

# Buckeye Engineer



## Local 18 CALENDAR

Jan. 1 – Scholarship application  
Apr. 1 period

### FEBRUARY

- 3 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 6-8 Apprentice Application Period  
(See information on page 22)
- 8 District 3 Labor History Class –  
District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 10 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 12 District 2 Info. mtg. –  
Lima (No meetings until April)
- 15 District 4/5 Labor History Class –  
District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 17 District 6 Info. mtg. –  
Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 17 President's Day
- 19 District 1 Info. mtg. –  
Ashtabula (No meetings until April)
- 29 District 2 Labor History Class –  
Cygnet Training Center,  
7:30 a.m.

### MARCH

- 2 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 7 District 1 Labor History Class –  
District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 8 Daylight savings time begins
- 9 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 11 District 2 Info. mtg. –  
Lima (No meetings until April)
- 16 District 6 Info. mtg. –  
Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 18 District 1 Info. mtg. –  
Ashtabula (No meetings until April)

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## REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

Winter has arrived, and the workload has slowed for the season. Stop at your regional training center and update your certificates. Everyone was mailed a training manual with a list of the basic class schedules, and additional classes will be scheduled as needed.

Everyone should have received a wall calendar in the mail. If not, contact your union hall for a replacement. The union halls also have a few pocket calendars available.

Labor History classes are once again underway. If you have never attended, please do so and learn a bit of organized labor history and the history of Local 18 and its current events. Pastries and coffee will be supplied in the morning, and lunch will be catered. All members who attend will be given a tee shirt and gift.

On April 30th, our master OCA Highway Heavy Agreement and the AGC Building Agreements will expire. We will begin negotiations with the two associations in the next month, so if you have any proposals for consideration, please submit them in writing to your district representative or to the Business Manager's office by the end of this month.

2020 appears to be another good work year for the membership. ODOT has a decent budget for new construction and maintenance work. The past few ODOT lettings have been very active with upcoming projects. The vertical building work appears to be strong with



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projects in all districts. The work at the steel mills, refineries and gas plants will be very active this year as well.

The Local 18 phone app is now available for both android and Apple phones at the app stores by typing "IUOE 18". Please download the app and register for valuable information, including copies of the OCA, AGC, Distribution Maintenance, and the CEA Agreements. Included in the app are member discounts from various retailers and access to the member XG website for Health and Welfare and Pension.

Most of the retirees' clubs are taking a break during January and February, but check the retiree calendar on page 23 of the *Buckeye Engineer* for the retirees' meeting in

your district. If you have never attended a retiree meeting, stop in and visit. Most retirees' meetings have guest speakers throughout the year with pertinent information for all retirees.

There have been numerous crane and heavy equipment accidents across the country this past year, many of which could have been prevented with routine inspections and maintenance of the equipment. Please don't skip over the equipment inspections, and don't

hesitate to contact your employer with safety concerns about the equipment. The couple minutes it takes to do a walk around of the equipment could save your life or that of a coworker.

Have a Happy and Prosperous 2020!

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## DUES SCHEDULE

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

The following quarterly and monthly dues schedule for Local 18 and its Branches and Owner/Operator members is effective until July 1, 2020.

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

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

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

Local 18C \$51.75 per quarter (Shops)  
+2% Administrative Dues\*  
only when working for Dealer/Rental  
Shops. 3% Administrative Dues  
when working for other shops, i.e.,  
Highway Heavy Companies\*

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

Local 18D \$24.50 per month

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

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

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hourly rate plus \$10.00 per month to  
be paid monthly

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\$150.75 per quarter

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**Jefferson S. Powell**  
Financial Secretary

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

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



## District 1 still busy this winter

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

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

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

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

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

The Dugway Storage Tunnel is ongoing near East 140th St. in Cleveland, keeping Salini-Impregilo/Healy JV, Triad Engineering, DiGioia Suburban, Marra Services and Northstar Contracting very busy. The Doan Valley Storage Tunnel has started in University Circle and is being constructed by McNally/Kiewit DVT JV and will provide work for years to come for our members. Ward &



**DIGGING gas services on Elm St. in Sheffield Lake for InfraSource is Chris Jordan.**

Burke Tunneling, Incorporated is doing the Westerly low-level relief sewer project in the Cleveland Flats. Triad/McNally JV continues shaft excavations and mining operations at the East 140th Street Consolidated Sewer Project that will dump into the Dugway Storage Tunnel once completed. Fabrizi Trucking

& Paving is doing the open-cut sewers on this project. Marra Services has started the Kingsbury Run Preliminary Sewer project on Kinsman Rd., East 117th St. and East 149th St. in Cleveland, Engineered Concrete Structures will build the structures on this project.

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**SETTING structural steel for the new Dexter Place Apartments in Cleveland for ALL Crane is crane operator Jason Adams.**



**OPERATING a crane for ALL Crane, setting structural steel for new townhomes on W. 28th St. in Cleveland is Lee Mckay.**



**WORKING for Jay Dee Obayashi at the Westerly Storage Tunnel Shaft 3 in Cleveland is crane operator Gary Breckenridge.**

# POLITICAL ACTION

## Legislative Report

by Mark Totman, *Legislative Representative*

The Ohio General Assembly was just starting to filter into their perspective committees midway through January, with the full House returning the last week of the month.

First on the agenda for 2020 is the State



of Ohio's biennial capital budget. This is enacted in each even-numbered year and provides appropriations for the repair, reconstruction and construction of capital assets for state agencies, colleges, universities and school districts. This year's Capital Budget Bill is reportedly over \$2.6 billion in new projects.

2020 is going to be another great year for Local 18 members with our state highway and building budgets combined with our private contract work.

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## Rising income inequality boosts labor unions



## U.S. water crisis demands immediate change

"One would think that the most powerful country in the world would enjoy clean tap water every day. Yet, thanks to inequality and infrastructure decay, millions of Americans drink unsafe tap water from systems that violate health standards," wrote Andreea Sterea, editor of the *Water is a Right* website, in a recent column on *commondreams.org*. "There's no use hiding it: America is going through a water crisis and we're going to face even more dire times if it doesn't begin to change soon."

Sterea wrote that, "According to the American Water Works Association, the country needs to make massive investments in water infrastructure over the coming decades. But such repairs and replacements would cost

at least \$1 trillion. And, when we talk about money, we also talk about politics."

"Fortunately," Sterea contended, "the U.S. water crisis hasn't reached the levels seen in more arid regions of the world. But it is crises nonetheless – spreading silently and deadly, accelerated by a broken or corrupt political system."

"We have a long way ahead of us finding the right political and economic framework to tackle climate change, infrastructure rehabilitation, well water regulations, water contamination, agriculture challenges, and more – not to mention climate justice for all. Speaking truth to power is the first step. But it needs to be all of us, and it needs to be now," concluded Sterea.



"As economic inequality has become a hot-button issue for workers and candidates on the 2020 campaign trail, some experts have said a surge of emboldened organized labor movements could be on the horizon," wrote Catherine Thorbecke in a recent piece on *abcnews.go.com*.

Thorbecke's article cited statistics that while about 10 percent of U.S. workers were in unions in 2018, that number was 20 percent in 1983 – and, back in the 1940s more than 30 percent of workers were unionized.

According to Thorbecke, despite the currently low number of union members, recent high-profile news stories involving labor – including strikes by the United Auto Workers and the Chicago Teachers' Union – have put unions "back in the public eye."

"Union organizers I've talked to have said there is a dramatic pick-up in the number of people interested in organizing and trying to gain collective bargaining," labor expert Larry Mishel told ABC News.

In addition, Thorbecke quotes Joseph Kane of the Brookings Institute's Metropolitan Policy Program as saying this union revival may also be due to "the rise of economic inequality in the country," with the top one percent of the U.S. holding more wealth than the entire middle class, according to the Brookings Institute.

"Not all people are sharing in the economic gains that we are seeing," Kane said. "That's led to some very real frustrations and curiosity I think, of, 'Well, what can unions do about this?'"



## Columnist says repeal of Taft-Hartley Act would help unions

"Labor advocates and critics alike can debate the reasons for the decline of union membership in America over the last seven decades, but one event gets the nod from both sides as a major obstacle to union organizing. It's the passage in 1947 of the Taft-Hartley Act," contended Pulitzer-Prize winning business columnist Michael Hiltzik in a recent *Los Angeles Times* column.

Enacted by Congress in 1947 over the veto of President Harry S. Truman, the Taft-Hartley Act restricts the activities and power of labor unions. It's best known provision may be allowing states to enact Right-to-Work laws, now in place in 27 states including the entire Southeast United States.

According to Hiltzik, "It's certainly true that union leaders deserve some of the blame for the long-term decline of organized labor, as do fundamental changes in

the nature of work and employment in the U.S. over the last 70 years. But Taft-Hartley set the groundwork for that decline in myriad ways."

In addition to permitting state Right-to-Work laws, Hiltzik wrote that "Other provisions of Taft-Hartley are equally damaging to unionization efforts. It prohibited mass picketing, sit-down strikes and (more vaguely) secondary boycotts, in which unions take aim at suppliers or customers of their primary target."

In light of next year's upcoming presidential election, Hiltzik says that "It's important for the candidates to lay out the particulars of their pro-labor platforms, but it might also be easier to wrap them all together in a single theme: For the health and livelihoods of rank-and-file workers from coast to coast, the goal should be to wipe the entire Taft-Hartley Act off the face of the Earth."

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## U.S. DOT announces \$900 million in infrastructure grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recently announced a total of \$900 million in infrastructure grants to 55 projects in 35 states through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants Program, according to a press release.

Fiscal Year 2019 BUILD Transportation Grants are for investments in surface transportation, including roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation. Half of the BUILD grants awarded are earmarked for rural areas in an effort to rebalance historic underinvestment in rural America.

The State of Ohio received one grant award – \$18 million for an approximately three-mile expansion of U.S. Rt. 30, a four-lane expressway in Stark County east of the city of Canton. The BUILD grant project is a small part of a much larger planned project which would spend another \$100 million to extend the expressway portion of U.S. Rt. 30 to a point at or near the West Virginia border.

The overall U.S. Rt. 30 project is designed to provide easier and safer access for energy companies transporting supplies to extraction operations and easier access to petroleum supplies for chemical and plastic manufacturing facilities.

## Infrastructure investments key to economic growth

Despite the current strength of the U.S. economy, additional strategic investments in infrastructure would "unleash the full potential of American businesses," according to a recent *Washington Times* opinion piece by Louisiana Congressman, Clay Higgins.

"While economic indicators are promising, we can still do more to better our economy," Higgins wrote. "We should not grow complacent. America can take our economy to the next level with investments in safe, modern and reliable infrastructure. Our roads, bridges, airfields, railways and water management systems are foundational elements of our economy. Without robust infrastructure systems, interstate commerce and international trade would not be possible. Investing in these assets supports existing businesses and drives new economic development. Expanded capacity for trade and commerce means new jobs, increased revenues and stronger GDP growth."

Higgins' piece described some recent progress made by Congress, while urging further bipartisan efforts to do even more.

"During the 115th Congress, we ad-

vanced small wins on infrastructure, including the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) and the FAA Reauthorization Act. Across America, there are infrastructure assets in great need of repair and replacement. Doing so will build upon our current

economic success, serve as a catalyst for new growth and benefit the lives of hardworking American families. This should be a top priority for Congress. If we do what is necessary, every American will continue to win," Higgins concluded.



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Ward & Burke has micro tunneling to do on the Kingsbury Culvert project near East 75th St. and Woodland Ave.

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

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

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

The Great Lakes Construction Company continues work on improvements to the West Shoreway Transformation Project. Also, in Shaker Heights, at the new "The District at Van Aken" mixed-use site, Sitetech is doing the mass excavation, sewer, and water, with Standard Contracting digging for footers,



**OPERATING** an excavator for Digoia Suburban on the Westerly Storage Tunnel Shaft 2 in Cleveland is Darren Wangler.



**PUMPING** concrete for a new fuel station at the Norfolk Southern Railroad yard in Bellevue for Howard Concrete is Ed Vanko.

Carbide Excavating digging for the electricians, and Xtreme Elements is working on the concrete with help from General Crane. Chieftain Trucking & Excavating has the site work at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Snow Leopard Exhibit. Chieftain Trucking is also working on the East 38th St. and Broadway Ave. RTA Station reconstruction in Cleveland.

Terrace Construction is working on valve and hydrant repairs throughout the City of Cleveland, waterline repairs on Highland Rd. in Highland Heights, waterline repairs on Cov-

entry Rd. in Shaker Heights, sewer work on East 150th St. in Cleveland, a road rehabilitation on West 73rd St., sewer work on Webb Rd. and along Lake Ave. in Lakewood, and a waterline replacement on Larchwood Ave.

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

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

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

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

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

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



**OPERATING a buckhoist for Forest City Erectors on Church St. in Cleveland for a new mixed use development building is Aaron Shepherd.**



**DIGGING a water line on Center Ridge Rd. in North Ridgeville for Fechko Excavating are Tyler Peacock (hoe on left) and Andrew Jackson (hoe on right).**

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

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

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

Marous Brothers Construction has the site

work for townhomes on East 73rd St. and Euclid Ave. in Cleveland and is still working on the new Breakwater Bluffs condos on the



**REPLACING electrical conduit and operating an excavator for Eclipse Construction on Wade Ave. in Cleveland is Jeremiah Johnson.**

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west side of Cleveland.

The Perk Company is working on the road rehabilitation on West 130th St. and Pearl Rd. both in Cleveland, with Shelly Company doing the milling and paving on both projects. Perk is reconstructing Clark Ave. on Cleveland's westside, with Mr. Excavator doing the sewer work on this project. Perk is working on the East 55th Street Road rehabilitation in Cleveland, with Chagrin Valley Paving doing the paving. Perk is also reconstructing a section of Harvard Ave. in Highland Hills and has the Turney Road rehabilitation in Garfield Hts.

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

Work in southern Cuyahoga County continues to be busy with many ongoing projects. Catts Construction has the waterline replacement on Lafayette Drive in Independence. DiGioia has the widening of Royalton Rd. in Broadview Heights. Fabrizi has the widening of Sprague Rd. in North Royalton. Marous Brothers has the site work for a retirement home on York Rd. in North Royalton. Fabrizi and Phoenix Cement are working on the addition at the Baldwin Wallace Arts building. Great Lakes Construction has the intersection improvements at I-480 and State Rd. in Cleveland and Parma. Independence Excavating has the demolition of the VA Hospital in Brecksville.

Work at ArcelorMittal is keeping our mem-



**CRANE operator Matthew McCallum, working for Northstar Contracting on the Doan Valley Storage Tunnel Project in Cleveland.**



**PERFORMING slope stabilization with a gradall for Terrace Construction on Lake Ave. in Cleveland is David Jocke.**

bers busy working for Stein, Matt Construction, Kelley Steel Erectors, Bulk Transport, and KT-Grant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Brunswick, Perk Company has the full-depth road rehab of Laurel Rd. Kelley Steel Erectors is setting the steel for the new middle school on Pearl Rd. Lockhart Concrete is replacing a bridge on S.R. 303 in Hinkley. Ronyak is resurfacing Columbia Rd. in Valley City.



**OPERATING an industrial towmotor for Jay Dee Obayashi on the Westerly Storage Tunnel Shaft 3 in Cleveland is Cornell Robinson.**

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

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

In Columbia Station, DiGioia Suburban is

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digging sewer for a subdivision on Redfern Rd. Miller Pipeline has the distribution and maintenance gas line work on Sprague Rd.

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

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



**WORKING** for Northstar Contracting on the Westerly Storage Tunnel Shaft 2 in Cleveland, operating a crane, is Jon Pappas.

Scot is doing asphalt repairs on Center Ridge Rd. in Westlake.

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

In Sandusky, Mosser Construction is cutting in a turn lane for the Sports Force facility on Cleveland Rd. Speer Brothers is doing the site and underground work for a photography studio on Hayes Ave. Kokosing is



**OPERATING** a crane for Jay Dee Obayashi at the Westerly Storage Tunnel Shaft 3 in Cleveland is Dan Nichols.

working on the full-depth road reconstruction of Shoreline Drive. Sitetech is doing the site and underground work at the Jackson Street Pier.

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

In Huron County, Great Lakes Demolition is replacing a culvert on S.R. 269 in Bellevue.



**CRANE** operator Mike McKinney working for Northstar Contracting on the Westerly Storage Tunnel Shaft 1 in Cleveland.

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

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



**OILING** for ALL Crane on the Dexter Place Apartments in Cleveland is Joe Mokos.



# District 2 busy with a large volume of work



**BACKFILLING** a turbine base on the Scioto Ridge Windfarm in Hardin County is White Construction.



**WALKING** their Liebherr 1750 on the Timber Road IV Windfarm in Paulding County is Kiewit Power Constructors.



**SETTING** bridge beams on I-75 over Lima Ave. for Beaver Excavating in Findlay is Jeffers Crane Service.



**"STABBING"** a blade utilizing a Liebherr 1750 on the Timber Road IV Wind Farm in Paulding County is Kiewit Power Constructors.



**WORKING** on a borrow pit in Findlay is Beaver Excavating.



**ENJOYING** the District 2 retirees Christmas luncheon.



**MOVING** dirt on the I-75 reconstruction project in Findlay is Beaver Excavating.



# SAFETY REPORT



by **Brett LaFaso**, Safety Director

When working around suspended loads, most people would think that staying out from under the load would keep them out of harm's way. They would be wrong. I will describe an accident that I was directly involved with in April of 2008 where I was operating a conventional crane setting steel with ironworkers.

The weather was cold, snowy and windy, which put the ironworkers in a mood to not work. In an attempt to motivate them, the ironworker foreman told them if they set the 15 or so purlins needed to complete a bump out on the building being constructed, they could go home. Now they were in a hurry.

The process was pretty simple. Find the center on the purlin, single choke the center point and use a vice grip clamp on the steel inside the nylon endless choker to keep the choke from sliding on the steel purlin. This was all going according to plan until the last piece. The rigger on the ground was in a hurry and didn't center the choke point, he didn't use a clamp to keep the choker from sliding when picking it up with the crane, and he handed the wrong end of the purlin to the

connector sitting on the iron. This is where things went wrong. The connector saw that it was the wrong end and then threw the wrong end away from him, which, under normal circumstances, would have resulted in the correct end swinging around to him so he could connect. This didn't happen.

With the piece now swinging free and not choked in the center, it immediately fell to vertical. With it now vertical and with no clamp inside the choke holding the choker in place, it slid through the choker, cutting it like a laser. It then fell approximately 5 feet to the ground, where it stood unsupported for a second and then began to fall. This 20-foot piece, weighing around 90 pounds, came down like a felled tree and struck the rigger



who was busy picking up and getting ready to leave for the day. It pushed him down into the snow like the hand of God.

The rigger suffered a concussion, sore neck and a severe bruise on his shoulder. It could have been much worse.

There are several things that could have prevented this accident. First of all, being in a hurry was the largest factor which caused the rigger to ignore procedure, and ignore the load once rigged and in the air. That 20-foot piece now had a 40-foot diameter of range, of which the very end of the piece struck the rigger.

## This Month in Labor History

**Labor Great  
John L. Lewis  
Born in February 1880**

Famed labor leader John L. Lewis, a major force in the history of coal mining as well as the impetus behind the founding of the Congress of Industrial Workers (CIO) was born in Cleveland, Iowa on February 12, 1880.

Lewis, who served as president of the United Mine Workers for some 40 years, has been described as one of the most controversial and innovative leaders in the history of labor – receiving credit for bringing high wages, pensions and medical benefits to coal miners and growing the political and economic influence of the CIO but receiving criticism for calling for nationwide coal strikes which some found damaging to the U.S. economy.

### IN ALL DISTRICTS:

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

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

### GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE NOMINATION PETITION NOTICE: GENERAL ELECTION

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

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

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

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

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



# District 3 off to a good start

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**OPERATING** an excavator for the George J. Igel & Company in Ross County, Chillicothe at Adena Hospital, is Brian Coleman.



**WORKING** for George J. Igel & Company in Ross County, Chillicothe, at Adena Hospital is Annette Uhl.



**WORKING** in Grandview Hts. is Complete General Construction.



**SLIDE** repair on S.R. 376 in Morgan County by Shelly & Sands.



**BUSY** for ALL Crane in Athens, Athens County is Shane Nichols.



**ON THE JOB** for PSC at Project Turnstile in Licking County are (l-r) Dennis Herman, II and Ricky Young.



**OPERATING** a finish dozer for George J. Igel & Company in New Albany, Licking County is Maxwell Farley.



# District 3 off to a good start

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**WORKING** for Kenmore Construction in Franklin County at the Columbus Water Treatment Plant on Morse Rd. are (l-r) Dustin Tootle and Justin Lowry.



**TEARING** down the old water tower for Capital City Crane in Zanesville, Muskingum County is Darin Snider.



**PAVING** for Kokosing in Heath, Licking County is Michael Cunningham.



**SETTING** precast walls for Capital City Crane in Lockbourne, Franklin County is Josh Baumann.



**OPERATING** a skid steer at Western High School in McDermott, Scioto County, for WAI is John Reynolds.



**PUTTING** in geo piers in Logan, Hocking County is Hayward Baker.



## District 4/5 staying active



*DISTRICT 4/5 members gather for their December membership meeting.*



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



*DISTRICT 4/5 Representative Jeff Powell with Gary Huffman, receiving his 40 year recognition.*



## RETIREES CLUB



**by Gary Siesel,**  
*President*

I was once told that the only thing you could truly count on was change, and so here we are.

I would first like to thank our past presidents of the Local 18

Retirees' Club, in particular Harold Pflager, and before him Steven J. Mayor. They have

kept our retirees informed while working with the district chairpersons throughout the state, and I hope to continue the work of these Brothers.

I also want to thank Business Manager Richard Dalton for appointing me to this position. This administration has always worked diligently in the best interest of the members of Local 18, and I will do my part in representing the interest of our retirees, as has been done in the past.

As with all new jobs, it will take time to learn the ins and outs of this position. I ask

for your patience, but particularly for your involvement in the Retirees Club. Without involvement, any club, association, organization, etc., doesn't exist for very long. If you are retired and have not been to meetings, please think about coming to a district retirees meeting near you.

I hope as you are reading this report that you are enjoying good health, and to our working members, a safe work season. I will be making my rounds to the district retiree meetings and working closely with the district chairpersons. Hope to see you there.

## Fuel tax increase suggested to help infrastructure

The best way to fund much-needed U.S. infrastructure improvements is an increase in the federal fuel tax, according to Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) President John Lyboldt, according to a recent story written by Jack Glenn for *FreightWaves.com*.

As TCA president, Lyboldt represents truckload drivers, a "widely forgotten segment" he called the 'silent majority' of trucking, which represents close to 78% of all U.S. freight moved by truck thanks to its nearly 3.5 million drivers.

According to Glenn's story, "A higher tax may not be popular, but Lyboldt argues it is worth it for the problems it would solve.

He listed vehicle damage costs, loss of productivity, and rising congestion as reasons to improve the nation's transportation in-

***Lyboldt's advocacy for improved transportation infrastructure centers first around safety.***

frastructure, which, according to Lyboldt, is "shamefully only ranked 29th in the world."

"But it's not just bridges, roads and tunnels that he wants to improve," the story continued. "Lyboldt argued for improving broad-

band internet's intangible transportation infrastructure as well."

The article said that Lyboldt's advocacy for improved transportation infrastructure centers first around safety, recognizing that not addressing these issues "could bring about deadly consequences."

"Lyboldt is a strong proponent for embracing technology and equipment that make the roadways safer," wrote Glenn. "What he hopes to see become a reality is the ability for cars and trucks to 'talk' to one another. That's technologically possible, Lyboldt said, and implementing it isn't 'rocket science.'"



# District 6 looking forward to the new year



*CONSTRUCTING the eastbound exit ramp at S.R. 619 is Ruhlin.*



*BUSY on the I-76 project in Summit County is Ruhlin.*



*WORKING for MarkWest Energy is Maxim Crane, assisting with the Hopedale V Fractionation Plant.*



*MAXIM Crane working inside the MarkWest Hopedale V Fractionation Plant.*



*ON THE JOB for Cioffi at the Vernon Odom Sidewalk Project is Jeff Campbell.*



*HOISTING HVAC equipment at the Norton CVS for Frank Lucco is Todd Ellis.*



# 18S members on the job



**WORKING** for Solvay in Willow Island, WV are (l-r) Utility Operators Travis Malone and Wesley Lester.



**ON THE JOB** for CBRE in Westerville are (l-r) Don Binns and Thomas Langevin.



**UTILITY** Operator Brock Collins has worked for Solvay in Willow Island, WV for 45 years.



**LEAD** Engineer Robert Cass works for CBRE in Indianapolis, IN.



**KEEPING** busy for Solvay in Willow Island, WV are (l-r) Utility Operators Ed Gwinn and Chris Fetty.



**BUSY** for CBRE in Westerville is Operating Engineer Gene McClellan.



**WORKING** for CBRE in Indianapolis, IN is Richard Thurston.



**WORKING** for the City of Painesville is Ronald Fresi.

# February and March Local 18 Training Schedule

## Richfield (800) 842-9419

February 1	8-Hour ICRA	February 29	8-Hour Hydro Excavation
February 3-6	32-Hour Asphalt Milling	March 2-5	32-Hour Crane II
February 4-7	32-Hour OSHA 30/STP	March 3-4	16-Hour Trench Safety
February 6-7	16-Hour Trench Safety	March 5-6	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP
February 10-13	32-Hour Asphalt Paving	March 7	8-Hour Forklift Combination
February 12-14	24-Hour Skid Steer	March 7	8-Hour Labor History - District 1
February 14-15	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	March 9-13	40-Hour Utility Support Equipment
February 15	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	March 14	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
February 17-21	40-Hour HAZWOPER	March 16-19	32-Hour Tower Crane
February 19	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 16-20	40-Hour Grader
February 19-21	24-Hour MSHA	March 19-20	16-Hour Trench Safety
February 20	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 23-26	32-Hour Crane II
February 22	8-Hour Load Securement	March 23-27	40-Hour Grader
February 22	8-Hour Signal Person	March 24-27	32-Hour Tower Crane
February 24-28	40-Hour Crane I	March 28, April 4	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each CCO Refresher
February 25-26	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	March 30-April 1	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 27-28	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment		

## Cygnnet (888) 634-6880

February 1	8-Hour Skid Steer Refresher	March 2-6	40-Hour Crane I
February 3-7	40-Hour HAZWOPER	March 2-6	40-Hour Deep Excavation
February 8	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	March 7, March 14	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP
February 10-14	40-Hour Crane I	March 9-12	32-Hour Asphalt Milling
February 11-13	24-Hour MSHA	March 14	8-Hour MSHA Refresher
February 15	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	March 16-19	32-Hour Asphalt Paving
February 15	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation	March 16-20	40-Hour Crane II
February 17-21	40-Hour Grader	March 21	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
February 17-21	40-Hour Welding	March 23-27	40-Hour Directional Drill
February 19-20	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	March 26-27	16-Hour Crane Rigging
February 22	8-Hour Forklift Combination	March 28	8-Hour Signal Person
February 24-26	24-Hour GPS Grade Control	March 30-April 3	40-Hour Drones in Construction
February 27-29	24-Hour GPS Grade Control	March 30-April 3	40-Hour Pipeline Distribution
February 29	8-Hour Labor History - District 2		

## Logan (888) 385-2567

February 1	8-Hour Tier IV Emissions	March 2-5	32-Hour Asphalt Milling
February 3-5	24-Hour Skid Steer	March 2-6	40-Hour Directional Drill
February 3-7	40-Hour Plan Reading	March 4-6	24-Hour MSHA
February 6	8-Hour Signal Person	March 4, March 11	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each Trench Safety
February 6-7	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	March 7	8-Hour MSHA Refresher
February 7	8-Hour Forklift Combination	March 9-12	32-Hour Asphalt Paving
February 8	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	March 9-13	40-Hour Crane II
February 8	8-Hour Labor History - District 3	March 14, March 21	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each CCO Refresher
February 10-12	24-Hour Skid Steer	March 16-20	40-Hour Pipeline Distribution
February 13-14	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	March 21	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation
February 15	8-Hour Skid Steer Refresher	March 23-25	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 17-21	40-Hour Crane I	March 24	8-Hour Forklift Combination
February 17-21	40-Hour Welding	March 25-26	16-Hour Crane Rigging
February 20-21	16-Hour Trench Safety	March 26-28	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 21-22	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	March 27	8-Hour Signal Person
February 22	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 28	8-Hour CCO Exam
February 24-28	40-Hour Deep Excavation	March 30-April 10	80-Hour Intermediate Pipeline (L18)
February 24-28	40-Hour Grader		
February 24-28	40-Hour Utility Support Equipment		
February 24-March 6	80-Hour Sideboom Pipeline (L18)		



# Shop members prepare for the 2020 work season



**WORKING** for Herc Rentals is Alex Moyes.



**ON THE JOB** for Cummins Inc. is Generator Tech Sam O'Campo.

## February and March Local 18 Training Schedule

### Miamisburg (800) 635-4928

February 1	8-Hour Signal Person	March 7	8-Hour Forklift Combination
February 3-7	40-Hour Pipeline Distribution	March 7	8-Hour Load Securement
February 7-8	16-Hour Crane Rigging	March 10-12	24-Hour Skid Steer
February 8	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 13	8-Hour Signal Person
February 12-14	24-Hour GPS Grade Control	March 14	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
February 13-14	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	March 16-20	40-Hour HAZWOPER
February 15	8-Hour Labor History - District 4/5	March 17-19	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 17-20	40-Hour Asphalt Milling (4x10's)	March 20-21	16-Hour Crane Rigging
February 17-21	40-Hour Crane I	March 21, March 28	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each Trench Safety
February 17-21	40-Hour Drones in Construction	March 23-27	40-Hour Articulated Boom Crane
February 18-20	24-Hour Skid Steer	March 28	8-Hour Skid Steer Refresher
February 22	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	March 28	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
February 24-27	40-Hour Asphalt Paving (4x10's)	March 31-April 2	24-Hour MSHA
February 24-28	40-Hour Crane II		
March 2-6	40-Hour Deep Excavation		



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# Martin Luther King Jr. – a champion of workers' rights

Most people know Martin Luther King, Jr. as a larger than life leader who selflessly campaigned for racial equality and civil rights. Many of his speeches and marches for these causes are well documented. Perhaps less well known, but equally important, is Dr. King's role as a fierce champion of workers' rights.

Martin Luther King, Jr. passionately supported the right of Americans to organize and be members of labor unions. In fact, he viewed the fights for civil rights and labor rights as inseparable from one another. In describing his viewpoint, Dr. King said:

"Our needs are identical with labor's needs: Decent wages, fair working conditions, livable housing, old-age security, health and welfare measures, conditions in which families can grow, have education for their children, and respect in the community."

## A record of bravery and standing up

One of Dr. King's most celebrated moments was the famous "March on Washington," where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. In reality, that march was also a rally for labor rights. The full name of the event was "The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom." The rally was organized by labor leaders such as A. Philip Randolph, Bayard Rustin and Walter Reuther. Among its causes were demands for full racial equality, civil and

job rights and a livable minimum wage.

Another example of Dr. King's support of labor occurred in 1964. Oklahoma was voting on a so-called Right-to-Work law. The Oklahoma NAACP distributed pamphlets featuring Dr. King's strong condemnation of such laws. The ballot measure failed, protecting labor rights in Oklahoma for decades.

In the later years of his life, King widened his perspective and grew increasingly vocal about the need for economic justice. This culminated in the Poor People's Campaign — a movement that was designed to build on the successes of the War on Poverty.

Indeed, Dr. King was fighting for workers' rights even up to his death in April of 1968. He was in Memphis, Tennessee that fateful day, supporting members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Sanitation workers there were experiencing not only racial discrimination but refusal by the local government to recognize their union.

Dr. King knew well that the struggle for racial and social equality naturally included economic and workplace justice. Throughout his life, Martin Luther King, Jr. was proud to stand with, and for, workers.

Especially in these times of unfair wealth distribution, corporate greed and worker dissatisfaction, we would all do well to follow Dr. King's lead in standing up to human in-



justice wherever we find it, whether in the workplace or in our own communities.

Sources: SEIU Local 721 [<https://www.seiu721.org/2017/08/martin-luther-king-jr-working-people.php>] • TheStand.org [<https://www.thestand.org/2015/01/mlk-champion-of-unions-bargaining-rights-2/>] • InsideSources.com [<https://www.inside-sources.com/unions-en-masse-ahead-mlk-rally/>].

# Bringing back unions key to reviving the middle class

"If the U.S. is going to make a big dent in income inequality and raise living standards for the middle class it is going to need a multipronged approach. One big idea is to bring back unions and collective bargaining," according to a *Bloomberg* opinion column by Noah Smith, an assistant professor of finance at New York's Stony Brook University.

"Higher taxes and more spending on healthcare would help," Smith wrote. "Minimum wage laws can raise pay for workers at the bottom without reducing employment much, but they only benefit a relatively small slice of the workforce. However something else is needed. Several teams of economists have examined the historical record and have concluded that unions were important in reducing inequality."

Smith cites ideas offered in a new book by former Assistant Labor Secretary, Martin Manley, titled *A Better Bargain: Organizing Employers and Workers to Grow America's*

*Middle Class*. Smith says Manley's book advocates major changes in U.S. labor law, such as "shifting from enterprise-level bargaining to sectoral bargaining, with negotiations taking place in an entire industry, not individual workplaces or companies."

"Innovative ideas like Manley's could allow

sectoral bargaining to take root even faster and to be carried out in a way that many employers would embrace. Ultimately, a more cooperative relationship between workers and management would result in a more sustainable system for supporting the middle class," Smith concludes.



## Scholarship Period

The Education and Safety Fund scholarship application period is now open.

Applications are available at the Fringe Benefit Office and at any Local 18 district office, as well as at OOEXG.com under the Scholarship Section of the Document Center.

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

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

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

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

## 2020 Labor History classes scheduled

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



## Apprentice Application Period February 2020

The 2020 apprentice application period will continue on February 6, 7, 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications will be taken at the following locations:

### Region 1 Training Center

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

### Region 2 Training Center

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

### Region 3 Training Center

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

### Region 4/5 Training Center

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

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



**SITE work for a new school on Wilbur Rd. in Medina by Precision Engineering and Contracting. District 1's Art Butcher is operating the dozer and Jay Goldsmith is operating the hoe.**

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

### Section 10

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



## IN MEMORIAM

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

Johnnie Williams (D-4/5)	October 14
LM Charles Smith (D-4/5)	November 12
LM Harry Marsh (D-4/5)	November 13
LM George Cristia (D-6)	November 16
LM Robert Gazarek (D-2)	November 19
LM Eugene Carey (D-1)	November 26
LM Perry Bricker (D-3)	November 28
Michael Sena (D-3)	November 29
David McCann (D-4/5)	November 30
LM Clarence Shaffer (D-3)	November 30
Olen Sutherland (D-2)	December 2
James Durbin (D-4/5)	December 11
Donald Miller (D-6)	December 12
LM Silvan Smith (D-4/5)	December 13
LM Louis Monnin (D-4/5)	December 19



## Recent Club 18 contributors

**\$180.06**

**Bill M. Baker**, District 6

**\$18.00**

**Robert A. Martin**, District 6

**\$18.00**

**Michael "Mick" North**, District 3

**\$18.00**

**Michael Wohnhas**, District 6

**\$11.00**

**Thomas Zumbro**, District 3

## Local 18 Calendar

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### RETIREE CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

**5** District 3 mtg.

**27** District 1 mtg.

#### MARCH

**18** District 6 Board mtg. –  
D-6 Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.

**19** District 2 mtg.

**26** District 1 mtg.

February and March training schedule appears on pages 18 and 19.

## 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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3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

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If you have moved and have not notified Local 18, please send your change of address to:

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**CLEVELAND, OH 44115**

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



## Survivor, pension benefits go to 13

### District 1

Scott R. Tatum, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

### District 2

Brian Lee Browning and Brian K. Guhn (early retirements); Rick D. Massengale, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

### District 3

Wilbur D. Barnes, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Richard L. Nethers (normal retirement).

### District 4/5

David M. Combs and Randy M. Scantland, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements).

### District 6

Robert L. Boyle and Bahaley Butler, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements); Bill L. Davis, Jr., Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Allen W. Kutcher and Darrell L. Peck (normal retirements).

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