

Buckeye Engineer



Local 18 CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 5 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 12 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 14 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 19 District 6 Info. mtg. –
Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 21 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula

NOVEMBER

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Guernsey County Fairgrounds
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RETIREE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

With the official start of the fall season, leaves begin to turn colors, evenings become colder, and the days become shorter. These are the first signals that the summer work season will be winding down soon. Now it's crunch time, as we like to call it. Contractors are gearing up to complete their projects before the weather turns ugly. Asphalt crews will be running hard before the asphalt plants shut down for the winter.

As we move toward fall, now would be an excellent time to get your flu shot before the flu season arrives. The Health and Welfare Fund has sent out Life Line screening cards for you and your spouse, so why not set up an appointment to get checked out at no cost to you? The fund will cover the expense for the screening.

If you have not been to the website in a while, check out the new look of the site. There is a vast array of information on the site for your convenience and usage. Also, install the mobile phone app to get all the latest news, including meeting reminders, your statewide agreements at a glance, H&W and pension summaries, plus much more.

2020 has proven to be an extraordinary and unique year with COVID-19, stay-at-home orders, mask requirements, and social distancing, but through it all, Local 18 members have been on the job taking care of business. You should be commended for your dedication to providing a service to the citizens of Ohio and Kentucky.

Work has been decent this year, with work hours only slightly down from the same time frame last year. We should be somewhat over 15 million work hours this fiscal year,



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which is up from our normal years gone by. This shows that organizing pays off! Bringing in new contractors does offer more opportunities for the membership. We must organize to remain a healthy organization and continue to grow; otherwise, the organization would become stagnant, and as contractors go by the wayside, we would die on the vine. The Organizers, as well as the Business Representatives, are doing an excellent job working together to grow this great organization. If you know of a contractor that may be right for organizing, call the district office and let them know.

The equipment shops saw some layoffs during the COVID-19 stay-at-home order, but most members have returned to work. Nego-

tiations with the shops have been busy the past few months, and the members see a fair wage increase with the new contracts. Skyworks has added a Cleveland shop to our group of equipment dealers and is adding to the workforce.

The Stationary Department has seen its ups and downs with layoffs this year. In Cleveland, one of the major hotels has shut down, and the other is down to a skeleton crew due to the lack of tourism. The hotel industry projects tourism will not return to normal levels until sometime next summer. Government centers are down to minimal crew size as government employees continue to work from home for the time being. Other stationary industry jobs continue to work as usual, including Fresh Mark Foods, Anheuser-Busch, and Hepner Filters to name a few.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

SUBCHAPTER II BILL OF RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

§ 411. Bill of rights; constitution and bylaws of labor organizations

(a) (I) Equal rights. — Every member of a labor organization shall have equal rights and privileges within such organization to nominate candidates, to vote in elections or referendums of the labor organization, to attend membership meetings, and to participate in the deliberations and voting upon the business of such meetings, subject to reasonable rules and regulations in such organization's constitution and bylaws.

(2) Freedom of speech and assembly. — Every member of any labor organization shall have the right to meet and assemble freely with other members; and to express any views, arguments, or opinions; and to express at meetings of the labor organization his views, upon candidates in an election of the labor organization or upon any business properly before the meeting, subject to the organization's established and reasonable rules pertaining to the conduct of meeting: Provided, That nothing herein shall be construed to impair the right of a labor organization to adopt and enforce reasonable rules as to the responsibility of every member toward the organization as an institution and to his refraining from conduct that would interfere with its performance of its legal or contractual obligations.

(3) Dues, initiation fees, and assessments. — Except in the case of a federation of national or international labor organizations, the rates of dues and initiation fees payable by members of any labor organization in effect on September 14, 1959 shall not be increased, and no general or special assessment shall be levied upon such members, except —

(A) in the case of a local labor organization, (i) by majority vote by secret ballot of the members in good standing voting at a general or special membership meeting, after reasonable notice of the intention to vote upon such question, or (ii) by majority vote of the members in good standing voting in a membership referendum conducted by secret ballot; or

(B) in the case of a labor organization, other than a local labor organization or a federation of national or international labor organizations, (i) by majority vote of the delegates voting at a regular convention, or at a special convention of such labor organization held upon not less than thirty days' written notice to the principal office of each local or constituent labor organization entitled to such notice, or (ii) by majority vote of the members in good standing of such labor organization voting in a membership referendum conducted by secret ballot, or (iii) by majority vote of the members of the executive board or similar governing body of such labor organization, pursuant to express authority contained in the constitution and bylaws of such labor organization: Provided, That such action on the part of the executive board or similar governing body shall be effective only until the next regular convention of such labor organization.

(4) Protection of the right to sue. — No labor organization shall limit the right of any member thereof to institute an action in any court, or in a proceeding before any administrative agency, irrespective of whether or not the labor organization or its officers are named as defendants or respondents in such action or proceeding, or the right of any member of a labor organization to appear as a witness in any judicial, administrative, or legislative proceeding, or to petition any legislature or to communicate with any legislator: Provided, That any such member may be required to exhaust reasonable hearing procedures (but not to exceed a four-month lapse of time) within such organization, before instituting legal or administrative proceedings against such organization or any officer thereof: And provided further, That no interested employer or employer association shall directly or indirectly finance, encourage, or participate in, except as a party, any such action, proceeding, appearance, or petition.

(5) Safeguards against improper disciplinary action. — No member of any labor organization may be fined, suspended, expelled, or otherwise disciplined except for nonpayment of dues by such organization or by any officer thereof unless such member has been (A) served with written specific charges; (B) given a reasonable time to prepare his defense; (C) afforded a full and fair hearing.

(b) Any provision of the constitution and bylaws of any labor organization which is inconsistent with the provisions of this section shall be of no force or effect.

Pub.L. 86-257, Title I. 101. Sept. 14, 1959, 73 Stat. 522.

District 2 continues a productive season

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the work picture in District 2 has been quite different than what we imagined in January of this year. We started the year with major projects that had thousands of craftspeople working "shoulder-to-shoulder", providing work for many Operating Engineers. Then the pandemic hit, and many projects were scaled back or completely mothballed. We continue to see highway work as the mainstay of our craft, and I hope that once this crisis has passed, the work that was affected will continue unabated for the foreseeable future. With that, here is a report of the current and upcoming work in District 2.

Miller Brothers Construction is currently repairing two bridges 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, approaches, sidewalks, curb and gutters, guardrails, and fresh asphalt. These projects are being worked on concurrently in order to be completed by the end of November, 2020.

By the time you read this, Underground Utilities should have started their portion of the Gateway 5 Industrial Park project in Allen County. This project consists of installing 1,926 LF of 12-inch water line, 80 LF of 12-inch water line by HDD method, six valves, 2,004 LF polyethylene encasement, five fire hydrants, 83 LF of 2-inch service water line, 1,915 LF of 12-inch sanitary sewer, and any and all associated work.

The Shelly Company is nearing completion



TAKING down "Lady Justice" for refurbishing in Napoleon, Ohio is Jacob Norden.



SETTING bridge beams on the I-75 reconstruction project in Toledo is Capital City Crane.

on their I-75 major reconstruction project in Beavertown. The main purpose of this project is to increase the superelevation 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, and drainage improvements are already completed. Shelly is currently resurfacing approximately six miles of north- and southbound I-75. Subcontractors working for Shelly include Complete General, U.S. Utility Electrical Services, Mt. Carmel, Bunn Enterprises, Antigo Construction, Lake Erie Construction, Boca, Smith Paving & Excavating, and Zimmerman Paint. Completion is scheduled for late October, 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 all parts of

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POLITICAL ACTION

Legislative Report

by Mark Totman, Legislative Representative

With the November General Election fast approaching, I wanted to remind our members about the importance of registering to vote and to cast your vote in November. In addition to the Election Information Calendar for 2020, I have included a list of important dates, along with helpful information that can be referenced and obtained from the Ohio Secretary of State website. Our endorsements will be in the October issue of the Buckeye Engineer.



VOTE 2020

GO TO THE OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE:
www.sos.state.oh.us or call (877) 644-6446

TO:

- 1) REGISTER TO VOTE
- 2) UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS AND VOTER INFORMATION
- 3) REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT (AVAILABLE NOW)

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1) **OCTOBER 5:** Deadline to register to VOTE
- 2) **OCTOBER 6:** Absentee voting by mail begins
- 3) **OCTOBER 6:** Early in-person voting begins
- 4) **OCTOBER 31:** Deadline to request an Absentee Ballot (noon). Absentee Ballot Request Forms are being mailed out in early September for registered voters by the Secretary of State.



\$300 billion in infrastructure spending is key to recovery

"As the battle over the fifth phase of Coronavirus legislation rages on Capitol Hill, I can't help but wonder why an infrastructure stimulus has been swept off the table," asked Norman Anderson in a recent column on the *Forbes.com* website.

"Investing in critical public works and visionary projects is the one thing that Republicans, Democrats, and the White House are all on record as strongly favoring," wrote Anderson. "It is one big thing that we all agree on - firmly pointing us forward, getting our economy back on track, setting a course for the future. It is a decision that will bring us together around our common challenges - for our common future. The current headlong

rush to short-term fixes, whether political or economic, wastefully avoids the critical decision that is upon us - how to transform the

darkness of our current tragedy into a future bright with growth and opportunity."

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Transportation groups ask White House for \$37 Billion in federal infrastructure funding

We all know that momentum for increasing the nation's spending on transportation infrastructure improvements is gaining steam. Now, some of the nation's most prominent labor organizations affiliated with the transportation industry have added their voices. Recently 15 such organizations formally asked the White House for an "immediate infusion" of \$37 billion in additional federal highway funding.

The groups communicating with the White House included the American Concrete Pavement Association, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the American Society of Civil Engineers, Laborers' International Union of North America, National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, and others.

Their letter to the administration laid out an urgent rationale for additional federal monies.

It said, in part: "With millions of Americans following stay-at-home orders, many state DOTs are facing severe losses of revenue on which state transportation programs heavily rely. As a result, the ability of state DOTs to carry out their core functions, including capital construction programs, is threatened."

The funding, if appropriated, will help strengthen the economic footing of state DOTs, allowing them to better address fiscal shortfalls from COVID-19. It will also enable states to continue with both current and planned transportation construction projects, and ensure the ongoing employment and hiring of union workers across the country.

Source: Transportation Today [https://transportationtodaynews.com/news/19369-transportation-groups-ask-white-house-for-37b-in-federal-funding-relief-for-state-transportation-departments/].



Election Information Calendar 2020

OCTOBER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Military & Overseas Absentee Voting		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Military & Overseas Absentee Voting						
	Deadline to Register to Vote BOEs open until 9:00 p.m.	Absentee Voting by Mail				
		Early In-Person Voting 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Military & Overseas Absentee Voting						
Absentee Voting by Mail						
	Early In-Person Voting 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Military & Overseas Absentee Voting						
Absentee Voting by Mail						
	Early In-Person Voting 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.					Early In-Person Voting 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Military & Overseas Absentee Voting						
Absentee Voting by Mail						
Early In-Person Voting 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Early In-Person Voting 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.					Early In-Person Voting 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
						Noon Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

NOVEMBER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Military & Overseas Absentee Voting		General Election Polls Open 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Able to Drop Off Absentee Ballots at Board of Elections Office Until 7:30 p.m.				
Absentee Voting by Mail						
Early In-Person Voting 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Early In-Person Voting 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.					
	Absentee Ballot Postmark Deadline					

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Visit the website at local18training.net

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 December 31, 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.

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According to Anderson, Chairman & CEO of global project development firm CG/LA Infrastructure, "coming to a consensus on robust infrastructure spending would generate many positive benefits."

"A \$300 billion infrastructure stimulus would not just create two million new jobs, but - given cancellations and uncertainty - would save nearly 2.5 million currently at risk jobs. This 4.5 million job swing is squarely within our reach - and the exercise of this power would be a big win for Congress," Anderson wrote.

"By bringing project investment and state decision-making back into the COVID stimulus discussion, Congress would promote quick decision-making, and a stronger and more sustainable recovery, taking up readily available tools that are critical for allowing us to design our future. As Steve Jobs said when he returned to Apple in 1996, 'Some mistakes will be made along the way. That's good, because at least some decisions are being made,'" concluded Anderson.

"Investing in critical public works and visionary projects is the one thing that Republicans, Democrats, and the White House are all on record as strongly favoring."

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We recently heard from ODOT that the plan for next year will be to spend the same amount of dollars in construction, but with fewer mega-projects. This will allow smaller contractors to bid more work. Private work is a concern moving forward. With more people working from home, businesses are not spending as much to upgrade their property. Tower cranes are quickly becoming a scarcity on the horizon, with not much new high-rise construction going forward. Hospital construction at the large facilities is increasingly trying to keep pace with the need. It is a mixed bag!

Stay safe and work wise this fall!

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this project. The company will upgrade signage on High St. between Metcalf Ave. and Central Ave. Ebony Construction performed the milling, and Shelly is slated to resurface all the streets by late October, 2020.

Fall is outage season in refineries across the country, and Lima Ohio is no exception. The Nutrien Plant has begun its proposed 45-day outage on August 31, 2020, for normal wear and tear maintenance. Jeffers Crane Service, Industrial Resource Group, BMWC, Pullman Power, and Brock Industrial Services are several of the contractors working on this outage employing Operating Engineers. With the negative effects of COVID-19 on our building work in the Toledo area, this will help put some of our members back to work! This outage should wrap up in mid-October.

Degan Excavating was the apparent low bidder on the O.B. Frails subdivision improvements in Allen County. This project consists of installing 12,203 LF of 12-inch, 2,473 LF of 15-inch, 2,552 LF of 18-inch, and 982 LF of 24-inch storm sewer pipe. There are also 68 catch basins, 58-yard drains, approximately 1,300 LF of ditch cleaning, and 5,900 LF of storm sewer cleaning.

D.L. Smith has kept an Operating Engineer or two busy, working in Beaverdam and Lafayette replacing sidewalks for ODOT the past few months. RMH Concrete has been replacing approximately 6,500 sq. ft. of sidewalk at various locations throughout the City of Lima.

In the City of Findlay, D.L. Smith and Helms & Sons are finishing the annual concrete and asphalt resurfacing projects, while Shelly is re-



OPERATING an excavator on night shift for Kokosing on the I-75 reconstruction project in Toledo is Justin Lynch.

surfacing various county roads around Hancock County.

R & I Construction is currently replacing the S.R. 568 bridge southeast of Findlay in Hancock County. The Company will replace the existing structure with a steel plate girder and reinforced concrete bridge. New 36-inch diameter piers will be drilled into bedrock in order to provide the structure solid footing. New approaches, guardrails, and asphalt pavement will make this project last for many years to come.

Helms & Sons is continuing work on the C.R. 236 widening in Findlay. This widening will reconfigure the roadway to a three-lane road with a center turn lane between U.S. Rt. 224 and S.R. 568. Along with the roadway widening, a new 10-foot wide multiuse path will be constructed on the east side of the roadway, and new curb and gutters will be installed, as well as new storm sewer, catch basin, and asphalt pavement. This project is scheduled to be complete this fall. Helms and Sons is also working on a landslide repair project next to the country club in Findlay.

Vernon Nagel is replacing a box culvert on S.R. 12 between Findlay and Arcadia, while Kokosing Construction is widening C.R. 2 in Hancock County.

After three and a half years of construction, Beaver Excavating has reached the final maintenance of traffic (MOT) milestone on the I-75 reconstruction project in Hancock County. This means that the north- and southbound lanes are in their final pattern. Now, this doesn't mean that the project is done, what this means is that there are no

more lane shifts. There will still be lane restrictions until the end of October, 2020. It is at this time that traffic will be able to flow freely in the Findlay corridor without seeing an orange barrel for the first time since March, 2017!

White Construction is continuing work on the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm, located approximately 10 miles Southwest of Kenton in Hardin and Logan Counties. This 242 MW project consists of 75 turbines ranging in size from

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OPERATING a mill for Shelly on Starr Ave. in Oregon is Jarred Smith.



BUSY for White Construction on Scioto Ridge Wind Farm in Hardin County is Paul Hankins.

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APPRENTICE Logan Frost operating a dozer for Kokosing on the I-75 reconstruction project in Toledo.



SETTING bridge beams at night on I-75 in Toledo for Capital City Crane is Darren Tuinstra.



OPERATING a concrete pump for Hite Concrete on the Anthony Wayne Trail in Toledo is Lester J. Wittes.



BUSY for Rudolph Libbe on the Amazon distribution project in Toledo is excavator operator Jay Meyer.

2.6 MW to 3.4 MW each. At the time this article was written (mid-August), the company had 15 of the 75 turbines fully erected. Component delivery started in mid-May, but the COVID-19 pandemic threw a wrench into the delivery schedule. Despite unforeseen delays, White is making steady progress on this project. White Construction is utilizing a Liebherr 1300 to set the base and mid-tower sections and a Liebherr 1600 to set the upper tower section, nacelle, gearbox, and blades. After the turbines are erected, the civil crew will move in and "dress up" the sites. All 75 turbines should be able to be completed by the end of the year, but final clean-up will probably occur in the spring of 2021. In all, this project has kept approximately 40 Operating Engineers employed for most of 2020.

Also, in Hardin County, Driven Excavating is installing a new water main trunk line in Kenton.

Kirk Brothers has been working on new

upgrades for the Fostoria Wastewater Treatment Plant. A new water pollution control center pumping station and a retention basin are part of this project. Vermilion Tree performed the clearing, Transtar Electric is performing electrical work and Maxim Crane is providing crane support. This project will continue thru July, 2021.

M&B Asphalt Company has been the apparent low bidder on almost every township, county, or city resurfacing project in Seneca County. This goes to show the value of Local 18's organizing efforts from nearly six years ago. If not for our organizers pursuing this company, all this prevailing wage work would be performed by a nonunion workforce! My hat goes off to not only our organizers, but more importantly, to the men and women who made their voices heard and chose to have Local 18 represent them!

In Van Wert County, Shelly is lowering the elevation and profile of U.S. Rt. 30 under the

U.S. Rt. 224 overpass. Shelly will also be resurfacing various sections of U.S. Rt. 127, U.S. Rt. 224, S.R. 118, and S.R. 709. Ebony Construction will do the milling, Smith Paving and Excavating will install curbs, Antigo Construction will break existing concrete, Boca Construction will install rumble strips, and K&R Landscape will perform the seeding. These projects have a completion date of October 31, 2020.

A little more than a year later, Ohio CAT, the authorized and exclusive Caterpillar Dealer in Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Southeastern Indiana, is moving right along with the construction of its newest building project in Perrysburg, Ohio.

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

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SIDE boom operator for InfraSource in Toledo is Jose Almaguer.



OPERATING a boom truck at Heinz in Fremont for IPS is Justin Hernandez.

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site work for this facility has been awarded to E. S. Wagner Company. This project consists of construction of a 65,250 sq. ft. 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 sq. ft. wash building and a 5,940 sq. ft. cold storage structure. Also, Northern Ohio Peterbilt, the company's on-highway truck dealership, will be housed in a new 68,000 sq. ft. building adjacent to Ohio CAT with 26 service bays and a 7,400 sq. ft. cold storage structure. The company hopes to have this be a 24-hour shop. The facility's close proximity to the highway should help with that.

Rudolph Libbe's work on the construction of a Pilkington Glass Plant continues in Troy Township. When all is said and done, the owner will have spent over \$260 million to construct a 511,000 sq. ft. float glass plant. The plant will make specialty sheet glass for the solar panel manufacturing industry, and its primary customer will be the First Solar facility in Perrysburg Township. Only ten miles away, First Solar will use the Pilkington Glass to produce its new series six solar panels. The NSG Pilkington Plant will produce about 130,000 tons of glass annually.

Work continues on Napoleon's new bridge linking Industrial Dr., at Riverview Ave., to S.R. 110. The construction of this bridge has been awarded to Vernon Nagel, Inc. The sub-contractors list includes Ebony Construction,



INSTALLING storm sewer in Vanlue for B. Hill's Excavating is Dan Dippman.

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 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. At this point, construction of the bridge is underway, and the roundabout on S.R. 110 has also been started.

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 production. 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%. Separately, IPS has also picked up a substantial amount of work at North Star that will keep our members busy.



STANDING up a tank to set at the Heinz factory in Fremont for Capital City Crane are Brian Norden and Ryan Varney.



OPERATING a mill for Erie in Bellevue is Donald E. Rufer.

Kokosing's work continues 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 will be done by Shelly Company, and the seeding will be done by Deitering Landscaping.

Operators working for Miller Brothers this year may find themselves at the Toledo

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The flu season

This season a flu vaccine is more important than ever!

Getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever during 2020-2021 to protect yourself, your family and your community from flu. A flu vaccine this season can also help reduce the burden on our healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and save medical resources for care of COVID-19 patients.

The more people vaccinated; the more people protected. Do your part. Get a flu vaccine this fall.

While seasonal influenza (flu) viruses are detected year-round in the United States, flu viruses are most common during the fall and winter. The exact timing and duration of flu seasons can vary, but influenza activity often begins to increase in October. Most of the time flu activity peaks between December and February, although activity can last as late as May.

The figure below shows peak flu activity in the United States by month for the 1982-1983 through 2017-2018 flu seasons. The "peak month of flu activity" is the month with the highest percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza virus infection during that influenza season. During this 36-year period, flu activity most often peaked in February (15 seasons), followed by December (7 seasons), January (6 seasons) and March (6 seasons).

What to know this flu season

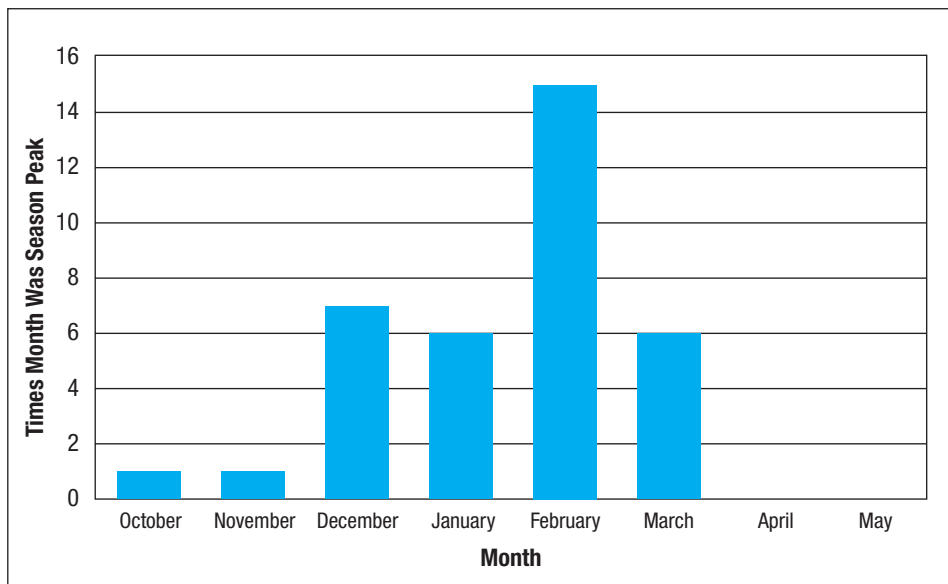
It's likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both spread this fall and winter. Here is what you should know this season, including information on how to protect yourself and your family against flu by getting a flu vaccine.



When is the flu season in the United States?

In the United States, flu season occurs in the fall and winter. While influenza viruses circulate year-round, most of the time flu activity peaks between December and February, but activity can last as late as May. The overall health impact (e.g., infections,

hospitalizations, and deaths) of a flu season varies from season to season. CDC collects, compiles, and analyzes information on influenza activity year-round in the United States and produces FluView, a weekly surveillance report, and FluView Interactive, which allows for more in-depth exploration of influenza surveillance data. The Weekly U.S. Influenza Summary Update is updated each week from October through May.



How does CDC monitor the progress of the flu season?

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Express Airport in Swanton. This project includes improvements to taxiways and taxiway connectors, along with the mill and overlay of roughly 39,000 tons of pavement.

At their Leipsic facility, Protec specializes in processing steel, including advanced high-strength grades, helping automakers build cars that are lighter and safer. Over two years of steady work building a state-of-the-art third generation continuous galvanizing line has been, if nothing else, a great source of income for our members. As we reach the end of the job, we still have Operators working for Miller Brothers, Jeffers, IPS, and Morrison Construction. At this point in the project, the site has moved from a construction site to an operational facility. Our members are now working to finish the remaining punch-list items as Protec works to bring up operations.

It's been a long time since a wall has stood on the property of what used to be Southwyck Mall. That has now changed with the



BUSY for Toledo Caisson on I-75 in Toledo is Adam Berry.

start of the Amazon hub delivery station that is being built in South Toledo, one block away from the District 2 office on Reynolds Road. It's happening on land that has been demoed and vacant for 11 years. Amazon plans on having the delivery station operating by the holiday rush, it will also create more than 400 jobs, some at the station, plus delivery contractor positions. Miller Brothers Construction performed the site work with Rudolph Libbe and Gem performing the building construction and erection. Smith Concrete is currently on site performing curb and flatwork.

E. S. Wagner continues rebuilding I-75 between Dorr St. and South Ave. The recent reopening of the I-75 entrance from Erie St. near Collingwood Boulevard will close all inbound entrances to I-75 from the Anthony Wayne Trail for about 20 months. Both ramps are closing so they can be torn out and realigned so they enter I-75 from the right lane side, not the left, which will be a major safety improvement. The ramps' reconstruction and widening I-75 from two lanes to three lanes

both ways through the area are the main objectives of this project. The freeway widening includes replacing both sides of the Downtown Viaduct over the Trail, Swan Creek, Collingwood, and Erie, with new structures right next to each other instead of having a gap in between, where the soon-to-close ramps rise to meet I-75. In normal times, the ramp from the outbound Trail to southbound I-75 is used by about 7,555 vehicles per day, while the inbound Trail's entrance to northbound I-75 is used by about 6,711 vehicles per day. Northbound I-75's Downtown exit, which feeds onto the inbound Trail to get to Erie, will also be replaced as part of the project, but that closing won't start until next year. The southbound I-75 exit to the outbound Trail is also scheduled to close this month, but only for a short time. The project is scheduled to be completed in late 2022.

Kokosing I-75 major reconstruction project from Wales Rd. up to Dorr St. in Toledo, Northwood, and Rossford is seeing some progress. The five-year mega-project will widen I-75 to three lanes in each direction, along with some other configurations that will enhance safety. Work on this project includes:

- Widen and reconstruct I-75 to current standards, including reducing the curve between Wales Rd. and Miami St.
- Reconfigure I-75 interchanges with Anthony Wayne Trail, South Ave., and Miami St.
- Replace I-75 (DiSalle Bridge) over the Maumee River.

The DiSalle Bridge is by far Toledo's busiest Maumee crossing with more than 75,000 cars and trucks on a typical day. The project, which is running on schedule, is expected to be completed in 2023.

Miller Brothers Construction 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 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, part of a 10-year upgrade to Collins Park Water Treatment Plant in Oregon. The work includes the replacement of flocculation, sludge collection,

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OPERATING a trimmer for Newcomer Concrete in Maumee is Jason Dalton.



LOADING trucks at Hanson Quarry in Bloomville is Robert Hush.

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and carbon dioxide feed equipment, in addition to basin repairs and new piping, valves, and conduits. Phase 1 is to upgrade Basins 5 and 6, and Phase 2 is to upgrade Basins 1-4. Basins 3 and 4 are complete, and Basins 1 and 2 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 is putting the finishing touches on Phase 1 of the Glass City Metroparks 30-acre Project, between the Maumee River and Front St. Phase 1 will include a 3,500 sq. ft. 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 Dr. 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 is working on 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.

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 pedestri-



WORKING for E. S. Wagner's box culvert project in Oregon are (l-r) Oiler Monica Malkemus and Operator Dan Newton.

ans but is 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.

Gerken continues work on the resurfacing of Alexis Rd. in North Toledo. 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



OPERATING a trencher at the new District 2 Union Hall project is Bart Berry.

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 static representations of the United States Flag. Along with those upgrades, Kokosing Construction was awarded the large surface upgrade project. Upgrades consist of a super-plasticized dense concrete overlay and replacement of the existing railing and stay dampers. Currently, the inside two lanes are finished, and the outside lanes and shoulders will be completed next year.

In early May, Cleveland-Cliffs reported that they were temporarily shutting down all construction activities at its \$700 million

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BUSY on a sidewalk replacement project in Oregon for RMR is Mark Zion.



OPERATING a concrete batch plant on night shift for Kuhlman is Melvin E. Gingerich II.



OPERATING an RT crane for E. S. Wagner on Starr Rd. in Oregon is David Urbanowicz.



CRANE operator Roger Fritz working for Toledo Caisson on I-75 in Toledo.

Endorsements – November 2020

About the November General Election

As we approach the November general election, Local 18 is endorsing candidates for state and federal office who present a clear advantage to our industry. Because the differences of one presidential candidate over the other in that respect are less clear, we have decided not to make an endorsement in that race. Our International has not yet indicated whether it will endorse one of the presidential candidates, but if and when it does, we will be sure to communicate that to you through our website and the Local 18 App.

We know that a great many of you have strong feelings about the upcoming election, and we urge everyone to exercise their civic duty by voting. In the meantime, we will continue to advocate for our members and for legislation and policies that benefit them, working on both sides of the aisle.

Thank You,



Richard E. Dalton

Your vote counts!

While the media reports high levels of voter dissatisfaction and endless drama about the presidential choices and the election process, voters know from history that every vote counts. Voting is the opportunity to express our voice in deciding what direction the country takes in the future. Even if we do not particularly like the presidential choices, or we do not believe one vote matters, there are still plenty of good reasons to vote.

In addition to the presidency, every seat in the U.S. House of Representatives is on the line, along with 35 U.S. Senate seats (none in Ohio for 2020). Additionally, 44 out of 50 state legislatures are holding elections, and 11 governors' seats are up for grabs.

Your one vote in a sea of approximately 155 million registered voters might feel trivial, but there have been many elections in which a few more votes, one way or another, could have changed history. For example, John F. Kennedy won the 1960 presidential election by one vote per election district in 12 states, and George W. Bush vs. Al Gore in 2000 was so close it had to be decided by the Supreme Court.

Your vote takes on even more weight in state legislative contests. A recent example

occurred in November 2015, in the state of Mississippi, when two candidates for the state legislature tied at 4,589 votes apiece. State law required them to draw straws to decide the winner. So, Bo Eaton, a 20-year incumbent, and Republican challenger Mark Tullos met in the governor's office near the state capitol. Eaton pulled a box from a bag containing a long green straw, defeating Tullos. At stake was a crucial supermajority required to pass hundreds of millions of dollars of tax revenue. The loser in that election would have given a lot for a single additional vote!

Nothing celebrates and symbolizes democracy, and the freedoms it brings, like voting does. In voting, we are all standing on equal ground and we all have one vote. Each and every vote carries the same weight. The election determines how we will be governed. Voting is a privilege our ancestors fought hard and died for and we cannot take this right for granted.

Your vote matters, so please check with your local election board to make sure you are properly registered and have everything you need to vote.

Your vote is your voice and every vote counts!



Endorsements – November 2020

NATIONAL

President/Vice President

No Endorsement

STATEWIDE

Justice, Supreme Court

Sharon Kennedy

Justice, Supreme Court

Judith French

U.S. House of Representatives

Dist. Candidate

1st	Kate Schroder
2nd	<i>No Endorsement</i>
3rd	Joyce Beatty
4th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
5th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
6th	Bill Johnson
7th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
8th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
9th	Marcy Kaptur
10th	Mike Turner
11th	Marcia Fudge
12th	Troy Balderson
13th	Tim Ryan
14th	Dave Joyce
15th	Steve Stivers
16th	Anthony Gonzalez

OHIO

Ohio Senate

Dist. Candidate

2nd	Theresa Gavarone
4th	Kathy Wyenandt

6th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
8th	Louis Blessing
10th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
12th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
14th	Terry Johnson
16th	Stephanie Kunze
18th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
20th	Christian Johnson
22nd	Steve Johnson
24th	Matt Dolan
26th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
28th	Vernon Sykes
30th	Frank Hoagland
32nd	Sean O'Brien

Ohio House of Representatives

Dist. Candidate

1st	Alison Theiss
2nd	Marilyn John
3rd	Haraz Ghanbari
4th	Bob Cupp
5th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
6th	Phillip Robinson
7th	Tom Patton
8th	Kent Smith
9th	Janine Boyd
10th	Terrence Upchurch
11th	Stephanie Howse
12th	Juanita Brent
13th	Michael Skindell
14th	Bride Rose Sweeney
15th	Jeffrey Crossman
16th	Dave Greenspan
17th	Adam Miller
18th	Kristin Boggs
19th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
20th	Richard Brown

21st	<i>No Endorsement</i>
22nd	David Leland
23rd	Nancy Day-Achauer
24th	Allison Russo
25th	Dontavius Jarrells
26th	Erica Crawley
27th	Sara Bitter
28th	Jessica Miranda
29th	Cindy Abrams
30th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
31st	Brigid Kelly
32nd	Catherine Ingram
33rd	Sedrick Denson
34th	Emilia Sykes
35th	Tavia Galonski
36th	Matt Shaughnessy
37th	Casey Weinstein
38th	Bill Roemer
39th	Willis Blackshear
40th	Phil Plummer
41st	<i>No Endorsement</i>
42nd	Tom Young
43rd	Amy Cox
44th	Paula Hicks-Hudson
45th	Lisa Sobecki
46th	Michael Sheehy
47th	<i>No Endorsement</i>
48th	Scott Oelslager
49th	Thomas West
50th	Brian Simeone
51st	Sara Carruthers
52nd	<i>No Endorsement</i>
53rd	<i>No Endorsement</i>
54th	Morgan Showen
55th	Gayle Manning
56th	Joe Miller
57th	Dick Stein
58th	Michele Lepore-Hagan

59th Alessandro Cutrona
 60th George Phillips
 61st Jamie Callender
 62nd *No Endorsement*
 63rd Gil Blair
 64th Michael O'Brien
 65th Jean Schmidt
 66th Adam Bird
 67th Rachael Morocco
 68th Rick Carfagna
 69th Sharon Ray
 70th Kevin Barnett
 71st Mark Frazier
 73rd Brian Lampton
 74th *No Endorsement*
 75th Randi Clites
 76th Diane Grendell
 77th Jeffrey LaRe
 78th Brian Stewart
 79th Cynthia Richards

80th *No Endorsement*
 81st *No Endorsement*
 82nd *No Endorsement*
 83rd Jon Cross
 84th Joe Monbeck
 85th *No Endorsement*
 86th Tracy Richardson
 87th Nicholas Barnes
 88th Gary Click
 89th D.J. Swearingen
 90th Brian Baldridge
 91st *No Endorsement*
 92nd Mark Johnson
 93rd Jason Stephens
 94th Jay Edwards
 95th Don Jones
 96th Richard Olivito
 97th Adam Holmes
 98th Brett Hillyer
 99th Richard Dana



**Your Vote
 is
 Your Voice –
 Use It!**



Keep Ohio's Heritage (KOH)

Continuing report by the KOH officers

"Death by a thousand cuts" refers to the psychology of a major negative change that happens slowly in many unnoticed increments and is not perceived as objectional. So, this brings us back to one of the hidden tactics of Right-to-Work[®]. That is to not only make union dues optional, it also means that even though a state might not be a Right-to-Work[®] state, part of the tactic is to negotiate out your working conditions and your benefits, including pension and health care. Their ultimate goal is to defund labor organizations bit-by-bit and cripple them until the only thing left is an expired membership card, an empty building, and no collective bargaining agreement. This also can be looked at as a form of economic terrorism, so let's look at some of the characteristics of terrorism and a terrorist:

1. It is an act that reaches out further than the intended target and affects a large spectrum of society and the economy.
2. It is a test of security to find a target's weakness, and to use insecurity and fear to control and manipulate.
3. They have ample funding from an undisclosed secret source, such as private donors from corporations, to be used against the labor force.
4. They impersonate, which is to pretend to

be something other than what they are for the purpose of deception.

5. Rehearsal, to practice their terroristic behavior so that they can deploy it on others.

So, when we experience this type of attack on working-class people, it has been a practice for many, many, years, and has been rehearsed a thousand times over and over and over. It may come subtly or quite abrasively, and it's nothing new, but all it takes is one cut at a time, a thousand times over, and watch the bleeding begin.

"At the core, labor unions are working men and women, unified as one force. Despite any personal differences that may exist between us, we have banded together to protect and improve the lives of workers.

We rise up together for the greater good. We defend one another like family," wrote Sue Carney or the American Postal Workers Union (APWU).

If you haven't installed the Local 18 app yet on your phone, please take the time to do so to help stay better connected. Please don't forget that there is an actual brick and mortar building called your union hall, that has a meeting once a month called the Membership Meeting. KOH wishes everyone to be healthy and safe for the rest of the season, and we hope to see you soon.

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

IN ALL DISTRICTS:

**ADVISORY BOARDS
WILL MEET 1st MONDAY OF
EACH MONTH.**

**MEMBERSHIP
WILL MEET 2nd MONDAY OF
EACH MONTH.**

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 POLITICAL ACTION

 MEMBER SAVINGS







District 2 continues a productive season

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hot-briquetted iron (HBI) project site in Toledo, in accordance with coronavirus pandemic guidelines from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. The Toledo plant, when finished, will produce about 1.6 million metric tons per year of HBI and will make Cleveland-Cliffs the sole producer of high-quality customized feedstock for the domestic electric arc furnace steelmakers located in the Great Lakes region. Cleveland-Cliffs' domestically produced HBI will supply a Great Lakes market that the company estimates at three million metric tons.

Cleveland-Cliffs, founded in 1847, describes itself as being among the largest vertically integrated producers of differentiated iron ore and steel in North America. It recently completed the acquisition of AK Steel. It now employs about 12,000 people across mining and steel manufacturing operations in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Currently, Cleveland-Cliffs has started remobilizing the workforce to complete the HBI plant due to the increasing demand for steel. The HBI plant is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of this year. It was originally supposed to open at the end of June before the pandemic-induced shutdown of construction at the facility.

Starting just before Memorial Day, Toledoans got to see the first stage of the Summit Street Beautification project between Lafayette and Jackson Streets. Construction started with the replacement of a water main, along with old trolley tracks beneath the street. The tracks were embedded in a layer of concrete thick enough to lead city officials decades ago to just pave the street thicker over them rather than remove them.

Contractor Crestline Paving of Toledo has

until July 1, 2021, to complete the project. Summit's reconstruction will provide wider sidewalks, more curbside parking, and a median that will be wide enough between Madison Ave. and Adams St. to accommodate an area with a raised deck, decorative lighting, and public artwork. The detour routes for Summit use Erie St. for northbound traffic and Michigan St. for southbound traffic.

In October 2019, The Fremont City School Board approved construction for four new elementary buildings and a new Ross High School as part of a facilities plan to upgrade building quality and technologies. The district's new Atkinson, Croghan, Lutz, and Otis elementary school buildings are scheduled to open for classes this year for the 2020-2021 school year. Mosser Construction of Fremont completed foundation work at the Ross site along with block, concrete flatwork, and parking lot grading at all the district schools. Other union contractors involved in the schools' construction are Zimmerman Building Company, Foundation Steel, Miller Brothers Construction, and Capital City.

Right down the road, Mosser Construction was the lowest bidder on a roadway reconstruction project to a major entryway into the City of Fremont. In Phase 1, Mosser will start at North St. and work toward Miller St. Phase 2 will then continue all the way to State St. next year. Improvements will include water line, sewer and storm line replacement, along with resurfacing and curb to extend the full length of the project with median islands.

Kokosing Construction is currently working on pavement resurfacing projects in Ottawa and Sandusky counties. This will cover all lanes and shoulders, east- and westbound, between milepost 80.50 and 90.02 begin-

ning this month and continuing to November. Kokosing will work on repairs during the day and pave at night when traffic is lighter. Drivers on the turnpike in those areas will have two lanes open during the day and a single lane open during the night.

Mosser Construction was the successful bidder on the new mainline toll plaza at milepost 49 on the Ohio Turnpike in Lucas County. This project includes new construction of two utility buildings, toll islands and booths, two canopies, prefabricated steel truss pedestrian bridge, concrete pavement and curbing, earthwork, storm and sewer, grading, and seeding. This project will complement the pavement reconstruction and ramp construction projects and provide further implementation of the Turnpike's Toll Collection System Modernization Plan.

Vernon Nagel has begun Construction on two roundabouts on U.S. Rt. 20A along the southern edge of Toledo Express Airport. U.S. Rt. 20A will be closed to through traffic between Eber Rd. and Airport Highway for about three months, while the intersecting roads, Whitehouse-Spencer Rd. and S.R. 295, will be blocked for shorter periods of time. Whitehouse-Spencer will close and reopen in mid-September, after which S.R. 295 will close until the project's completion.

The staff of District 2 would like to thank all our members for their hard work and attention to safety, which has kept us clear of this pandemic and largely working without much interruption. We also would like you to look out for our lesser experienced members and apprentices. Check-in on those retirees you may know. Keep an eye out for your fellow Brother and Sister Engineers, and please stay safe in this unprecedented season.



WORKING on a manlift for Skyworks is Nicholas Priesman.



OPERATING a roller for Gerken on Alexis Rd. in Toledo is Steven Higgenbotham.



WRENCHING for RECO in Toledo is Ryan Finn.

Honoring District 1 50-year members



50-year District 1 member Joe J. Spirka.



50-year District 1 member Paul H. Conley.



50-year District 1 member Patrick S. Cotner.



50-year District 1 member Edward J. Wilk.



50-year District 1 member Ronald R. Kister.



WORKING for Independence Excavating, doing some slope work for the new Electric Gardens Townhomes being built on Literary Ave. in Cleveland, is Tommy Thompson.



OPERATING a rough terrain forklift for Kokosing on the Opportunity Corridor Phase 3 Project in Cleveland is DeLance Wilson.

District 3 busy throughout the area



WORKING at the Columbus Convention Center/Hilton Hotel expansion project in Franklin County is George J. Igel & Company.



DIGGING in Delaware County is Complete General.



REPLACING radar in Union County is ALL Crane.



DRIVING posts for Paul Peterson at OSU in Franklin County is Jammi Gillian.



WORKING on I-70 in downtown Columbus, Franklin County are (l-r) Traci Ruble and Jerry Ratliff.



OPERATING a milling machine for BOCA Construction in Carroll, Fairfield County is Todd Conley.



KEEPING busy for DOT Construction in Zanesville, Muskingum County is Steven Hambel.



GRADING a building pad in Etna for Amaazz Construction, Licking County is Michael Johnson.



ON THE JOB for Ohio-West Virginia Excavating in Coolville, Athens County is Lewis Matz.

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KEEPING busy for Mr. Excavator on the OU Campus in Athens, Athens County is Dale Archibald.



OPERATING a truck crane for Custom Crane Solutions in Zanesville, Muskingum County is Darrin Caldwell.



BUSY for Shelly & Sands in Franklin County is Jerry Holley.



WORKING for Strawser Paving in Franklin County is Kenny Alford.



ON THE JOB for Capital City Crane in Lockbourne, Pickaway County is Cory Patrick.



DIGGING a retention pond in Brice, Franklin County is Tom Dew Excavating.



PAVING Africa Rd. in Delaware County is Shelly & Sands.



KEEPING BUSY for Shelly & Sands in Franklin County is James "J.R." King.



BUSY for Amaazz Construction at Wheelersburg on U.S. Rt. 52 in Scioto County is Scott Jenkins.



WORKING for RLA in Franklin County are (l-r) Kim Kilburn and JD Broughton.

District 6 handling various projects



DRIVING piling for Flatiron Bridge Project in Brilliant, Jefferson County.



WORKING for Great Lakes in Hayesville is Michael Appeman.



REMOVING pavement for Ruhlin on Romig Rd. is Eric Oswald.



I-76 BRIDGE reconstruction at S.R. 619.



LINEAR grading on S.R. 179 near Hayesville by Shelly & Sands.



RIGHT OF WAY on the Buckeye Express by US Pipeline.

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MECHANIC for Kiewit at the Long Ridge Energy Project in Monroe is **Nathanial Tullius**.



OPERATING a forklift for Beaver Excavating in Canton is **Sean Summers**.



WORKING for D.L. Smith Concrete in Bellville is **Scott Meagrow**.



SKID steer operator for Associated Pipeline is **Larry Moe Dowdle**.



ON THE JOB for Mr. Excavator in Dover is **Matthew Rus**.



WORKING on Butter Bridge Rd. is **Shelly & Sands**.



ON THE JOB Kiewit at the Long Ridge Energy Power House Project in Monroe County is **Martin Cunningham**.

RETIREES CLUB



by Gary Siesel, President

Well, here we are in the fall of 2020! Where did the year go and what a year it has been!

I wish I was reporting that the Retiree meetings were resuming, but with no

defined end to the COVID-19 threat, Business Manager Rick Dalton and I, along with our District Retiree Chairpersons, have decided that for the safety and health of our Retirees, it is better to suspend the Retiree meetings and luncheons until further notice.

As Retirees, we enjoy the camaraderie of getting together, enjoying good food, maybe listening to some interesting speakers, and

reliving some old projects. (Who outside of our trade really understands what we do or how we did it, except us?) Hope we can get back to it soon!

Winter will be upon us soon, so if you travel to warmer weather be safe in your travels, or if you weather-it-out here in Ohio, be safe with the hazards that snow and ice bring.

Wishing all of you Happy Holidays!

Voting in the U.S. — History, milestones and why we cast our ballots in November

No matter where you fall on the political spectrum, voting is the most important action you can take to make sure your voice is heard. The way the country votes in federal elections didn't just "happen." There is a special history behind it.

States were originally allowed to hold federal elections any time they pleased within a 34-day period before the first Wednesday in December.

This system proved to have major flaws, however. Knowing early voting results could affect turnout and sway opinion in states that held late elections. Also, a portion of "late voters" could potentially decide the outcome of an entire election.

It wasn't until 1845 that the country specified a single day for federal voting.

That's when Congress passed a law officially designating Election Day as the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

Why the first Tuesday of the month?

It had to do with the agrarian nature of 19th-century America. In that era, farming was the major occupation. Also, because the country was so spread out, it took two days to reach a polling place. Weekends were impractical for voting since most people spent Sundays in church. Wednesday was market day for farmers. So, Tuesday was selected as the most convenient day.

1965: The Voting Rights Act passes Congress

President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and other civil rights icons in attendance. The act barred many of the policies and practices that states had been using to limit voting among African Americans and other targeted groups.

1971: Young people win the right to vote

During the 1960s, the movement to lower the voting age gained momentum. The 26th Amendment prohibited states and the fed-

eral government from using age as a reason to deny the vote to anyone 18 years of age and over.

1993: "Motor Voter" becomes law

The National Voter Registration Act, also known as the "motor voter" law, requires states to allow citizens to register to vote when they apply for their drivers' license. The law also requires states to offer mail-in voter registration and in-person registration at offices that offer public assistance.

2014: The voting rights movement coalesces to fight suppression

In response to the rolling back of certain voting rights, organizations across the country stepped up their work to protect and advance the right to vote. The work includes legally challenging unconstitutional barriers to voting, grassroots advocacy to advance pro-voter policies, nonpartisan efforts to register more voters, and educating and mobilizing historically underrepresented voting populations.

Sources: Associated Press [<https://apnews.com/cbb2ff495dcf09875ce87b3a53dcda52>] • Carnegie.org [<https://www.carnegie.org/topics/topic-articles/voting-rights/voting-rights-timeline/>] • History.com [<https://www.history.com/news/why-is-election-day-a-tuesday-in-november>].

This Month in Labor History

First American Trade Unions Formed in October 1648

Colonial shoemakers and 'coopers' (barrel makers) in Boston formed what are considered the first American trade unions on October 18, 1648. At that time, the colonies had not incorporated the English tradition of 'guilds' through which craftsmen would band together to establish prices, quality standards, apprentice programs and charitable programs – so these two early 'quasi-guilds' were limited by the Massachusetts General Court to ensuring product quality.

We celebrate 100 years of women's right to vote

It was in 1920, after decades of organizing, that women won the right to vote nationwide through the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



SAFETY REPORT



by **Brett LaFaso**, Safety Director

On May 29, 2020, a member was operating a road widener. While a dump truck was dumping material into the widener, the dump truck's bed was too far in the air and snagged a phone/fiber-optic line causing it to hang low. An oncoming semi-tractor trailer caught the low hanging line, ripping it off the telephone pole. The snagged line struck the operator and the operator's station of the widener, causing the hydraulic lever controlling speed and direction to go into reverse very quickly and unexpectedly, causing the machine to lurch backward, running over a laborer and fatally injuring him. The operator was not injured.

To prevent an accident of this type, pay attention to surroundings, especially with an elevated truck bed. A spotter could have also prevented this tragic accident.

On June 2, 2020, at approximately 7 a.m. a member mechanic was repairing a paver sitting on the shoulder of a major interstate highway. The work zone was taken down the night before, so a pickup truck with an arrow board was behind the paver manned

by a laborer on the crew. A tractor-trailer drifted onto the shoulder striking the stationary pickup truck, destroying it and killing the laborer. The tractor-trailer continued through and struck the paver, ejecting the mechanic. The mechanic suffered a broken elbow and multiple bruises and lacerations.

Having law enforcement in place as a guard with beacons on may have alerted drivers, causing them to slow and pay closer attention to the situation.

On July 11, 2020, on a wind farm project, an operator and oiler were walking a Liebherr LR1600 from one tower site to another tower site on the approved crane path. During the walk, the tracks of the crane were only pressing about 2 inches into the soil. Without warning, the entire right crawler sank into the ground, putting the crane five degrees out of level. To slow the continued sinking of the crawler, the operator began lowering the boom over the left crawler to attempt to lower the ground pressure on the right crawler. The sinking slowed when the lower works and the carbody counterweights contacted the ground. At that time, the operator started booming up and attempted to swing the counterweights over the left crawler. Once the counterweights broke over the back left

corner of the left crawler, that corner broke through the ground causing the front of the left crawler to raise up off the ground. When the crane continued to sink into the ground, the operator abandoned the crane by jumping from the crawler to the ground. The crane then toppled to the ground. The entire sequence of events from the time the right crawler initially broke through the ground to the crane tipping over took less than 90 seconds.

The operator suffered a sprained ankle sustained while jumping from the crane. There were no other injuries.

The cause of the accident was unstable soil conditions that were undetected.

On July 15, 2020, a laborer was painting lines on the crown of the road for a mill operator to follow. A dump truck was backing up to the mill to continue operations. The truck driver reported to have the laborer in sight of his side mirror when he proceeded to back up. The driver then struck the laborer running him over.

The laborer was fatally injured in the accident.

To prevent an accident of this type, stop immediately as soon as you lose sight of people on the ground until line of sight of ground personnel can be reestablished.

Some companies working to bust unions even during the pandemic

Corporate anti-union activities are still continuing strong, even during the current national health crisis, according to a recent opinion column by retired journalist Bill Knight in *The McDonough County Voice* (Illinois).

"In the months when the country has been dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic – sparking cries of 'We're all in this together!' – related issues vital to people, like safety on the job, have provoked many protests, work stoppages and attempts to unionize. In response, employers have sought to defeat workers organizing, but instead of bosses using police or thugs with baseball bats, 21st century companies increasingly use attorneys, consultants, and tech. It's part of a pattern that pits power and corporate cash against everyday Americans," Knight wrote.

According to Knight, "Recent labor disputes at Whole Foods Market (owned by Amazon) and Trader Joe's have modernized anti-union methods. (Whole Foods) has de-



veloped a mapping tool that uses factors such as worker complaints about stores' labor violations, union activities near its stores, and the diversity of stores' workforces to track risks of unionization at its 500-plus U.S. locations, which have had sick-outs due to a lack of worker protections against the virus. Trader Joe's . . . has used a series of actions

against workers to defeat unionizing over issues such as insufficient protections for workers and hazard pay during the COVID-19 outbreak. They've ranged from handing out anti-union talking points to managers to CEO Dan Bane mailing a letter to all workers opposing unions and calling organizing efforts 'a distraction'."

Knight's column quoted Celine McNicholas, government affairs director for the Economic Policy Institute who cited statistics that showed how aggressive some companies are in fighting union efforts – such as the fact that between 71% - 87% of U.S. employers spend big money to hire union-avoidance interests to counter organizing or campaign to eliminate existing collective bargaining representatives. "It's an absolute disgrace they would take advantage of a pandemic to frustrate workers' ability to organize and get better representation for themselves so they're not risking their lives to perform essential services," said McNicholas

ORGANIZING REPORT



by **Scott Stevenson**, *Director of Organizing*

As this strange and unprecedented year unfolds, Local 18's Organizing Department would like to emphasize how proud we are to represent you and the rest of our members.

Throughout all of the turmoil and uncertainty that this year has brought, Local 18 members have continued to prove why you set the standard in our industry. Day after day, the members of Local 18 are there, no matter what is thrown at them, to do the work that keeps Ohio moving. Without you, infrastructure, utility, and building projects would grind to a halt and profoundly

affect Ohio's economy. You are the backbone of this Union and Ohio's recovery.

Non-signatory companies are realizing this as well. While you are hard at work every day, many of them are having difficulty manning their equipment and completing their projects. Your work ethic and professionalism are what enables Local 18's Organizing Department to continue to sign new contractors and continue to create more job opportunities for yourself and the rest of the members of Local 18. Although this article was written in the midst of this pandemic, together we have signed 35 new contractors to one of our agreements that had never been signed before. This is a reflection on you, and we wholeheartedly thank you for all you do.

The following are some of the contractors

that we have signed since the last Organizing report:

- Matt Winters Excavating, LLC
- Ironhead Marine, Inc.
- Insite Contracting
- MKS Earthworks, LLC
- Premier Directional Drilling
- NPSG Global, LLC
- NES Corporation
- J&J Bridge Company, Inc.

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

COVID-19 creating new wave of unionism

"In recent decades, we have rarely seen so much worker anger and so many strikes as we've seen since COVID-19 hit America. Fears of the virus have greatly emboldened American workers," wrote Steven Greenhouse in a recent *Los Angeles Times* piece.

According to Greenhouse, author of the book *Beaten Down, Worked Up: The Past, Present, and Future of American Labor*, "Some labor historians say this new militancy

The pandemic has thrown into stark relief the desperation of many essential workers and the callousness of powerful employers toward their safety and welfare.

resembles the 1930s, when a huge strike wave helped lead to landmark pro-labor legislation and one of the biggest bursts of unionization in American history. Now many workers are hoping — and many employers are dreading — that the pandemic-induced wave of militancy could produce a similar surge of unionization."

Although support for unions is increasing — especially among younger individuals — many challenges to labor still remain, according to Greenhouse.

"Support for unions is rising. Sixty-four percent of Americans approve of unions, nearly the highest level in 50 years. A MIT study found that 50 percent of nonunion, nonmanagerial workers say they would vote to join a union. One reason for this trend is

that many unions have worked to build public support, as when striking Los Angeles teachers demanded not just pay raises, but smaller class sizes and more nurses, librarians and school counselors," Greenhouse wrote.

"Another promising sign is the changing generational support for labor. Americans age 18 to 34 are the age group most enthusiastic about unions. They were badly scarred by the Great Recession, they've grown up in an era of huge income inequality, and many have been inspired by Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders," Greenhouse wrote. "Indeed, many young Americans have been flocking into unions, including graduate students,

cannabis workers, digital journalists, museum workers and workers at nonprofits. But forming a union remains extraordinarily hard for most workers — the main obstacle being fierce employer resistance. One study found that nearly one in five workers who lead unionization efforts gets fired."

"The pandemic has thrown into stark relief the desperation of many essential workers and the callousness of powerful employers toward their safety and welfare. We may look back on this calamitous year as a pivotal moment when unions regained support as being critically important to building a fairer economy and society," concluded Greenhouse.



Shop members staying active



WORKING for Cummins in Cleveland is Brian Gerber.



HARD AT WORK for Skyworks in Perrysburg is Justin Staton.



ON THE JOB for Ohio CAT in Troy is Charles Romine.



WORKING for Ohio CAT in North Canton is Tim Bennett.



BUSY for Gibson Machinery is Bryan Cox.



ON THE JOB for The McLean Company is William Moskin, Jr.



KEEPING busy at W.W. Williams in Hubbard are (l-r) Evan Ansell and Chris Succheralli.



WORKING for United Rentals in Cleveland is Mike Rizer.



ON THE JOB for Barnhart Crane and Rigging is Neil Heisroth.



BUSY for Barnhart Crane and Rigging is Richard Hedrick.



WORKING for United Rentals in Cleveland is Todd Difiore.

The flu season – This season a flu vaccine is more important than ever!

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emergency departments. Information in five categories is collected from eight different data sources that allow CDC to:

- Find out when and where influenza activity
- Track influenza-related illness
- Determine what influenza viruses are circulating
- Detect changes in influenza viruses
- Measure the impact influenza is having on hospitalizations and deaths in the United States

These surveillance components allow CDC to determine when and where influenza activity is occurring, determine what types of influenza viruses are circulating, detect changes in the influenza viruses collected and analyzed, track patterns of influenza-related illness, and measure the impact of influenza in the United States. All influenza activity reporting by states, laboratories, and health care providers is voluntary. For more information about CDC's influenza surveillance activities, see the Overview of Influenza Surveillance in the United States.

Why is there a week-long lag between the data and when it's reported?

Influenza surveillance data collection is based on a reporting week that starts on Sunday and ends on the following Saturday of each week. Each surveillance participant is requested to summarize the weekly data and submit it to CDC by the following Tuesday afternoon. The data are then downloaded, compiled, and analyzed at CDC. The data are used to update FluView and FluView Interactive on the following Friday.

Do other respiratory viruses circulate during the flu season?

In addition to flu viruses, several other respiratory viruses also circulate during the flu season and can cause symptoms and illness similar to those seen with flu infection. These respiratory viruses include rhinovirus (one cause of the "common cold") and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), which is the most common cause of severe respiratory illness in young children as well as a leading cause of death from respiratory illness in those aged 65 years and older.

Source: [<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season.htm#:~:text=The%20exact%20timing%20and%20duration,last%20as%20late%20as%20May>].

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, January 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive.

The Executive Board will meet on Saturday, January 23, 2021 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

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Gary Marsh, District 4/5

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Terry Gradisher, District 6

\$23.45

John R. Burdock, District 6

\$18.00

Robert A. Martin, District 6

\$18.00

Mick North, District 3

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

LM Keith Maple (D-6)	July 15
LM Elmer Gibson (D-3)	July 19
LM Larry H. Jones (D-3)	July 24
LM Robert Miller (D-6)	July 25
LM Reginald Hayward (D-2)	July 27
LM Frank Mastrangelo (D-1)	August 2
LM John Papesh, Sr. (D-1)	August 4
Albert L. Lake (D-6)	August 8
LM Waymon Lewis (D-4/5)	August 9
LM Donald Morahan (D-1)	August 13
LM Johnathan Ward (D-4/5)	August 15
Jacob Lawrence (D-2)	August 16
Todd O'Neal (D-4/5)	August 17
LM Norman Smith (D-1)	August 27
LM Melvin Meienburg (D-2)	August 28

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District 3

Charles R. Daley, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); and Roderick L. Peterson (early retirement).

District 4/5

Douglas L. Bennett (normal retirement); Mark E. Durham, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Darrell G. Hatton (normal retirement); Ronnie McWhorter (disability retirement); and David G. Neu, Michael I. Schumacher and Michael J. Sinclair, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements).

District 6

Wayne W. Florek, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).