will be able to generate enough electricity to serve 900,000 homes in Ohio. The new plant is expected to create up to 1,000 construction jobs for local union contractors.

Remember to stay safe out in the field and follow the guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) with respect to the current COVID-19 situation, so we can stay healthy and prosperous this work season.



WORKING at Hanson Waterville Quarry for Bulk Equipment is Marshall J. Schutzberg.



ON THE JOB for Underground Utilities in Bowling Green is Mike Gerber.



BUSY for Todd Alspaugh & Associates in Bowling Green is Thomas J. Ford.

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

RULES FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Rules for the nomination and election of Officers and Members of the Executive Board of Local 18 and its branches, and for the nomination and election of District Advisory Board members from the five Districts of Local 18 and its branches.

CONDUCT AND SUPERVISION

1. The ten (10) members of the Election Committee, elected at the March, 2020 District Membership meetings, plus the Chairman appointed by the Business Manager, held their first meeting March 14, 2020 to formulate rules and to supervise the nomination and election of Officers, Executive Board members and District Advisory Board members, in accordance with the International Constitution and in accordance with Article XIII of the Local 18 Bylaws.

All meetings of the Election Committee are executive meetings. A quorum of the Election Committee consists of six (6) members.

2. Proper notification had been given to all members that the Election Committee would be elected - two (2) members from each District - and that nominations for Officers, Executive Board and District Advisory Board of Local 18 would be made at the regular district meetings on June 8, 2020. These notices were published in the Buckeye Engineer. The June 8, 2020 District membership meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. at the following addresses:

District No. 1 – 3515 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115

District No. 2 – 2412 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43614

District No. 3 – 1188 Dublin Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43215

District No. 4/5 – 3860 Towne Blvd., Franklin, Ohio 45005

District No. 6 – 1721 Triplett Blvd., Akron, Ohio 44306

3. In accordance with provisions of Article XIII, Section 10 of the Local Union Bylaws, the Election Committee has engaged the services of Graff, Ballauer & Blanski, P.C., C.P.A.s together with the law firm Baum Sigman Auerbach & Neuman, Ltd. to assist in the conduct of the election. The C.P.A.s and attorneys under the direction of the Election Committee, shall carry out the election procedures and operations. They shall assist the Election Committee in determining from the Local Union's records, the eligibility of nominees for office and the eligibility of members to receive ballots. Questions as to election procedures should be addressed to Graff, Ballauer & Blanski, P.C., Two Northfield Plaza, Suite 200, Northfield, IL 60093. Their telephone number is 1-847-881-2540. The direct E-Mail address is info@gbbcpa.com.

The tallying of computerized paper ballots shall be carried out under the direction of the Election Committee, by MK Election Services at the Local 18, I.U.O.E. headquarters office in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 29, 2020. Alternatively, ballots may be counted manually, if the Election Committee determines that it is more efficient and cost effective, if there are not many contested offices in the election.

OFFICES TO BE FILLED

4. In accordance with the Bylaws of Local 18, I.U.O.E., the Officers to be elected shall be: Business Manager, President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, and from each District, three (3) representatives to the Executive Board. In addition to these Constitutional Officers, there shall be elected three (3) Auditors, a Conductor and a Guard. The term of office of the foregoing officers shall be three (3) years.

5. There shall be twenty-two (22) Advisory Board members to be elected in each of the five (5) Districts of Local 18 who shall represent the following interests insofar as said interests are represented within the District: Local 18, Local 18A, Local 18B, Local 18C, Local 18G, Local 18S, Local 18RA, Building Construction, River and Lake Construction, Heavy Construction, Paving Construction, Excavating Construction, Sewer Construction, Supply Yard Dealers, Equipment Dealers, State Employees, County Employees, City Employees, Sand and Gravel Employees, Slag Pit Employees, Scrap Yard Employees and

Plant Stationary Maintenance Engineers. These twenty-two (22) members, together with the District Representative and District Business Agents, will comprise the Advisory Board of the District. The term of office of Advisory Board members shall be three (3) years.

ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION

6. To be eligible for election as an Officer, Executive Board member or Advisory Board member, a member of Local Union 18 and its branches must have been a member of the Local Union for a period of not less than two (2) years immediately prior to the election. In addition, to be eligible for election, a member must have been in continuous good standing for a period of one (1) year preceding the month of nomination. However, to be eligible for election to the office of Business Manager, a member must have been a member in continuous good standing for a period of two (2) years preceding the month of nomination. In order to be a member in continuous good standing, dues must have been paid within the thirty (30) day grace period, pursuant to Article XXIV, Subdivision 7, Section (c) of the International Constitution.

The eligibility of the members of Local 18 and its branches who are candidates for Officers, Executive Board members and District Advisory Board members to be nominated, elected and hold office, shall be established under, and consistent with, the eligibility rules contained in the Constitution of the International Union of Operating Engineers, or subsequent rule changes by the General Executive Board, and in the Bylaws of I.U.O.E. Local 18.

7. Nominations will take place at the regular District meetings on the night of June 8, 2020. The names of all candidates must have been placed in nomination by a member in good standing. Nominations must be accompanied by a written submission of each nominator's and nominee's name and register number to avoid uncertainty or ambiguity. Election Committee members present from that District can visually inspect said written submissions. The Election Committee members of each district shall supervise and assist in conducting the nomination of candidates for Officers, Executive Board members and Advisory Board members in their district. The Chairman of the District meeting shall be responsible for aiding the nominator in providing the necessary register number or other form of identification of the nominee, if necessary.

At all District Membership meetings of Local 18 on the night of June 8, 2020 the Election Committee members present may appoint one (1) or more good standing members in attendance, but not to exceed three (3) including Election Committee members, to assist the two (2) Election Committee members in supervising and assisting in the nominations within that district of members to become candidates for Officers, Executive Board members and Advisory Board members.

If, neither of the members of the Election Committee for that district is present at the June 8, 2020 District Membership meeting, the Chairman of the District meeting shall appoint up to three (3) good standing members from the members present, to assist in the nominations.

8. No member who is an owner-operator, an employer contractor, or other bona fide employer of members of Local Union 18 or its branches shall be considered eligible to run for office, to nominate members for office, or to vote for candidates in this 2020 General Election. An owner-operator is a member who owns either directly or indirectly (marriage and/or family) an economic interest in a business which engages in the work scope, as defined in any of the Local 18's collective bargaining agreements, utilizing any construction equipment described therein.

9. Members presently retired from the craft or on pension, as defined

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in Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Section (b) of the International constitution, and registered apprentice engineers, will not be eligible for nomination and election. However, they shall be entitled to vote if they meet the membership eligibility requirements to receive a ballot, and they shall be entitled to nominate candidates at the June District Membership meetings.

10. The district in which an Executive Board Member is nominated to serve must be his/her home district (district where their membership records are held) and, unless exempt under Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Subsection (b) of the Constitution of the International Union of Operating Engineers, they must have been continuously registered or referred to work from that district for one (1) year immediately prior to the month of nomination.

11. No member shall be eligible for election who has not, during the year - and in the case of one seeking the office of Business Manager, two (2) years - immediately prior to the month of nominations, been continuously employed at the trade, or who has not actively sought continuous employment at the trade. (This restriction, however, shall not apply to any member employed by or working for a Local Union or for the International Union, or who has been assigned by his Local Union or the International Union to perform work in furtherance of the interests of organized labor, in either case in a sufficiently time-consuming capacity so as to preclude meeting the requirement of continuous employment at the trade or active seeking of continuous employment at the trade.)

12. Retired members, as defined in Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Section (b) of the International constitution, who at least one (1) year, and in the case of one seeking the office of Business Manager, at least two (2) years, immediately prior to the month of nominations, have ceased to accept retirement benefits and returned, or actively and continuously sought to return, to full time work at the trade are eligible for election.

13. Within five (5) days after the nominations, the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall mail to each member nominated, notice of their nomination to be a candidate for office. The notification of nomination is mailed via regular and Certified-Return Receipt mail to the nominee's most recent mailing address in the Union's records. It is the nominee's responsibility to obtain his or her mail from such address, from the United States Postal Service or from the Recording-Corresponding Secretary. No member of Local 18 or its branches shall be eligible to be a candidate, nor be elected as an Officer, Executive Board member, or Advisory Board member, unless he or she shall have filed a written acceptance of nomination to office, or to position on the Advisory Board, with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of Local Union 18 within ten (10) days after having received the aforementioned written notice of nomination from the Recording-Corresponding Secretary.

The Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall read, or cause to be read, the name of each nominee and the office to which such nominee seeks election at each regularly scheduled Local Union General Membership and District Membership meeting held after receipt of the nominee's written acceptance of nomination.

14. In accordance with Article XIII, Section 13, of the Local Union By-Laws, the names of all nominated candidates shall be published in the July issue of the Buckeye Engineer, and promptly posted in each District office. The names of all eligible candidates shall be published in the August issue of the Buckeye Engineer, posted in each district office, and will be listed on the ballot.

15. A nominee whose name has been placed in nomination and who has accepted the nomination in writing can withdraw his or her name

as a nominee, providing he or she does so by certified or registered mail, requesting withdrawal. This letter must be sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee, 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, and must be received on or before the close of business, July 17, 2020.

16. To be eligible for election, all bona fide nominees for Officer or Executive Board Member of Local 18, shall have been in regular attendance at all regularly scheduled Local Union 18 General Membership meetings, and their home District Membership meetings held after nomination and before August 3, 2020, subject however, to reasonable excuse based upon good cause such as working at the trade or on behalf of the union, physical incapacity or death in the immediate family. Such excuse must be communicated by the nominee in writing to the Chairman of the Election Committee at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, before the close of business on July 17, 2020, to be considered in determining eligibility. It is understood that informational meetings held in the District shall not be considered a regularly scheduled Local Union membership meeting or home District Membership meeting.

Each nominee for office shall be certified in attendance at the required meetings by the members of the Election Committee present at the meetings or if no Election Committee members are present, by the Chairman of the meeting.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CANDIDATES

17. Nominees will have the right to inspect, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, the membership records containing the names and last known addresses of all members, during the thirty (30) day period prior to July 31, 2020, not to exceed two (2) eight hour days, at the Local Union Headquarters, 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH. In order not to disrupt the normal operations of the business office of the Local Union, nominees will be assisted in their inspection by an employee of the Local Union who is familiar with the records of the organization. The request to inspect must be made by a bona fide nominee, in writing to the Chairman of the Election Committee at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. Nominees making such timely requests will be notified at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the date and time when they may inspect the membership records.

18. Campaign literature will be mailed under these rules applying to all candidates:

A. A candidate may request this service for one (1) or more Districts in writing by certified or registered mail to the Chairman of the Election Committee at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

B. All campaign literature must bear the name of the candidate or slate, and a return address.

C. Advance notice of at least three (3) business days will be required for all mailings.

D. The cost of the preparation of the mailing list and related electronic media will be paid for in advance by the candidate requesting the service from the Union. After payment the Union will instruct the candidate to contact the Union mailing house for payment of labeling, mailing and postage according to the class of service desired.

E. Campaign Website - In the event candidates or their supporters establish a campaign website they shall be required to comply with the campaign website resolution as adopted by the International Union of Operating Engineers. Candidates or their supporters may obtain a copy of the International Union Guidelines and the technical support documentation prepared by the independent third party consultants retained by the International Union by contacting, in writing,

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WORKING at Upper Arlington High School, Franklin County is ALL Crane.

is currently building a seven-story parking garage ahead of the demolition of the old garage and start of the medical center tower expansion.

Complete General has been finishing up on the I-670 "Smart Lane" project. The job incorporates the median lanes as driving lanes when traffic increases with the use of multiple message boards that notify drivers of lane availability and variable speed limits. This job includes a very large electrical package that they are self-performing. Shelly Company, Capitol Tunneling, Strawser Leasing, Strawser Paving, and others are subs on this project.

On I-71 south of I-70, Shelly & Sands has been busy on a three-year project which includes lane additions both north- and southbound, ten bridge replacements, flood wall relocation, and several thousand feet of storm sewer. Ruhlin Construction, who started in early January of 2018 on their por-



SLIDE repair work along S.R. 376 in Morgan County by Shelly & Sands.

tion of this project as a subcontractor, will be reconstructing all the bridges at I-270 and I-71, plus adding an additional bridge.

The City of Columbus also has several treatment plant projects. Shook Construction continues work on the Dublin Road Water Treatment plant expansion. Kenmore Construction is at the Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Elsewhere throughout Columbus, Danbert is working for AEP on electrical upgrades to duct banks and vault work. Columbia Gas has forecasted 20 years' worth of distribution work in and around Columbus and has approximately 75 crews in the central Ohio area working in the Pipeline Distribution and Maintenance area. Crane work in Columbus has been phenomenal.

Downtown at the Convention Center Hilton Hotel, an expansion has begun with a joint venture of Turner Construction and

Smoot Construction being Construction Managers. George J. Igel & Company is on site now. Other contracts will bid soon with work starting almost immediately. The project will make this the first 1,000-room hotel in Columbus.

Miller Brothers Construction just picked up the second phase of overburden to be removed from the Marble Cliff Stone Quarry and will start soon. When finished, there will be a new 180-acre Metropark and housing covering 70 acres. Also, there are 43 acres of riverfront on the bank of the Scioto River being reserved for an extension of the Scioto Greenways trail.

In Licking County, Project Mustang in New Albany has George J. Igel & Company busy with dirt crews grading and cement stabilizing along with pipe crews installing underground utilities. This project has Badger

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HELPING to widen Lezelle Rd. in Delaware County for Shelly & Sands is Robert Hayhurst.



BUSY for Shelly & Sands in Ross County at Chillicothe on S.R. 207 is Dave Galloway.



ON THE JOB for Shelly & Sands in Ross County at Chillicothe on S.R. 207 is Eugene Long.



WORKING for Pioneer Pipe at Dupont in Pickaway County is Shane Nichols.

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WORKING for George J. Igel & Company in Licking County is Doug Resor III.



BUSY for Capital City in Licking County is Doug Miller.



ON THE JOB for Beaver Excavating in Perry County is Jacob Karl.

Daylighting and Pro-Kleen Environmental busy performing hydro-excavating. Capital City Crane has multiple cranes and operators on this project. Cummins was awarded all the back-up generators at Project Mustang.

Project Turnstile in New Albany has Piqua Steel Construction busy setting generators and George J. Igel & Company has dirt, pipe, and concrete crews busy on the jobsite. Miller Brothers has dirt and pipe crews busy in Etna at Mink St. working on a warehouse project. Miller Brothers also has a dirt crew working at Buckeye Lake, where they built housing sites, along with a new canal system that will allow access to the lake. George J. Igel & Company has dirt and pipe crews working in Heath, at the new Carvana site, where they are lime stabilizing and grading.

In Muskingum County, Independence Excavating is working in Zanesville at the East-pointe Business Park. They have dirt crews finishing mass excavating on the future site for a factory that will extract minerals from fracking water, which will be used to aid in steel production. George J. Igel & Company is working on a slide repair project on U.S. Rt. 22 in White Cottage, just west of Zanesville. They re-graded the slopes of a rock cut which consisted of blasting and moving roughly 90,000 cu. yds. of rock and dirt.

Shelly & Sands is finishing installing soldier piling on the slide repair on S.R. 376 south of McConnelsville in Morgan County. When completed, they will have excavated close to 250,000 cu. yds. of dirt and rock.

In Athens County, Allard Excavation is working on finishing site grading and installing sanitary sewer for the new Menards

on E. State St. in Athens. George J. Igel & Company has grading and concrete crews working on the new medical center for Ohio University in Athens. Geiger Brothers is working at Ohio University, Athens on a new chilled water plant. RLA Utilities is also working in the area installing new plastic gas

lines in various locations.

In Fairfield County, Parks Drilling is installing new pole bases for AEP in Lancaster. Trucco Construction has a pipe crew working in Lancaster installing new storm sewer on 5th and 6th Avenues.

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KEEPING busy at Crew Soccer Stadium in Franklin County are Kokosing and Goettle.

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KEEPING busy with bridge deck repair in Gallia County at Lecta on S.R. 775 for Axis Civil is Colten Lambert.



BUSY with ALL Crane at the OU Campus in Athens County are (l-r) Paul Salaski and Shawn Piatt.



ON THE JOB for Shelly & Sands in Ross County, Chillicothe on Western Ave. is Nathaniel Claggett.

Stonegate Construction is installing a new sanitary sewer trunkline in Nelsonville in Athens County. This is Phase 1 for the new wastewater treatment plant for the City of Nelsonville. Kokosing is near completion on the water treatment plant improvements in Logan. George J. Igel & Company is busy at Old Man's Cave campground, removing the old swimming pool and grading for the hard-scape around the new pool, which is supposed to open Memorial Day weekend.

In Gallia County, Axis Civil has multiple culvert replacements on S.R. 141 and S.R. 325, while Skeens Excavating will be working on a slide repair on S.R. 35. Enerfab has shut down work going on at Kyger Creek Power Plant.

Contractors are busy at the Gavin Power Plant: Enerfab has maintenance and shut down work, Entact Environmental is working on the fly ash pond closure, AMS is hauling ash into the landfill, and Beaver Excavating has the landfill expansion.

Shelly & Sands has bridge repairs on S.R. 29 and U.S. 35, while the George J. Igel & Company has a bridge repair on S.R. 279 in Jackson County.

Axis Civil has a box culvert to replace on S.R. 243, Shelly Company has chip and seal on S.R. 522, and Alan Stone has a culvert replacement on S.R. 775, all in Lawrence County.

In Meigs County, Beaver Excavating has

work at the Racine Dam, and Fields Excavating is working on sewer replacement in Pomeroy.

In Pike County, Allard Excavating has slide repair on Watson Rd. and S.R. 220, and Skeens Excavating is working on a slide repair at S.R. 66. The A-Plant has Fluor, DKM, Wise Services, WAI, Beaver Excavating, and Geiger Brothers working on several different projects. Lake Erie Construction has guardrail rebuilding throughout the county.

Ross County is busy with work. George J. Igel & Company has been working at Adena Hospital, and Shelly Company is resurfacing on S.R. 41. Axis Civil has bridge repair on S.R. 104 and U.S. Rt. 35, while Shelly & Sands has work on U.S. Rt. 50 in Chillicothe and the S.R. 207 extension.

In Scioto County, Shelly Company has four land resurfacing projects on U.S. Rt. 23 while Ison Excavating and Fluor are both doing maintenance work at the Coke Plant.

Parker Corporation has a culvert replacement on S.R. 278, Shelly & Sands has a slide repair on S.R. 327, and resurfacing work on S.R. 328, and Alan Stone has slide repair on S.R. 160. All projects are in Vinton County.

In Delaware County, George J. Igel & Company is completing work at the Columbus Zoo on a new animal expo to open this summer. Complete General is working on the reconstruction of Polaris Pkwy. Out on Old 3C, Miller Pipeline and George J. Igel & Company worked together on widening the road. On Lazelle Rd., Shelly & Sands, along with subcontractors Danbert & Amaazz Construction, are working hard on the widening of

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WORKING downtown on I-70 in Franklin County is Kokosing.

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Phase 1 and Phase 2, while Double Z is working on Phase 3 of the same project.

Out in Sunbury, Dew Excavating is clearing ground for 200 new houses. Mr. Excavator has completed the ground work for the new Big Walnut School. Also, Double Z is working on widening U.S. Rt. 36 into the City of Delaware. They will also replace and widen an existing multi-use bike path into the city. Decker Construction will be replacing broken curbs and pedestrian ramps in Delaware this year.

Lake Erie Construction was awarded the 2020 guardrail replacement package for Delaware County. National Lime & Stone, at its south Columbus and Delaware plants, had



WORKING for Miller Brothers in Franklin County is Tyler Miller.



BROAD Street Bridge rehab project on I-71 in Franklin County by Kokosing.

higher than average sales this winter, and have crews already returning for this year's work season. Trucco Construction is clearing ground at the Delaware plant for them to make big rocks into little rocks. Dew Excavating moved several thousands of yards of dirt at the Kroger Distribution center just outside of Delaware. Kroger added on to its facility, with ALL Crane and Capital City Group both having crews on the job.

In Marion County, Kokosing has started work at the Marion City Wastewater Treatment Plant. The job will keep crews busy building an above-ground tank and four new below-ground tanks, with new piped electrical work to go in as well. Underground Utility

has a crew in Marion replacing several miles of old waterlines and two entire street reconstructions.

On S.R. 309 in Marion, Eagle Bridge is finishing up a new bridge set by Capital City Group over a Norfolk Rail line. This new bridge will relieve hours of backups by the railroad crossing S.R. 309. All Crane Rental has had several cranes at the ethanol plant in Marion working on major upgrades this winter.

In Knox County, at Kenyon College in Gambier, All Crane has two crews on tower cranes working on a multi-use building and library. Independence Excavating has crews moving dirt on the job. In Mt. Vernon, Shelly & Sands is replacing a bridge on Mt. Vernon Road.

At the Kokosing shop in Fredericktown, our members have been working hard to keep up with the demands of the many large jobs Kokosing has around the state. In Upper Sandusky in Wyandot County Shook Construction has been working throughout the winter on an upgrade to the city's water treatment plant. Work continues on two new tanks, with several hundred feet of pipe to go in-ground. Also in Wyandot County, Peterson Industrial has a crew at the water treatment plant in the City of Carey. At Stoneco Quarry in Carey, members have been shipping out stone on railcars all winter.

In Columbus, our shops of Ohio CAT West, Columbus Equipment, Reco, Towlift, and Southeastern Equipment have had Local 18 mechanics busy this winter with several major rebuilds. W.W. Williams and Cummins shops have had a busy winter as well.



LOADING barrier wall for S.R. 207 at Higby Rd. in Ross County, Chillicothe is Mark Secrest, working for Shelly & Sands.

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the accounting firm Graff, Ballauer & Blanski, P.C. , Two Northfield Plaza, Suite 200, Northfield, IL 60093 or fax the request to them at 847-881-2549.

19. All members have the right to express their views on the qualifications of candidates running for office. However, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5(b) of the current Bylaws of Local 18 and its branches, the posting of campaign literature on Union property is strictly forbidden. Any person or persons violating this rule may be subject to prosecution for damaging or defacing Union property. This rule shall be strictly enforced on all Union properties and buildings, including rental properties, within the jurisdiction of Local 18.

20. The General Membership meeting and each District meeting shall set aside, subsequent to nominations, as part of its agenda, a specific portion of that meeting for all candidates for Constitutional office set forth in Article XXIV, Subdivision 1(a) of the International Constitution, and for all Executive Board candidates, to speak to the membership and set forth their position on the relevant issues of the election. Each candidate shall be allowed five (5) minutes, to be monitored by the Election Committee members present or if none by the Chairman of the meeting.

21. No candidate (including a prospective candidate) for Local Union office and no supporter of a candidate for Local Union office, may solicit or accept any direct or indirect financial support from any non-member of the International Union of Operating Engineers or from any foundation, corporation or other entity whose funds are derived in whole or in part from any person not a member of this International Union.

MAILING AND COUNTING OF BALLOTS

22. In accordance with Article XIII, second paragraph of Section 10, and Section 14, of the current By-laws of Local 18 and its branches, the Election Committee orders that the ballot shall be prepared in the following manner:

It shall be a slate-type ballot. An incumbent slate shall be placed on the ballot in accordance with Article XIII, Section 14, of the By-laws. The candidates of each non-incumbent slate shall be listed on the ballot in the same position for each office, in the order in which written notice of duly nominated candidates of each non-incumbent slate is received by the Election Committee. All non-slate candidates will follow in alphabetical order.

A written notice of a slate of candidates shall not be valid unless received by the Election Committee at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115 within seventy-two (72) hours of nominations. A slate shall consist of the following officers: Business Manager, President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, three (3) Auditors, Conductor and Guard.

Candidates' names will appear on the ballot as they appear on the official Union records at the time of nominations. All eligible candidates will be listed on the ballot.

23. Ballots shall be mailed from Pittsburgh Mailing located at 1400 Fleming Ave, McKees Rocks, PA 15136 beginning at 1:00 p.m. August 5, 2020 if it is an electronic tabulated ballot. Alternatively, the ballots will be mailed from the office of Graff, Ballauer & Blanski, P.C. certified public accountants at 2 Northfield Plaza, Suite 200, Northfield, IL 60093, if it is a smaller election being manually tabulated, beginning at 9:00 a.m. August 5, 2020. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible members whose dues are paid through June 30, 2020 according to the following schedule: Receipt of dues shall include dues which are sent by mail and postmarked no later than June 30, 2020 and received in the Union headquarters office no later than July 1, 2020, or dues

which are paid by hand and received in the Union headquarters or district offices no later than June 30, 2020. Opening and counting of the ballots shall take place on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. at the Union headquarters, 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

24. Eligible candidates or their observers shall have the right to be present and observe the preparation and mailing of the ballots, and also the opening and counting of the ballots. Observers must be members in good standing of Local 18 and certified in writing by the candidate to the Local Union's President at least seven (7) days before the mailing or tally of the ballots, respectively.

As in prior elections, ballots which the post office is unable to deliver are returned to the Certified Public Accountants, for possible remailing if a better mailing address becomes available. In addition, members who lose or spoil ballots will have the right to contact the Certified Public Accountants for a replacement.

Candidates or their observers shall have the right to be present at such remailings which will occur weekdays, starting August 10th through August 25th, 2020 at approximately 3:00 p.m. at the office of MK Election Services located at 441 42nd Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, if it is an electronically counted ballot, or at Graff, Ballauer & Blanski, P.C., certified public accountants at 2 Northfield Plaza, Suite 200, Northfield, IL 60093, if it is a small election being manually counted.

The use of cameras, video and sound recorders, portable phones, and other electronic recording and transmission devices shall not be permitted on the premises during the mail-out or the counting of the election ballots.

25. Any challenge of a member's right to cast a ballot in this 2020 Local 18 election shall be made prior to the opening of the return envelope which contains the sealed unidentified ballot envelope. No challenge or inspection of the master control list of eligible voters shall be permitted subsequent to the opening of the return envelopes.

26. WRITE-IN VOTES SHALL NOT BE COUNTED AND WILL DISQUALIFY THE ENTIRE BALLOT.

27. In accordance with Article XIII, Section 12, of the Local Union By-Laws, in the event an eligible candidate is unopposed at the conclusion of nominations, the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall cast (1) one ballot for the candidate, who shall then be declared duly elected to their office.

CONCLUSION AND ADOPTION OF RULES

28. The foregoing rules are the result of a careful study by the Election Committee of the Constitution of the International Union of Operating Engineers and any subsequent rule changes by the General Executive Board, and of the current Bylaws of Local 18 and its branches, and applicable law. If any of the preceding rules are now or later found to be in violation of the Constitution, current Bylaws or any applicable laws, the rule or rules will be considered null and void and will have no effect on the remaining rules, which shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing rules are agreed upon, approved and adopted by the Election Committee. Members of the Election Committee are:

Max L. Seyfried, Chairman

Matt Kuboff, D1
Robert W. Michaels, Jr., D1
Vicente P. Torres, D2
Darla M. Wolfe, D2
Kevin R. Lloyd, D3

Randahl E. Wears, D3
Jason Edwards, D4/5
Charles Finch, D4/5
Todd W. Bowman, D6
Vicki L. Gaug, D6

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Fence is installing new signs and guardrails for this project, which has a Fall 2020 completion date.

In Hamilton County, Great Lakes Construction continues work on the I-275 major rehabilitation project from the Ohio River to the Four Mile Rd. exit. This project has consisted of new bridge overlays, reflection and parapet wall construction, and asphalt milling and replacement. Mamco, Bansal Construction, Security Fence, and John R. Jurgensen have aided with this project, which has a completion date of late Fall 2020. Also in Hamilton County, Ford Development continues the installation of new various sized water lines along with new residential water services on numerous streets in the Hyde Park and Oakley communities of Cincinnati.

In Clark County, Shelly Company has started work on the four-lane resurfacing of I-70. This project consists of four miles of asphalt milling and replacement. Ebony Construction and A&A Safety will assist with this project. John R. Jorgensen continues to work on the I-70 major widening project between U.S. Route 68 and S.R. 72. Local 18 members are removing the outside lanes of both the eastbound and westbound lanes to allow for the installation of the new road base and asphalt, along with installing new storm and underdrain pipe. Double Z Construction continues work on the complete reconstruction



PAVING in Butler County is John R. Jurgensen.

of the bridges that span S.R. 72 and the bridge over Springfield-Xenia Rd. Capital City Crane, Statewide Concrete Pumping, and U.S. Utility Contractors are assisting with this project, which has a Fall 2021 completion date.

In Butler County, John R. Jurgensen continues work on the Union Centre Blvd. reconstruction project. John R. Jurgensen has added one exit ramp 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 from backing up onto the interstate. This project has a completion date of Fall 2020.

Distribution and Maintenance

Premier Energy Services is staying busy with the installation of 4,000 feet of 2- and 4-inch natural gas mains and will include residential and commercial services in the town of Spring Valley. The company is also working on the installation of 2,400 feet of 2- and 4-inch natural gas main, along with replacing residential and commercial services in New Carlisle.

Miller Pipeline is working on the installation of 3,300 feet of 2-inch natural gas main and 55 residential and commercial services on North Walnut St. in the City of Wilmington.

Mainline Pipeline

Minnesota Limited has started work in Greene County with station work consisting of the installation of launchers and separa-



RUNNING a Hydo Excavator for KS Energy is Larry Leger.

tors, along with several thousand feet of 16-inch lift and lay pipe installation.

Snelson Companies is busy in Hamilton County with the installation of 2.5 miles of new 16-inch transmission gas pipeline. As subcontractors, Lonestar West will be on site performing hydro-excavating, and Sheet Piling Services LLC will install temporary earth retention.

Shops

In Washington Court House, Ohio CAT Ag continues repairs and services to various types of farm machinery to prepare farmers for the upcoming farming season.

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BUSY at InfraSource is 30-year member Jerome Schnapp.

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McLean Company is keeping Local 18 members busy with service and repairs to asphalt paving and milling equipment. This keeps the union asphalt and milling contractors going through this busy asphalt paving season.

Northwestern Counties

Work is busy in the northwest counties of District 4/5. The Shelly Company is working in the City of Celina, laying 3,000 tons on intermediate and surface asphalt on Main Street. The company also has an 11-mile asphalt mill and fill project on U.S. Rt. 127 north and south of Celina. There will be over 13,000 tons of asphalt laid on this project. Armstrong Steel Erectors is working on a bridge rehab project on U.S. Rt. 33 in Russells Point. In early spring, J-Milling was on site milling the asphalt on the existing bridge deck, and The Shelly Company laid temporary asphalt to widen the shoulders of the road to maintain traffic. Armstrong Steel Erectors removed the concrete bridge deck and is working on new bridge abutments. This summer, a new bridge deck will be poured, and Shelly Company will be back to finish up the final paving for the project. Eagle Bridge is working on Township Rd. 21 in Logansville on a new 150-foot span bridge over the Great Miami River. They are relocating the new bridge just north of an existing historic truss bridge that will be kept for pedestrian traffic only. The company moved 20,000 yards of dirt and compacted it in the new roadway. The dirt has to set for 90 days before the new bridge footers can be started. D.L. Smith Construction is working in the City of Sidney on concrete pavement replacement projects. They are working on 27 various streets throughout the city, replacing over 22,000 linear feet of curb and sidewalk ramps.

Great Lakes Construction is working at the Dayton International Airport on replacing a



Ohio CAT and Trumbull mechanics repairing an idle roller.

concrete apron. The company is going to make six 1,500-cubic-yard concrete pours over the summer. Buckeye Concrete Pumping will be on site placing the concrete with tele belt truck. Ebony Construction was on site in May laying a 5-inch intermediate asphalt base onto which the concrete apron will be poured. Eagle Bridge is on the final phase of the I-75 bridge replacement in Piqua. The last traffic switch was made in April to allow the bridge on the north side of the highway to be removed and replaced. Barrett Paving will be on site in the fall laying the final course of asphalt on the project.

In the Dayton Metro area, a number of contractors will be keeping busy throughout the summer. On Springfield St. in Dayton, John R. Jurgenson laid 6,000 tons of asphalt in late April. John R. Jurgenson also has the City of Dayton asphalt repave program for 2020. CG Construction has been working on a water main replacement job on Martel St. in Dayton. The company laid 1,800 feet of 8-inch ductile water main and replaced 41 residential services, along with three new fire hydrants. Precise Boring of Ohio has been working on a 1,100-foot directional drill bore

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WORKING in Northern Kentucky is Kokosing.



ON THE JOB for Landview Services are (l-r) Scott Denning and David Denning.

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under the Great Miami River in Dayton. The company is boring a 42-inch hole for a new 30-Inch HDP plastic water main pipe that will be replacing an existing water main. Eagle Bridge is working on the U.S. Rt. 35 East to I-75 southbound exit ramp. In February, the existing bridge deck was removed over I-75, and the bridge over the old Albany St. exit was demolished. Over 12,000 yards of dirt were backfilled to allow the new bridge footers to be built. The new bridge deck will be poured over I-75 in mid-summer, and the project will be continuing into the fall. R.B. Jurgens replaced a box culvert on Woodman Dr. in Kettering in early April; new footers and wing walls were poured, and the new 14-foot-tall, 90-foot-long box culvert was installed. Barrett Paving will be laying the asphalt on this project. Also in Kettering, Barrett Paving is working on city-wide asphalt replacement, laying 8,800 tons of asphalt. R.A. Miller did the concrete work, and Welflee milled the asphalt on this project.

R.A. Miller is working in Washington Township on a concrete curb replacement project. Over 14,000 linear feet of existing curb was removed and replaced. Also in Washington Township, Barrett Paving has laid over 20,000 tons of asphalt for the 2020 street repaving program. Subcontractors for



PAVING a new roundabout in Blue Ash is John R. Jurgensen.



WORKING for John R. Jurgensen is Robert Hoffman.



PUMPING concrete for John R. Jurgensen on the I-75 project is Buckeye Concrete.

Barrett were Welflee performing the asphalt milling, and Blueridge Custom Sweeping performed the sweeping. R.A. Miller will be working in the City of Middletown over the summer on a concrete replacement program. 50,000 square feet of sidewalk along with 8,000 linear feet of curb will be replaced. Barrett Paving will be laying 14,000 tons of asphalt in early fall to complete this project. Howell Contractors finished up an 800-foot, 36-inch sewage line project off 2nd St. in Middletown. The existing 48-inch gravity feed sanitary sewer line needed repair, so a 36-inch double-wall plastic pipe was inserted. After the new sewer pipe was installed, grout was pumped into the larger pipe, providing a complete seal of the existing line. Barrett paving will be overlaying 8 various roadways in Preble County over the summer. This project

will consist of milling butt joints at intersections and overlaying over 15,000 tons of asphalt over the county.

Distribution and maintenance

KS Energy is working in the City of Kettering on a residential gas line replacement for Vectren. On this project, 2,100 feet of 4-inch plastic main and 1,800 feet of 2-inch main will be laid. After the main is in the ground, 68 services will be run to the residential homes. Miller Pipeline is also keeping busy on Erving Ave. in the Dayton area. 7,200-feet of 4-inch and 2-inch plastic main will be installed, and 141 residential services will be hooked up. Across town on Hoover Ave., Miller Pipeline is laying 7,500 feet of 2-inch main and has 149 residences to hook up. In Logan County,

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Miller Pipeline is working in Russells Point, laying 7,800 feet of 2-inch plastic main, and the company has 91 services to run.

Southwestern Counties

In Butler County, John R. Jurgensen has returned to Liberty Fairfield Rd. to finish up from last season. As part of the improvements, a third lane will be added, along with widening of the shoulders and adjusting the vertical profile of the roadway. Some of the subcontractors on this project are Ford Development, with the installation of the new water main and fire hydrants, and Oglesby Construction is slip form paving new concrete curbs on both sides of the new road. Landview Services will be doing the reseed and sod. In West Chester Township, Barrett Paving is working on an intersection improvement for a new left-turn lane on Tylersville Rd. to Chantilly Dr., with Landview Service relocating the fire hydrants. On Cincinnati Dayton Rd. in Liberty Township, WG Stang is working on the replacement of the old metal culvert pipe to a new concrete box culvert, and Eagle Bridge has picked up one of the roundabouts for Butler County to be installed this year.

In Hamilton County, John R. Jurgensen has picked up Race Road improvement and resurfacing, Ford Development is a subcontractor on this project, fixing the road slides and the addition on a new wing wall at the bridge at the intersection of Reemelin Rd. Over on Sycamore Rd. in Sycamore Township, Barrett Paving is working on a road improvement project from Plainfield Rd. to Kenwood Rd. Last year, Barrett installed the new roundabout, replacing the intersection of Sycamore Rd. and Plainfield Rd. The company returned in early spring to work on the reconstruction

between Plainfield Rd. and Blue Ash Rd., to install new storm sewer, and to replace the road base for new asphalt and concrete curb. When this phase was completed, they moved over between Blue Ash Rd. and Kenwood Rd. to perform the same type of improvements for this phase of the project. Some of the subcontractors on this project were Fred A. Nemann, installing the new water main and fire hydrants, Oglesby Construction had slip form paved new concrete curbs and poured new sidewalks, and Elex Electrical will be installing the new traffic control signals at Kenwood Rd. and Sycamore Rd.

In Northern Kentucky, Boone County, at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, the Amazon hub is taking shape. The structural iron has been set on the first building that will be used for sorting incoming freight. This is the first building of several that, when finished, will be over 4,000 feet long and 1,000 feet wide, and will be the 4th largest building in the world. On site setting the iron is Columbus Steel Erectors, with Maxim Crane supplying their hoisting needs. Kokosing Construction, Trumbull, and Nick Kostecki have already moved approximately six million cubic yards of material so far and have started laying the first of the storm wastewater runoff pipe that can be as much as 60 miles of pipe before the project is completed. Amazon is investing \$1.5 billion and will be leasing more than 1,100 acres of land from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport for this facility. When finished, there will be 3 million square feet of building under roof and will support a fleet of 100+ Prime Air cargo planes. Mt. Carmel is stabilizing the soil to help keep the large trucks moving during the winter, and Homer Tree Service has finished the clearing of trees from over



WORKING for Barrett is Robert Hundley.

500 acres. Schnable Foundation is on site installing earth retention systems on retaining walls throughout the site.

The district staff is wishing everyone a very prosperous summer, and we hope everyone works safe and goes home at the end of their shift. We also want to make sure our Brothers and Sisters not only stay safe, but also healthy. Being sick is the same as being injured, and we can't work either way. We also want to thank our Business Manager Rick Dalton for his support, guidance, direction, and having to make some very difficult decisions in the best interest of this organization and its membership. Please work safe and stay healthy.



ON THE JOB for InfraSource at the Fernald Station are (l-r) Stephen Coghlan and Douglas Colich.



KEEPING busy for John R. Jurgensen on the I-75 project is Brendan McKee.

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I.U.O.E. CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE XXIV GOVERNMENT OF LOCAL UNIONS

The laws, rules and procedures by which Local Unions shall conduct their affairs shall be as follows:

Article XXIV – Subdivision 1 Officers

Titles

Art. XXIV Subdiv. 1. Section (a)

The officers of a Local Union shall be the President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. There shall also be three (3) Trustees, who shall not be automatically designated members of the Local Union's Executive Board by virtue of their position, but may be included on the Executive Board if the Local Union so provides in its bylaws.

A Local Union may provide in its bylaws for a Business Manager, in which case he shall be elected and be an officer. Where a Local Union has a business representative, an agent, an assistant, or more than one of these, then such Local Union must elect a Business Manager. He shall appoint all committees of the Local Union unless otherwise provided for in the Local Union's bylaws.

The Business Manager shall be the chief executive officer of a Local Union. He shall appoint any and all representatives, agents, and assistants, whose wages and allowances shall be determined as provided in the Local Union's bylaws. They shall work directly under his supervision. He may terminate them at any time. Should the Business Manager discharge any such employee, then said employee shall not be reemployed paid by the Local Union in any capacity during the term of office of such Business Manager, unless his prior approval has been given.

Because of the special burdens and heavy responsibilities imposed on the Business Manager of a Local Union, no member shall be eligible for election to, be elected to, nor hold the office of Business Manager, unless he shall have been continuously in good standing in the Local Union electing him for a period of two (2) years, preceding the month of nominations, in addition to fulfilling the qualifications for the Local office.

Officers of a Local Union may not seek, be elected to or hold more than two (2) offices in the Local Union, and any two (2) offices may be combined and be held by one, person, except that the offices of Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall not be combined or be held by the same person. In addition to the constitutional officers enumerated above, a Local Union shall elect three (3) auditors, a conductor, and a guard, and may also elect or appoint such committees and delegates, other than delegates to the General Convention and to State, Interstate or Provincial Organizations, as it deems advisable, consistent with applicable law.

Terms of Office and Conditions of Eligibility

Art. XXIV Subdiv. 1. Section (b)

The terms of all Local Union officers shall be three (3) years, except that when and if permitted by applicable law, the terms of Local Union office may be four (4) years. Such terms shall commence no later than September 1 unless otherwise directed by the General President. New officers shall be sworn-in at the first regular meeting in September, but the swearing-in date shall have no effect on the September 1 commencement of the term. No member shall be eligible for election, be elected, nor hold office unless he shall have been a member continuously in good standing in the Local Union electing him for one (1) year preceding the month of nominations; and provided that no member shall be eligible for election, be elected, nor hold office unless he shall have been a member of the organization for two (2) years

immediately prior to election. The Recording-Corresponding Secretary of the Local Union must notify each candidate of his nomination to Local Union office, and the candidate must return an acceptance of nomination to the recording-Corresponding Secretary, which acceptance must be received by the Recording-Corresponding Secretary within 10 days of the date the candidate was notified of the nomination and in addition, shall have been in regular attendance at all regularly scheduled Local Union membership meetings and home district membership meetings held after nomination and before election, subject, however, to a reasonable excuse based upon good cause such as physical incapacity or death in family. Local Unions may also impose in their bylaws a requirement that candidates for office must file nominating petitions in support of their candidacies signed by not more than two hundred (200) members or two percent (2%) of the entire membership, whichever is less. Within five (5) days after the nominations have been concluded the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall mail to each member nominated, at his last known home address, notice of his nomination and of the office to which he has been nominated, and shall read or cause to be read the name of each nominee and identify the office to which such nominee seeks election at each regularly scheduled Local Union membership and district membership meeting held after receipt of the nominee's written acceptance of nomination. Any Local Union which has not been in existence for a period of one (1) year may elect officers for the period between the date of its organization and the next annual meeting, from among its members in good standing.

No member shall be eligible for election, be elected, nor hold office who has not during the year, and in the case of one seeking the office of Business Manager two (2) years, immediately prior to the month of nominations, been continuously employed at the trade, or who has not actively sought continuous employment at the trade. This restriction, however, shall not apply to any member employed by or working for a Local Union or the International Union, or who has been assigned by his Local Union or the International Union to perform work in furtherance of the interests of organized labor, in either case in a sufficiently time-consuming capacity so as to preclude meeting the requirement of continuous employment at the trade or active seeking of continuous employment at the trade.

If no member fulfills the foregoing conditions of eligibility for a particular office, any member currently in good standing in the Local Union, and otherwise eligible, shall, upon being nominated, be eligible to be elected to, and to hold, that office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, no member retired from work at the trade shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office in any Local Union. The receipt of a pension which is not suspended based upon the number of hours worked at the trade shall not disqualify a member from being elected to or holding any Local Union office. This restriction, however, shall not be applicable to any member so retired who, at least one (1) year, and, in the case of one seeking the office of Business Manager, at least two (2) years, immediately prior to the month of nominations, has ceased to accept retirement benefits and returned, or actively and continuously sought to return, to full time work at the trade. This restriction does not prohibit or preclude the Local Union from naming any officer as "Emeritus" or from using the peculiar talents of a given retired individual for the best interests and advancement of the Local Union. No member owner/operator of an entity that employs operat-

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ing engineers shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office in any Local Union, nor nominate candidates in any Local Union election. No member who also is a member of a rival labor organization shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office in any Local Union; provided, however, that such eligibility requirement may be waived by the General President if he determines that such waiver is in the best interests of the Local Union. In those Local Unions operating under the District Administration Form of Government which provide for some Executive Board Members to be elected from particular districts, the Local Union in its bylaws may impose a requirement that, in order to be eligible to run for office from a particular district, candidates must have resided within that particular district for a period up to one year preceding the month of nominations.

In the event of the death, between nomination and the time of the last meeting preceding the election, of any constitutional officer who has been nominated to office in the forthcoming election, any member of the Local Union, who is otherwise eligible, shall be eligible to be nominated and, upon his filing with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of his acceptance of such nomination, shall be eligible to be elected to, and if elected, to hold the office to which the deceased officer had been nominated. If the death occurs after the last meeting preceding the election, nomination shall be effected by filing a statement of candidacy with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary prior to the election, but in no event more than five (5) days after the deceased officer's death.

Executive Board

Art. XXIV Subdiv. 1. Section (c)

The Executive Board of a Local Union shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and the Business Manager where the Local Union has such a position, together with such other members of the Local Union as may be elected thereto by the membership of the Local Union.

Election of Officers

Art. XXIV Subdiv. 1. Section (e)

Except in Local Unions operating under District Administration Form of Government, the election of officers of a Local Union shall be held in the month of August, and the nominations shall be made at a regular meeting prior to the election, but in no event earlier than the May meeting preceding the election. The Local Union may adopt the Australian ballot system, in which event the polls shall be kept open for a period of twelve (12) consecutive hours between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. on the date of the election, or may hold the election through referendum conducted by mail. The election shall be conducted by secret ballot. Officers shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast, except that the three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office of Trustee and the position of Auditor shall be elected. Adequate safeguards to insure a fair election shall be provided by the Local Union, in accordance with the International Constitution, applicable law, and such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the General Executive Board.

No candidate (including a prospective candidate) for Local Union office, and no supporter of a candidate for Local Union office, may solicit or accept any direct or indirect financial support from any non-member of the International Union of Operating Engineers or from any foundation, corporation or other entity whose funds are derived in whole or in part from any person not a member of this International Union.

Where all candidates duly nominated to Local Union elective office are unopposed for election, a Local Union may dispense with a secret ballot vote and, in such event, the Local Union may direct the Recording-Corresponding Secretary to cast one ballot for the nominees, who shall then be declared duly elected to their office. Where any single candidate is duly nominated to Local Union elective office, and he is unopposed for election to that office, a Local Union may dispense with secret ballot vote for that office and, in such event, the Local Union need not place on the ballot the name of such candidate or the office to which he has been nominated, and may direct the Recording-Corresponding Secretary to cast one ballot for the nominee who shall then be declared duly elected to such office.

Protests and Appeals

Art. XXIV Subdiv. 1. Section (g)

Any protest relating to the nominations and elections of officers, and any protest relating to the nominations and elections of delegates, must be made to the Local Union by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the election, setting forth in writing the specific reasons for such protest. Any member making a timely protest may appeal the decision of the Local Union thereon to the General Executive Board and the General Convention in accordance with Article XVII of this Constitution. Any member may protest the filing of vacancies in office to the General Executive Board and General Convention in accordance with Article XVII of this Constitution. Notwithstanding the above, any protest relating to the nominations and elections of delegates conducted in January or February prior to a General Convention must be filed with the office of the General Secretary-Treasurer within fifteen (15) days after the election, setting forth in writing the specific reasons for such protest. All such protests timely filed shall be referred by the General Secretary-Treasurer to the Credentials Committee of the General Convention for consideration. An appeal from a decision of the Credentials Committee may be made to the Convention, and delegates affected thereby shall not be seated until said appeal shall have been voted thereon by the Convention.

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE ARTICLE XXIV - FORMATION OF DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS LOCAL 18 BYLAWS

Section 1

The membership in a given district shall nominate and elect a District Advisory Board. A District Advisory Board member must be a member of the District in which he/she has been nominated and elected to serve. The nomination and election shall be conducted according to the provisions of the Constitution governing the International Union of Operating Engineers, as such provisions may be applicable to a Local Union. The District Advisory Board shall consist of the District Representative, the business agents of the district, and one elected member representing each of the following elements or interests within the district: Local 18, Local 18A, Local 18B, Local 18C, Local 18G, Local 18S and Local 18RA, building construction, river and lake construction, heavy construction, paving construction, excavating construction, sewer construction, supply yard dealers, equipment dealers, state employees, county employees, city employees, sand and gravel employees, slag pit employees, scrap yard employees, and plant stationary maintenance engineers.

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In **Tuscarawas County**, United Civil has the sitework for the new Dover High School. BCC Ohio has the bridge repair project on U.S. Rt. 250. Marucci & Gaffney Excavating is busy with the I-77 bridge repair project in Bolivar. Shelly & Sands has a bridge replacement project on I-77 and U.S. Rt. 36 in Newcomerstown as well as U.S. Rt. 250 and I-77 bridge repairs. Shelly & Sands also picked up the four-lane resurfacing of U.S. Rt. 36 in Newcomerstown.

In **Coshocton County**, Capital City Crane has kept 20 to 25 operators busy in the region with various projects.

In **Summit County**, Shelly & Sands continues ramp and overpass construction, including sewer work and pavement construction at the central interchange project in Akron.



RECEIVING his 50-year recognition is **Frank Towns**.



RELOCATION of utilities at the **Canton Rd. project in Springfield**.

R.G. Smith is at the new Leppo Rental building in Talmadge grading for parking and landscape areas. Terrace Construction is relocating utilities at the roundabout project at S.R. 615. 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 in Akron for the sewer interceptor project. Badger Daylighting is locating broken fiber-optic lines for the city of Stow. Nerone & Sons has mechanical as well as site work for the Hudson treatment plant.

Shelly & Sands has started foundation work for the I-271 sound barrier wall in Twinsburg. Karvo Paving is pouring curb and paving roadways for Firestone Tire in Akron. Bogner Construction has building addition and site work at the Bridgestone Tire Company in

Akron. Shelly Company is milling on the I-77 pavement project in Richfield. Campbell Construction has skateboarding park reconstruction at Veterans Parkway for the City of Hudson. Tri-Mor has excavation work at the Falls Dodge dealership for overflow parking.

R.G. Smith is working on utilities and site construction for the Leppo Rentals building project in Tallmadge. Kenmore Construction has started sewer line reclamation work at the Headworks project in Akron Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant. DTJ Enterprises is installing a new storm sewer at the Summit County Health Department building. VMI has the interior and exterior concrete work at the Siffron Company building addition project, as well as the dock construction at the Vista Distribution center building in Twinsburg.

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WORKING for Great Lakes Construction in Akron is **Alex Egli**.



LOCATING broken fiber optic lines in Peninsula for for Badger Daylighting is **Antonio Pickens**.



RUNNING an excavator at the Akron Peninsula Water Treatment Plant is **Brian Rhome**.



OPERATING the off-road truck at the S.R. 619/I-76 project is **Joe Campbell**.

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GRINDING on S.R. 3 near Wooster for Kokosing is Fred Bailey.



BERMING on Millsboro Rd. in Mansfield is Elite Excavating.

Central Allied has handicap sidewalk ramp reconstruction on Tallmadge Ave. Cioffi Construction has culvert installation and sidewalk construction at the Newport Rd. project in Norton. Winters Excavating has the site work for the new Dollar General in Northfield. Cioffi Construction is installing water lines on the Hudson Rd. project. Karvo Paving is pouring curb and paving on the Firestone Blvd. cul-de-sac project in Akron.

Kenmore Construction continues the S.R. 8 complete reconstruction project from Boston Heights to Cuyahoga Falls north- and southbound with lane shifts, Phase 2 pavement demolition continuing, and northbound ramp reconstruction. Kokosing Construction con-

tinues 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 exit ramp reconstruction and utility improvements on U.S. Rt. 224 at the S.R. 619 exit ramp. Ruhlin has started preservation work at the ODNR Portage Lakes dam project.

H.M. Miller has water line 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 Rd. project.

Cioffi Construction is replacing storm sewers and H.M. Miller has storm sewer separation work at the Uhler conveyances CSO Rack 27.

In **Portage County**, Shook Construction has started greenhouse construction at the Kent State Science building expansion project, at Cunningham Hall. Kokosing Materials is making plant repairs and improvements at the Shalersville Kokosing Materials asphalt plant. Utility Contractors is replacing storm sewers on North Valley Rd. In Brimfield, Joseph Jeffries is excavating material for the site work at the Cranberry Creek Estates development on Sandy Lake Rd., Phase 2. Spano Brothers Construction have started site work for the new Dairy Queen building project in Streetsboro.

In **Carroll County**, Sterling Boiler & 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. Shelly & Sands has the resurfacing project on S.R. 9 outside of Carrollton.

In **Jefferson County**, James White Construction has a crew working on an emergency slip job on S.R. 7 outside of Steubenville. Flatiron Construction, Triton Construction, and Richard Geottle Inc. are busy working on the new bridge project spanning across the Ohio River from Brilliant to Wellsburg WV. Cast & Baker still has operators in Brilliant doing rehab work loading out stone from the S.R. 7 slip project.

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MOVING topsoil for landscaping at the Tallmadge Middle School is DTJ/Cavanaugh.

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Inside the Cardinal Plant, Skanska and Brand Scaffolding have operators working on an outage inside the plant. Power Generation Services has members working inside on the turbine floor on Unit One. JD & E Contractors & Engineers has operators installing silos for a new dry fly ash procedure. At the Sammis Plant in Stratton, Enerefab has operators working on the spring outage. Duke & Duke Energy has two shifts treating the coal for inside the plant. Apex Landfill in Amsterdam has had some layoffs due to the coronavirus.

In **Harrison County**, inside the MarkWest Plant in Hopedale, Songer Services and Maxim Crane have several operators building the new Fractionator V facility. Eslich Wrecking has crews working in Cadiz, as well as in Hopedale doing demo and rehab work on schools. Chapman Corp. has an operator working on installing and rerouting shut off valves for MarkWest.

In **Washington County**, inside the Eramet Plant, AECOM has a few members busy doing



WORKING on a storm sewer on a S.R. 619 project in Hartville is Northstar.

outage work inside the plant. Jacobs Engineering has an operator staying busy assisting with maintenance work inside the Krayton Plant in Belpre. Parks Drilling has members drilling caissons for new transmission lines for AEP throughout the county. Danbert Inc. has operators installing new conduit for AEP on Mills Run Rd. in Marietta.

In **Monroe County**, Kiewit has two shifts working at the Long Ridge Energy Powerhouse facility in Hannibal. Kirk Erectors and Alliance Constructors are also working at the Long Ridge Plant.

In **Belmont County**, Stonegate Construction has operators installing new water lines in Martins Ferry. Skeen Excavating has operators working on a retaining wall and slip project for Martins Ferry Schools. Shelly & Sands has mechanics staying busy at their shop in East Richland. Swank Construction has members working on the I-70 bridge replacement

project going from Bridgeport to the Pennsylvania line.

In **Guernsey County**, Beaver Excavating and Baker Concrete have operators doing foundation work inside the Guernsey County Powerhouse project. Howard Concrete and Kickapoo Drilling have members pumping grout into 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. Turn-Key Tunneling is putting in new culverts on I-70 & I-77.

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.

As always, stay safe out there and watch out for each other.

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OPERATING the off-road truck at the Akron Peninsula Water Treatment Plant is Dave Jones.



OPERATING a backfill excavator at the Peninsula Development site is Colton Thorsell.



RUNNING the excavator at the Peninsula building development site is Joe Klosterman.



WORKING for Songer Services at the MarkWest Fractionation V Plant in Hopedale, Harrison County is Tia Krosnick.



OPERATING the track loader at the Akron Peninsula development project is Steve Desellem.

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WORKING for Associated Pipeline is Mike McCoy.



KEEPING busy for Nerone & Sons in Hudson is Rob Trebec.



KEEPING busy for Great Lakes Construction in Akron is Niles Gillespie.



WORKING for Maxim Crane on the MarkWest Hopedale Fractionation Plant V is Sara Brugman.



RUNNING a main line excavator for the Peninsula Development Project is Todd Armstrong.



MACHINE maintenance in Hopedale being done by Integrity Kokosing Pipeline Services.



WORKING for Beaver Excavating at the Rumpke Landfill near Shiloh is NDK.



DRIVING pilings and sheeting for Ruhlin at the S.R. 619/I-76 project is Ray Alborn



BUSY for Lighthouse Electric at the MarkWest Plant in Hopedale is William Belknap.



REMOVING the parking lot area at the Firestone Polymers in Akron is William Iler.



RUNNING an excavator at the S.R. 619/I-76 project for Ruhlin is Robert Oswalt.

Hiring demand continues to grow for blue-collar workers; a labor force that is union strong

A recent report from The Conference Board, an independent think tank, shows that the U.S. labor force has undergone a major shift. It used to be that hiring white-collar workers was most difficult for employers.

Over the last several years however, the tables have turned.

Now, the majority of employers report shortages of blue-collar job candidates, fueling increased demand for a workforce

that is more likely to join or be represented by unions. With this shift in employment demand comes some interesting changes.

- Companies are realizing they have to pay more attention to their blue-collar workers and treat them better to attract and hire proper talent.
- The blue-collar shortage is expected to give increased leverage to unions, in both

attracting new members and successfully representing current members.

- The shortage is bringing bigger paychecks to workers and contributing to higher levels of job satisfaction.

85% of companies in mostly blue-collar industries reported hiring difficulty, compared to 64% of companies in mostly white-collar industries.



The hiring of certain workforce populations has always ebbed and flowed. But this particular employee shortage looks to be systemic and long lasting. The Conference Board reports that the increased demand for blue-collar workers is expected to continue through at least 2030. As a result, hiring and employment advantages should continue to improve for blue-collar workers and the unions that represent them.

Sources: The Conference Board [<https://www.conference-board.org/topics/labor-shortages>] • SIA [<https://www2.staffingindustry.com/Editorial/Daily-News/US-labor-shortage-especially-for-blue-collar-workers-will-continue-through-2030-52858>].

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MOBILE Route Engineer for CBRE Alex Clavijo.



TESTING samples in the BERS operation for Anheuser-Busch in Columbus is Operating Engineer Michael Janks.



CLEANING his ambulance for Meigs County is EMT Jack Lemley



PARAMEDIC Derek Rhodes cleaning his ambulance for Meigs County EMS.



LOCAL 18S Business Agent John Hardesty.



OPERATING Engineer Rocky Maxwell has worked for Anheuser-Busch in Columbus for 31 years.

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE
ARTICLE XIII - ELECTIVE OFFICERS: NOMINATION AND ELECTION
LOCAL 18 BYLAWS

Section 1

The elective officers of this Local Union shall be the President, Vice-President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager and three (3) Trustees and in addition to the Constitutional officers who are enumerated above, the Local Union shall elect three (3) Auditors, a Conductor and a Guard, and may also elect or appoint such committees and delegates, other than delegates to the General Convention, to state, interstate or provincial organizations as it deems advisable, consistent with applicable law. Officers of a Local Union may not seek to be elected or to hold more than two (2) offices in the Local Union and any two (2) offices may be combined and be held by one person, except that the offices of Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall not be combined or held by the same person.

Section 2

In accordance with Article XXVI, Section 1 (h) of the International Constitution, the term of office shall begin on September 1st, unless otherwise directed by the General President.

The term of office of elective officers shall be for a period of three (3) years.

Section 5

Every member in good standing in Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G and 18S who is qualified for office under Section 504 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 and who has maintained his/her membership in Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G or 18S for a period of two (2) years preceding the month of nominations, without being in default in the payment of his/her dues for more than thirty (30) days (dues are payable on a quarterly basis on the first day of each quarter (30-day grace period)) at any time during said two (2) years shall be held eligible to be a candidate for the office of Business Manager. Every member of Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G and 18S who is qualified for office under Section 504 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, who is in good standing and has maintained his/her membership for one (1) year preceding the month of nominations, without such member being in default in the payment of his/her dues for more than thirty (30) days at any time during said year and who also has been a member of Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G or 18S for the two (2) years immediately prior to the election, shall be eligible to be a candidate for any office of Local 18 other than that of Business Manager. No member shall be considered in good standing unless he/she has paid all current dues to the Local Union within thirty (30) days after they shall have become due and payable as reflected on the Union's records. All members of Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G and 18S who qualify in accordance with the foregoing shall be eligible to be nominated with the exception of registered apprentice engineers, contractors and members retired from the craft or on pension. No member owner/operator of an entity that employs Operating Engineers shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office in any Local Union, nor nominate candidates in any Local Union election. No member, whose dues have been withheld by his/her employer for payment to the Local Union pursuant to his/her voluntary authorization provided for in a collective bargaining agreement, shall be declared ineligible to vote or to be a candidate for office in the Local Union solely by reason of alleged delay or default in respect to the payment of his/her dues.

Section 7

In accordance with Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Section (b) of the International Constitution, no member shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office who has not during the year, and in the case of one seeking the office of Business Manager two (2) years, immediately prior to the month of nominations, been continuously employed at the trade, or who has not actively sought continuous employment at the trade.

This restriction, however, shall not apply to any member, employed by or working for a Local Union or the International Union, or who has been assigned by his/her Local Union or the International Union to perform work in furtherance of the interests of organized labor, in either case in a sufficiently time-consuming capacity so as to preclude meeting the requirement of continuous employment at the trade or active seeking of continuous employment at the trade.

Section 8

In accordance with Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Section (b) of the International Constitution, notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, no member retired from work at the trade shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office in any Local Union. This restriction, however, shall not be applicable to any member so retired who, at least one (1) year, and in the case of one seeking the office of Business Manager, at least two (2) years, immediately prior to the month of nominations, has ceased to accept retirement benefits and returned, or actively and continuously sought to return, to full time work at the trade. This restriction does not prohibit or preclude the Local Union from naming any officer as "Emeritus" or from using the peculiar talents of a given retired individual for the best interests and advancement of the Local Union.

Section 9

In accordance with Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Section (e) of the International Constitution, no candidate (including a prospective candidate) for Local Union office, and no supporter of a candidate for Local Union office, may solicit or accept any direct or indirect financial support from any non-member of the International Union of Operating Engineers or from any foundation, corporation or other entity whose funds are derived in whole or in part from any person not a member of this International Union.

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

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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.

The Election Committee shall be responsible for the formulation of rules and regulations for elections, the preparation, printing, distribution, collection and tabulation of the ballots. The Election Committee shall be empowered to employ the services of any person, firm or organization, which it deems necessary to assist it in the conduct of the election. The Election Committee shall provide adequate safeguards to insure a fair election and it shall maintain the secrecy of the ballots. The Election Committee shall submit a written report of the results of the election to the Local Union.

Section 11

The Election Committee shall conduct the election in accordance with these Bylaws, the International Constitution, such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Executive Board of this Local Union, and in strict conformity with applicable law. Any question or dispute arising regarding the election procedures shall be referred to the Local Union's Executive Board for a ruling.

Section 12

Nominations for the election of Officers and Executive Board members will be made at the regular District membership meetings in the month of June preceding the election and official notice will be published in the Buckeye Engineer in the March, April, May and June issues. The election shall be held in the month of August by referendum vote. Within five (5) days after the nominations have been concluded, the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall mail to each member nominated at his/her last known home address, notice of his/her nomination and of the office to which he/she has been nominated and shall read or cause to be read the name of each nominee and identify the office to which such nominee seeks election at each regularly scheduled Local Union membership and District membership meeting held after receipt of the nominee's written acceptance of nomination. Nominees must return an acceptance of nomination to the Recording-Corresponding Secretary, which acceptance must be received by the Recording-Corresponding Secretary within 10 days of the date the candidate was notified of the nomination, and, in addition, he/she shall have been in regular attendance at all regularly scheduled Local Union membership meetings and home District membership meetings held after his/her nomination and before election, subject to election rules, however, to reasonable excuse based upon good cause such as physical incapacity or death in his/her immediately family. In the event an eligible candidate is unopposed at the conclusion of nominations, the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall cast one (1) ballot for the candidate who shall then be declared duly elected to their office.

Section 13

The names of all nominated candidates shall be published in the July issue of the Buckeye Engineer and promptly posted in each District office. The names of all eligible candidates shall be published in the August issue of the Buckeye Engineer, posted in each district office, and will be listed on the ballot. In all elections, the candidate names will appear on the ballot as they appear on the official union records at time of nominations.

Section 14

The ballot shall be a slate type ballot. The incumbent slate (the incumbent slate shall be defined as the slate headed and submitted by the incumbent Business Manager) shall have its choice as to location on the ballot. The slate shall consist of the following officers: Business Manager, President, Vice-President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, three (3) Auditors, Conductor and Guard. Notice of slate candidates must be received in writing by the Election Committee at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 within 72 hours of nominations.

Section 15

The election will be conducted during the month of August by mail referendum vote under the supervision of the Election Committee and any person, firm or organization employed by it who shall check the ballots to see that each member entitled to a ballot receives one, mail the ballots, pick up the ballots from the Post Office and, in the regular manner, open the ballots and tabulate the results. The Local Union shall furnish to the Election Committee any information, records or assistance requested by them that directly pertains to the election, such as:

(a) Specific dates and times relative to the cut-off date for members to have their official address on file with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary. The mailing of ballots, postmark deadline and ballot return deadline will be published in the Buckeye Engineer at least sixty (60) days prior to the election.

(b) A plain envelope will be included with the ballot and return envelope. The member will enclose and seal the ballot in the plain envelope to assure secrecy.

(c) The Post Office box will be opened and the ballots will be picked up in the presence of a majority or by a number determined by the Election Committee (not less than three (3) Election Committee members) at a time and date to be published in the Buckeye Engineer. No one will have access to the Post Office box until the specified time and date. The ballots will be brought to the principal office of the Local Union, or other adequate facilities approved by the Election Committee, where they will be opened and tabulated with members of the Election Committee standing by as observers. Each candidate shall have the right to select observers who shall have the right to be present and to observe the opening and counting of ballots. Said observers must be members in good standing and certified to in writing by the candidate to the Local Union's President at least seven (7) days before the tally of the ballots. Immediately on completion of the tabulation, the Election Committee will certify the results to the Local Union and all interested parties.

Business leaders push for infrastructure spending to help post-pandemic economy

Policymakers and businesses should work together to emphasize infrastructure spending now to kick start the U.S. economy in the face of the COVID-19 related downturn, according to a press release issued by the Committee for Economic Development (CED) – the non-partisan public policy arm of a think tank called The Conference Board.

According to the release, an efficient investment in cutting-edge infrastructure connects businesses and workers to more opportunities, advances the capabilities for

remote work, education and e-commerce, increases productivity, and fuels American competitiveness – the critical components for

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putting our economy back on solid footing.

“As we face this crisis, we need world-leading infrastructure to facilitate the global competitiveness of U.S. businesses and create opportunities for all Americans to prosper,” said Lori Esposito Murray, CED President. “A

bold commitment to infrastructure investment now, will super-charge the U.S. economy and help us pull ourselves out of this downturn.”

Among the group’s recommended policy recommendations are: prioritizing broader societal needs over narrow parochial interests; encouraging innovation by taking advantage of science and technology; increasing funding autonomy for communities and regions; removing regulatory burdens; increasing use of public-private partnerships; and incorporating climate risk into potential infrastructure investments.

Don't forget to complete your 2020 Census

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- It's quick and easy. the 2020 Census questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete.
- It's safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected.
- Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.

Go to <https://my2020census.gov/> to complete your questionnaire.

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE ARTICLE XV - EXECUTIVE BOARD LOCAL 18 BYLAWS

Section 1

The Executive Board of the Local Union shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Business Manager, together with such other members of the Local Union as may be elected thereto by the membership of the Local Union. Such other members of the Union as may be elected to the Executive Board shall consist of three (3) members from each of the several districts into which the Local is divided.

Section 2

The three (3) members from each district referred to herein-above shall be nominated and elected by the membership of the district they represent. The provisions governing nomination and election shall be the same as applies to the election of Local Union officers.

In addition, the district he/she is nominated to serve must be his/her home district (district where their membership records are held) and, unless exempt under Article XIII, Section 7, they must have been continuously registered or referred to work from that district for one (1) year immediately prior to the month of nomination.

Section 3

The term of office for members of the Executive Board shall be three (3) years and, in the event a member takes office after the beginning of a term, he/she shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term.



Survivor, pension benefits go to 16

16 Local 18 members have qualified for retirement benefits. They include:

District 1

Wesley D. Grills (normal retirement).

District 2

Stephen A. Hall and Gerald L. Holman (normal retirements); and Vincent J. Sberna, Joint & Survivor (early retirement).

District 3

David A. Bishop and Mustafa M. Esughi, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements); and Randy G. Roll (normal retirement).

District 4/5

Jeffery E. Manning and Stephen C. Mileo, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements); Lynn A. Pencil (early retirement); and Brady K. Tolbert, Joint & Survivor (early retirement).

District 6

Greg A. Baumberger, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Garry H. Buchanan, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Kenneth R. Hrycyk (normal retirement); and Dee A. Miller and Brenda L. Serdar (early retirements).

Recent Club 18 contributors

\$118.00

Gerald "Jerry" Kurtz, District 6

\$50.00

Russell E. Holden, District 2

\$48.00

Donald Yoder, District 6

\$25.00

Patrick "Pat" Mariol, District 6

\$22.00

Thomas Zumbro, District 3

\$18.00

Douglas Adams, District 4/5

\$18.00

Robert A. Martin, District 6

\$18.00

Nicholas "Nick" Styacich, District 2

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

Pursuant to the By-Laws of Local 18, the Election Committee announces the following dates related to the forthcoming 2020 General Officers' election.

1. In order to be eligible to receive a ballot for 2020 General Officers' Election, each member's June dues must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2020. All hand-delivered dues must be received at the headquarters or district office no later than June 30, 2020. Mailed dues postmarked no later than June 30, 2020, must be received in the Union headquarters by July 1, 2020.

2. Ballots will be mailed on August 10, 2020, to all eligible members. Eligible members who do not receive a ballot by Friday August 14, 2020, should call Graff, Ballauer & Blanski, P.C., at 1-847-881-2540 or email info@gbbcpa.com to request a duplicate ballot.

3. Ballots must be returned to the designated Post Office Box prior to 8:00 a.m. on August 29, 2020, the day of the count.

IN MEMORIAM

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

LM Herman Wright (D-1)	January 17
LM George Davis (D-4/5)	February 20
LM Dan Smith (D-4/5)	March 6
LM James Nickels (D-4/5)	March 11
LM Benjamin Young (D-1)	March 26
LM Fernando Garcia (D-2)	March 29
Gerald Rumer (D-3)	March 29
LM Eugene Enz (D-4/5)	March 30
Joseph Wild (D-1)	April 1
LM Joseph Pickens (D-3)	April 3
LM David Comb (D-4/5)	April 4
LM Donald McAlindon (D-1)	April 4
LM William Hupp (D-6)	April 5
LM Gordon "Dean" Rinehart (D-3)	April 5
LM Michael Giebel (D-6)	April 6
Eric Brown (D-6)	April 8
LM Clyde Carpenter (D-6)	April 8
Jason Baumberger (D-6)	April 10
LM James Hottenstein (D-2)	April 11
Andrew Chapman (D-6)	April 12
LM Kenneth Schilling (D-6)	April 13



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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Phone: _____ District: _____

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CLEVELAND, OH 44115**

In order for you to receive a ballot for the upcoming 2020 Officers election, **WE MUST HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS.**

HELP US TO HELP YOU. Advise us if, and when, you move!

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with the authority vested in me as President of Local 18 and its branches, I am calling the Semi-Annual State Meeting of the members on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive.

The Executive Board will meet on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbus District Office, 1188 Dublin Rd., Columbus, Ohio.

We urge all members to make every effort to attend.

**Thomas Byers
President**

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE 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