

# Buckeye Engineer



## Local 18 CALENDAR

Jan. 1 – Scholarship application

Apr. 1 period

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 4 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs. – CANCELED
- 9 District 4/5 Labor History Class – CANCELED and rescheduled to March 20, 2021
- 11 All Districts – Membership mtgs. – CANCELED
- 13 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima (No meetings until April)
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 18 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 20 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula (No meetings until April)
- 23 Executive Board mtg. – Columbus District Office, 1:00 p.m.
- 24 Semi-Annual State mtg. – Hilton Columbus/Polaris 8700 Lyra Drive, 10:00 a.m.
- 25 Apprenticeship Application Period begins (See information on page 18)

### FEBRUARY

- 1 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 6 District 1 Labor History Class – Cleveland Union Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 8 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 10 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima (No meetings until April)
- 13 District 2 Labor History Class – Toledo Union Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 15 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 15 Presidents' Day
- 17 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula (No meetings until April)
- 27 District 6 Labor History Class – Akron Union Hall, 7:30 a.m.

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## REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

Happy New Year! Let us hope for a better year in 2021 than the previous year. There is light at the end of the tunnel with a COVID-19 vaccination just being delivered to the American people. It will be several months until enough doses are available for everyone who wants to be vaccinated, so we need to be patient a while longer. Continue to socially distance and wear your masks until health officials give the all-clear signal.

Labor History classes will be starting in February. This year the classes will be reserved for the first-year apprentices and new members to accommodate the room capacity. Michael Bertolone and Jason Baker will once again conduct the classes. The program details union struggles through the years; it evolves into current events that affect our lives as union members and explains your union's structure.

Beginning in March, the one-night steward refresher classes will begin. Joe Casto will conduct the refresher class in each of the districts. The class will outline the duties of stewards and will detail the grievance process in the statewide agreements. Refer to the calendar for the date of the steward class in your district. Class sizes will be limited, so call your district office and get signed up.

During these winter months, stop by your regional training site and check out the facilities. There are numerous classes and programs available to update your certifications and skills. The training site staff is available six days a week to meet the needs of the membership. If you think of other programs that would be of interest, let the staff know



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year in 2021.

so they can research the feasibility of conducting the programs.

In the spring, we will begin preparations for negotiations for the statewide OCA and AGC agreements. If you have any suggestions you would like to be considered for negotiations, please let my office or your district office know. We maintained all the proposals from last year and will include those in these upcoming negotiations.

The large pipeline projects Local 18 has had over the past ten years are starting to come to an end. Large-diameter pipe and long stretches are all but completed. There will be some smaller diameter pipeline projects, and there continues to be an extensive

amount of pipeline distribution work ahead. We were fortunate to have had the many projects that ran through Ohio.

In Ashtabula, Ohio, Petmin Group has begun the Nodular Pig Iron Plant construction, which will be similar to the Cleveland Cliffs project in Toledo. This is the new construction of a facility to create nodular pig iron used in the metal castings industry. The project is scheduled for three years and includes the plant's construction and new access roads to and from the site. The project is being built under the Building Agreement.

As we roll into 2021, ODOT work will continue to be the primary employment provider for the members. ODOT has a relatively aggressive schedule of work to complete this year. We have been informed that while the projects will be smaller in size, there will be more of them, and thus more contractor

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## DUES SCHEDULE

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

The following quarterly and monthly dues schedule for Local 18 and its Branches and Owner/Operator members is as follows:

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.

# President



**Thomas Byers**

I'm writing this article just prior to Thanksgiving 2020 and looking back on the work season. Work in some parts of the state was fantastic, with members working overtime all summer. The southern part of the state had quite a few large-scale projects that provided many opportunities for the membership.

Other parts of the state saw multi-year projects winding down and early layoffs for some members. The volume of pipeline work from prior years slowed, with the Buckeye XPress being the only major pipeline project in Ohio. However, hundreds of Operating Engineers worked on the project.

In reviewing the bidder's lists on ODOT and utility projects this season, it has become obvious that the nonunion out-of-state pipeline and well-paid contractors are looking for a new revenue stream and are seeking to get into the highway/utility markets. Our Organizing Department is monitoring these com-

panies and protecting our work. If you see any companies that you are not familiar with, please contact your district office so the organizers can follow up on them. Our skills, certifications, safety, and productivity bring new companies to the table to negotiate with Local 18, and these same traits keep our current signatory contractors successful and competitive.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused some slowdowns across the state as job sites and some shops were temporarily shut down. Thankfully, most projects took precautions, followed the recommendations of health officials, practiced social distancing and cleaning protocols, and kept working. Disinfectant spray and wipes became almost as commonplace as windshield cleaner and paper towels on job sites to keep the equipment clean.

Unfortunately, the family picnics were canceled across the state, and the holiday meals at the December meetings were put on hold to keep everyone healthy. The retiree's clubs wisely canceled their meetings and luncheons to protect the health of the retired members and their families. Hopefully, these meetings can resume this year.

As you will recall, last spring, the Governor's Coronavirus Guidelines limited the size of group

meetings. Due to the number of people typically involved in negotiations of the OCA (Highway/Heavy) and AGC (Building) agreements, all parties agreed to a 1-year extension with a wage increase, which was overwhelmingly ratified by the membership. Preparations are underway to begin negotiations again on these agreements. If you have any suggestions for changes or additions to the agreements, please forward them to your district office or Local 18 Headquarters in Cleveland.

Labor History classes are currently scheduled to begin this month, with attendance limited due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements. You must RSVP with your district office, and members who have taken the class multiple times are encouraged to let apprentices and new members have the first opportunity to take this class due to limitations on the class size.

In closing, I want to thank you for taking the time to read my article this month. As always, I want to thank the Local 18 Retirees across the state for making this local what it is today. I am proud to be a member of this union and honored to serve as the President of Local 18. I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year in 2021.

# Energy



**Michael Bertolone**

Welcome to a new year; we hope everyone had a safe and healthy holiday season with your family. Local 18 is looking forward to the new year and the job opportunities that the Oil and Gas Industry will create for our members. As always, we have been tracking all projects seeking approval at both the state and federal levels, as well as the private sector.

On the federal level, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulates and approves all projects that involve the interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas, oil, and LNG terminals. Local 18 attends the monthly FERC commission meetings to stay on top of any new projects seeking approval in our jurisdiction. For all of 2020, no new projects were seeking federal approval for Local 18's jurisdiction, which is not surprising to us because of the Presidential election and the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. There

were numerous jobs created from projects approved prior to 2020, such as the TC Energy Buckeye XPress Pipeline, cleanup work from the NEXUS Pipeline, and slip repairs from the Rover Pipeline and Leach XPress. We are hopeful that in 2021 we will see some new projects announced.

The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regulates and approves all projects that are in-state and fall under the utility provider section of the Ohio revised code through the state level. Local 18 attends all of the OPSB board meetings and the public hearings for projects seeking approval in our jurisdiction. There are currently two pipeline projects we have been tracking through this process: The Central Corridor Pipeline project and the Bethel-Batavia Pipeline project that are both Duke Energy projects in the District 4/5 jurisdiction of Local 18.

The Central Corridor Pipeline project had a prolonged and bumpy road to its approval, for lack of a better word. The process for the approval for this project began back in 2017 for Duke Energy. They were up against various opposition groups and had to redesign the pipeline route numer-

ous times to appease everyone involved. The project has been approved, and now the 13 miles of 20-inch pipeline can be installed. We look forward to this kicking off this year and creating job opportunities for our members.

The Bethel-Batavia Pipeline project was announced in the late part of 2020 and is currently in the beginning application stages of the approval process. Most of 2021 will be spent attending the public open house and public testimony hearings on behalf of this project. The pipeline route is still being selected, and when it is finalized, along with the diameter of the pipe, we will be sure to inform the membership of these details.

Local 18 will continue to build relationships with all of the energy companies who will develop projects in our jurisdiction. We were happy to see some projects being proposed and designed for this year and look forward to the industry bouncing back in the coming years. Local 18 is in full support of the industry and will continue to pursue any project that creates jobs for our members. Stay safe, work hard, and we look forward to being able to see everyone soon!





**Carol Wilson**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Last year was different than what we were used to, and everyone faced many challenges. With a new year, we reflect on the past year and look forward with optimism that things will be better.

Once again, the Trustees of the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan have partnered with Life Line Screening to conduct important preventive health screenings to identify underlying risk factors for vascular disease and other chronic conditions including stroke, high blood pressure, abdominal aortic aneurysms, peripheral arterial disease, high cholesterol, and diabetes. These screenings are free of charge to eligible members and their spouses. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Life Line Screening continues to maintain the highest level of cleanliness and hygiene at all screening locations. They have also put new procedures in place, including temperature checks, a short health questionnaire, masks, social distancing, and hand sanitizer to assure they are keeping you safe. If you have not already done so, please call (800) 697-9698 to schedule an appointment for your screening. It only takes a few minutes of your time, and it will help you and your doctor make sure you stay healthy. All members and spouses who participate in the screenings will receive a \$25 CVS gift card from the Health and Welfare Plan.

At the time this article was submitted for publication, there has not been a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Food and Drug Administration. In the event a COVID-19 vaccine is approved, the Health and Welfare Plan will cover it in accordance with the Plan Schedule of Benefits, unless otherwise mandated by the government to pay for the entire cost. Also, remember that it is not too late to get a flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest that getting a flu vaccine during 2020-2021 is more important than ever. It offers the best defense against the flu, and it can prevent the spread of the flu to others. The Health and Welfare Plan covers flu shots at 100%, up to \$50 per calendar year.

The Board of Trustees has committed to an ongoing effort to improve the long-term stability of the Health and Welfare Plan, and they have determined that there will be a rate increase for retiree and surviving spouse coverage. The new rates will go into effect on February 1, 2021. Notices were mailed in

November to retirees and surviving spouses regarding the rate increases. If you have questions about your monthly retiree or surviving spouse premium, please contact the Fringe Office. The Trustees appreciate your continued support when they find it necessary to make changes to keep health care coverage available and affordable to the members.

Your Pension Fund is currently paying out more than \$13 million monthly or \$156 million annually to 7,450 retirees and surviving spouses. The Trustees and Staff, along with the investment consultants and actuaries, constantly monitor the Pension Fund to preserve its financial integrity and viability for the current retirees and the working participants who will retire in the coming years.

It is once again that time of year to apply for a scholarship from the Ohio Operating

Engineers Education and Safety Fund. The application period is open for eligible members and dependents from January 1 through April 1, 2021. Applications are available on the MemberXG website at <http://memberxg.gobasys.com/OOEFBP> or through the Fringe Benefits MemberXG link on the IUOE Local 18 app or website. Applications are also available in all District Offices and at the Fringe Office. Applicants pursuing an education in a construction-related course of study may be eligible for a higher award amount. Awards will be granted for the academic year beginning June 1, 2021, and ending May 31, 2022.

Please know that we are here to assist in any way we can when it comes to helping you navigate through your fringe benefit questions. Please feel free to contact our office at (800) 282-1767 or (614) 488-0708.

## ACA requirements for 1095-B



### OHIO OPERATING ENGINEERS FRINGE BENEFIT PROGRAMS

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Administrator

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

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

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

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

*Because the individual shared responsibility payment is reduced to zero in 2020, an individual does not need the information on Form 1095-B in order to compute his or her federal tax liability or file an income tax return with the Service.*

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

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

After receiving the request, the 1095-B will be mailed on or around February 1, 2021, or within 30 days, if the request is received on or after January 4, 2021.

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

# Stationary Engineers



**John Hardesty**



**Eric Eastwood**



**Daniel Hoopes**

The staff of Local 18S would like to take this time to wish all our members a Happy New Year, and we hope you all had a Merry Christmas. With 2020 behind us now, we hope that 2021 is a better year for all of us.

COVID-19 is still slowing down our negotiations, resulting in contract extensions and phone-conference bargaining. Hopefully, the level of uncertainty that our nation was fac-

ing in 2020 will diminish soon. This last year turned out to be a very busy and challenging year for 18S. As we write this article, we hope this is finding our members safe and healthy.

The following 2020 contracts have been ratified or are currently being

negotiated as of December 31, 2020:

- 1100 Superior Avenue
- Able Engineering
- Anheuser-Busch
- CBRE Mobile Route Techs
- Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Authority

- Fresh Mark
- Lorain County Commissioners
- Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
- OhioHealth Nelsonville
- Sofidel America
- Zanesville Metropolitan Housing Authority

The following 2021 contracts will be opened and negotiated during the current year:

- 1111 Superior LLC - Eaton Center
- Anne Grady Center
- City of Painesville
- City of Shelby (Both Units)
- Cuyahoga County Engineers
- Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineers
- Dairymens
- Hepner Air Filter Service
- One Cleveland Center (Optima Management)
- Solvay
- Warren City Schools
- Westin Hotel/Sage Client

Local 18S is currently negotiating a first-time agreement with the High-Pressure Boiler Operators at Sofidel in Circleville. These eight boiler operators are in charge of the two co-generation plants that produce the steam needed to produce energy and heat. Sofidel introduced a system for the recovery of heat generated by the turbines. This recovered heat is used first to dry rolls of paper and then to produce steam. This system will supply almost all the energy needed to dry the paper and will be able to supply entire machines in specific operating conditions.

Sofidel is one of the leading manufacturers of paper for hygienic and domestic use worldwide and is owned by the Italian Stefani and Lazzareschi families. The Circleville mills mark a milestone in the company's development and growth strategy for the United States, where Sofidel has been operating since 2012. The company is now present in seven states (Florida, Mississippi, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.)

In closing, we would also like to thank all of our Brothers and Sisters of Local 18S who have stepped up and made their sites great places to work, as well as the members who supported their Union by becoming stewards and taking care of day-to-day problems. We would also like to thank Business Manager Richard E. Dalton and President Thomas P. Byers for all the support and guidance they have given the Stationary Department.

## Ohio's winters: Love them or hate them, this is where we rank nationally

Yes, we are in the midst of another Ohio winter. Some people love the snow, while others cannot tolerate it. To provide a bit of perspective, here is a list of states that consistently have more snow and harsher winters than we do in Ohio.

Rank	State	Avg. Annual Snowfall
1.	Vermont	89.25 inches
2.	Maine	77.28 inches
3.	New Hampshire	71.44 inches
4.	Colorado	67.30 inches
5.	Alaska	64.46 inches
6.	Michigan	60.66 inches
7.	New York	55.32 inches
8.	Massachusetts	51.05 inches
9.	Wyoming	51.00 inches
10.	Wisconsin	45.79 inches
22.	Ohio	26.63 inches]

*\*Some cities and regions in each state may receive more or less snowfall. The figures here list the average snowfall for the state as a whole.*

Sources: National Weather Service [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Weather\\_Service](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Weather_Service)] • USA Today [<http://www.usa.com/rank/us--average-snow--state-rank.htm>].



# Organizing



**Scott Stevenson**

As 2021 begins, Local 18's Organizing Department is hoping that you and your family had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Now that 2020 is behind us, we are looking forward to what, by all measures, should be another great work year for you and the rest of Local 18's membership. The large volume of public and private sector work coming out

this year, along with the ever-growing need for highly skilled operators, has allowed and will continue to allow Local 18's Organizing Department to create job opportunities for Local 18 members by signing new contractors who wish to utilize the best operators in the state to increase their market share and their productivity.

This past year has been challenging for all of us, especially non-signatory contractors who have had a lot of difficulty manning their equipment. Many of them have come to the realization that signing with Local 18 was their best option and it has paid off for them. At the time this article was written, together

we have signed over 50 contractors to one of our agreements that had never been signed before. Please keep an eye out for the next organizing report where we will be reporting on the total results for the 2020 season.

Again, we want to thank you and remind you that none of this could have been accomplished without you. Your skills are what we have to offer and what these contractors are in need of, so please utilize one of the four training sites when you are able, in order to keep your skills sharp and updated.

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

- Capital City Utilities LLC
- Veterans Drilling and Excavating
- MST Services LLC
- Monte Construction LLC
- Mayfield Cement LTD
- J. Poli Inc.
- Cleveland Companies LLC
- American Diversified Distribution LLC
- Aqua Vita Development Group
- B&M Crane Rental LLC
- Aaron Enterprises Inc.
- Empire Paving Services
- The Boldt Company
- P&R Excavating LLC
- Walter Peyton Power Equipment LLC

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

## Report to the members

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involvement. It is expected that we will experience a downturn in the private market, with COVID-19 stay-at-home orders requiring more remote workforces and remote school education. Those industries are spending less on upgrades to their facilities. Last year, our smaller contractors that relied on private work had to venture out into new markets to stay in business, and they will need to continue to do that for 2021.

As we head into 2021, the Officers and Staff of Local 18 wish each of you a happy and prosperous New Year! It is a pleasure and an honor to serve the membership.

# Legislative



**Mark Totman**

The November General Elections are over, and Republicans still have complete control in the Ohio House and Senate (article written in early December).

After the January 2021 swearing-in ceremony, the Ohio House of Representatives will be comprised of 64 Republicans and 35 Democrats. The

Ohio Senate will be comprised of 25 Republicans and 8 Democrats.

In the U.S. Congress, the House will be controlled by the Democrats with 222 seats to the Republicans with 212 seats, and one Independent. The Senate is still up for grabs, with the Republicans controlling 50 seats and the Democrats with 48 seats. Two Senate seats in Georgia are involved in a runoff election. The outcome of these two Senate races will determine if Republicans or Democrats will control the U.S. Senate. The runoff vote will be held in January 2021.

As of this article's writing, President-Elect Biden has been the projected winner of the Presidential Election by the process of Electoral College votes (President Trump has not conceded the election at this time).

The electors who comprise the Electoral College will cast their official votes on December 14, 2020. On January 06, 2021, Congress will count them with the Presidential Inauguration and swearing-in to be held on January 20, 2021.

After the November General Election, our focus has turned to the lame-duck session at the statehouse with our coalition of Labor

and Contractor Associations. We will fend off any legislation or last-minute amendments to bills that would negatively affect our prevailing wage law, competitive bidding laws, unemployment compensation, apprenticeship standards, etc., as this article is being written in early December.

Also, the Legislature is looking at a Capitol Budget Bill of over \$2 billion for projects of state-owned buildings and infrastructure, etc., during this lame-duck session. This would be a welcome boost to the construction industry going into 2021. We expect some reduction of gas tax revenue, which funds our ODOT infrastructure projects for the upcoming 2021 year, due to fewer miles driven by civilian and commercial drivers during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be able to update you more on these possible shortfalls as we get into the ODOT Budget process in January.

At this time, 2021 still looks like a good year with a decent ODOT Budget and the added boost of a Capitol Budget passage for our members. Hopefully, we can put COVID-19 in the rearview mirror in 2021 and get back to business here in Ohio!

Thank you for your continued support of Local 18's PEP Program!





# Pipeline



**Darrin Morgan**



**Kipton Siesel**

MidAmerican Energy Services is working on gas line maintenance of 6-inch and 8-inch in Hamilton County. They are working for Northern Inspection Services. Cogar Right-of-Way Clearing is working on 800-feet of tree clearing in Richland County.

Olive Leaf Landscaping is working for InfraSource on landscaping restoration in Hamilton County. Lunda Construction Company is working for United Piping near Toledo installing sheet piling. MAC Industrial Services is working for Snelson Companies installing a chain-link fence. Otis Eastern is doing right-of-way reclamation and maintenance work in Noble County for Blue Racer Midstream.

Penn Line Services is working on 24.5 miles of restoration on the Buckeye XPress Pipeline for Price Gregory near Jackson. United Piping is working for Enbridge on the Colerain Compressor Station. Otis Eastern is working on anomalies and maintenance dig ups for Enbridge in various locations throughout Local 18 jurisdictions. Associated Pipeline continues slip repairs on the Leach XPress Pipeline for Columbia Gas Transmission. Minnesota Limited continues work on the 16-inch Falcon Pipeline in Jefferson, Harrison, and Belmont Counties for Sunoco.

Price Gregory continues work on the Buckeye XPress 24.5 miles of 36-inch new lay and take up. U.S. Pipeline continues 18.5 miles of 36-inch new lay and take up on the Buckeye XPress. Arnolds Seeding is doing restoration and hydroseeding. Associated Pipeline works on 23.5 miles of 36-inch new lay and take up on the Buckeye XPress Pipeline. Pro-Seed is

doing the seeding and hydroseeding.

Apex Pipeline continues work on Meter Station 13 on the Buckeye XPress. Contractor Rental is working for TransCanada installing launchers and receivers in various locations near LaGrange. Minnesota Limited is working on 1,500 feet of take up and relay on 16-inch for TransCanada near Mansfield.

Charps Construction is working for Enbridge in Noble, Belmont, Hamilton, and Muskingum counties on anomaly digs. InfraSource continues work for Duke Energy near Hamilton County, 4.5 miles of 12-inch. General Pipeline is working for EQT on slip repair in Monroe County. In Franklin County, Otis Eastern is working for Enbridge on 12-inch integrity maintenance digs. Snelson is working in Hamilton County for Duke Energy on an anomaly dig on 16-inch. Roberts Pipeline is working on 500-feet of the relay in Fairfield County.

## Safety

## Steward Training



**Joe Casto**

We are currently in preparation for the 2021 steward classes. This year it will be the one-night refresher class. Each class will begin at 7:00 p.m. in your district office. Contact the district in which you would like to attend. The schedule dates are as follows:

District 4/5 –	March 17, 2021
District 1 –	March 24, 2021
District 2 –	March 31, 2021
District 6 –	April 7, 2021
District 3 –	April 14, 2021

All members who would like to become stewards are invited to attend. I want to thank all the stewards for stepping up to help push our craft forward.



**Brett LaFaso**

On September 10, 2020, an operator was running a concrete pump truck by remote control. The placing boom came within an unsafe distance of a 13kV power line causing electricity to arc across and fatally injuring a laborer holding onto the hose while

placing the concrete.

The accident could have been prevented by maintaining assured clear distance from energized power lines, having a spotter to assist him in maintaining that required distance. Also, having the power lines de-energized and grounded could have prevented this accident.

On October 7, 2020, a member was operating a lime/soil stabilizing machine called a rotovator. As the rotavator passed over a buried 8" live natural gas line, the line ruptured and ignited causing the machine to be engulfed in flames. The member escaped by jumping out a window and only suffered a sprained ankle and 2nd degree burns to his face and arms. The investigation revealed that the machine head was not engaged with the ground at the time of the rupture, but was in a raised position and not rotating. The investigation suggests that the age of the gas

line could have been a factor and the ground conditions which called for lime/soil stabilization were such that by just traversing the area applied pressure on the pipe, causing the rupture.

To prevent an accident of this type, shutting down and depressurizing the gas line is one option, inspecting and assuring pipe integrity another. Relocating the pipe would also have mitigated the hazard.

## Local 18 Calendar

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### RETIREE CALENDAR

#### JANUARY

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

#### FEBRUARY

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

January and February training schedule appears on page 34.

**Timothy Fadel, Attorney**

The following is an updated report of activities regarding pending cases with Local 18 and its members since my last report in July, 2020.

**LOCAL 18 v. TEAMSTERS LOCAL 100 & LABORERS LOCAL 534 (Stein, Inc. ULP):**

After Stein, Inc. recognized Local 18 as the majority representative of its employees, both Teamsters Local 100 and Laborers Local 534 filed unfair labor practice charges ("ULP"). The National Labor Relations Board ("Board" or "NLRB") issued an order finding a breach in the National Labor Relations Act ("NLRA"). The Union and the employer have since filed independent appeals of the Board's order in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Those appeals remain pending.

**LOCAL 18/Mike Hood v. CUMMINS, INC. (Grievance):**

Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to assign bargaining unit work to an employee from Indiana who is not a member of the Union. An Arbitrator was selected, a hearing was held, and post hearing briefs were submitted. Recently, the Arbitrator issued an Opinion & Award affirming the Union's grievance in its entirety. We are in the process of determining the amount and apportionment of damages.

**LOCAL 18/Scott Matyi v. KCORP, INC. (Grievance):**

Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to terminate the employment of a member of the bargaining unit. An Arbitrator was selected, and a hearing date was set. Prior to the hearing, the parties reached a negotiated resolution and settlement.

**LOCAL 18/Scott Matyi v. KCORP, INC. (ULP):**

In response to the above grievance, the employer advised Local 18 that it would seek to have Mr. Matyi permanently banned from future employment by the federal government and its contractors. The employer also threatened to bring criminal charges against the member. The Union responded to the employer's unlawful threats and actions by filing a ULP with the Board. As a result of the negotiated resolution the parties reached in the grievance, the Union agreed to voluntarily withdraw the unfair labor practice charges it filed.

**LOCAL 18 v. ISRAEL SWORD (DOE Complaint):**

Union member Israel "Bo" Sword filed a Complaint with the Department of Energy ("DOE") which alleges, inter alia, that Local 18 refused to process a grievance after he was subjected to a layoff by a contractor working at a DOE project site. The Union has denied all wrongdoing and is participating in the DOE's investigatory process.



**LOCAL 18 v. ISRAEL SWORD (ULP):**

In addition to his complaint with the DOE, Mr. Sword also filed a ULP charge with the NLRB alleging a breach of the Union's duty of fair representation. The Union has denied all wrongdoing and is participating in the NLRB's investigatory process.

**LOCAL 18/Harold Rainer v. ANHEUSER-BUSCH/IN-BEV:**

Union Steward Harold Rainer filed a grievance challenging the employer's method of determining annual production bonuses for the bargaining unit. An Arbitrator has been selected, a hearing was held, and post-hearing briefs have been submitted. We are currently awaiting the arbitrator's decision in the matter.

**LOCAL 18/Howard Pfouts v. GIBSON MACHINERY (ULP):**

Gibson Machinery terminated Union Steward Howard Pfouts shortly after he filed a grievance challenging the employer's failure to pay overtime. The Union is pursuing a ULP alleging that Gibson violated the NLRA because Mr. Pfouts was terminated in retaliation for filing the overtime grievance.

**LOCAL 18/Howard Pfouts v. GIBSON MACHINERY (Grievance):**

In addition to pursuing an unfair labor practice charge alleging that Mr. Pfouts was unlawfully terminated by his employer in retaliation for filing the overtime grievance, the Union also filed a grievance alleging that Gibson Machinery lacked just cause to terminate Mr. Pfouts's employment.

**LOCAL 18 v. HEIDI REAMS:**

Former Union employee Heidi Reams has filed a complaint with the EEOC alleging that she was terminated due to a disability. The Union has denied all wrongdoing and is participating in the EEOC's investigatory process.

**LOCAL 18 v. STEVEN HANK (State Court Complaint):**

Local 18 member Steven Hank filed a charge with OCRC alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct. That case was eventually litigated in federal and

state court. After extended litigation, Mr. Hank voluntarily dismissed his claims. Recently, Mr. Hank refiled his Complaint in state court. The Union has once again denied all wrongdoing and is once again vigorously defending that claim.

**LOCAL 18 v. HIDDEN HARBOR CAPITAL PARTNERS d.b.a. KT GRANT:**

During negotiations for a new CBA, the union buster hired by hedge fund that now owns KT Grant demanded that the Union agree to eliminate its pension plan. After the Union refused, the employer tried to directly negotiate with the members. The Union filed a series of unfair labor practice charges with the NLRB challenging the employer's unlawful actions. Meanwhile, the Union's negotiating committee was able to force the union buster to withdraw his pension demands and offer unprecedented raises to the bargaining unit.

**LOCAL 18/Nate Muhammed v. North-east Ohio Regional Sewer District:**

The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to terminate Mr. Muhammed's seniority. An arbitrator has been selected, and a hearing date has been set.

**LOCAL 18 v. DEBORAH BEHLER:**

Union member Deborah Beheler filed an unfair labor practice charge with the NLRB alleging, inter alia, that Local 18 refused to process a grievance. The Union has denied all wrongdoing and is participating in the Board's investigatory process.

## This Month in Labor History

### Kennedy Legalizes Public Employee Unions in January 1962

On January 17, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order that recognized the right of federal employees to collective bargaining – a breakthrough for public sector workers, who were not protected under the 1935 Wagner Act. Although this action was effectively undone by a 1969 executive order by President Richard Nixon, President Kennedy's action spurred an increase in union membership among federal employees and was also considered a model for public sector unionism.





**Ronald Krohn, Jr.**

has been addressed by the contractors by

The Equipment Shops have been busy in 2020 working on rental equipment, customer projects, and continuing to seek out more work to keep our members busy through these troubled times. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety of our membership

following the CDC guidelines, including separating member and staggering shifts, while at the same time following the language in their respective contracts. The Equipment Shops have continued to maintain over 1,000 members.

We have successfully completed the 2020 contract renewal schedule by ratifying all contracts. We also negotiated a new Skyworks, LLC agreement for the company's Cleveland location. I want to welcome all of the new members of Local 18.

The 2021 contract renewal schedule will be as follows: Ohio CAT Western Region, United

Rentals Cleveland, The W.W. Williams Company, Cummins, Inc., Ohio CAT Eastern Region, Sunbelt Rentals Findlay, Sunbelt Rentals Mansfield, and RECO Parts Department.

I want to thank all stewards for their dedication and continued drive to work through these unusual times. I would also like to thank Business Manager Richard E. Dalton and President Thomas P. Byers for their leadership and support for our Local 18C Shop stewards and members. Be safe. Be well. We are all looking forward to better days ahead in the year 2021.

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## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: A life of courage, commitment, and distinction

We all know Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of the most influential and moving figures in American history. He fought for equality and civil rights. He championed the economically disadvantaged and victims of injustice. He was a friend to organized labor and the American worker.

In everything, Dr. King was a man of inspiration and peace. While his life is well documented, there are some things about the man that are not common knowledge.

Some things you may not know about Martin Luther King, Jr.

### **His birth name was different**

The civil rights leader was born Michael King, Jr. In 1934, his father, a pastor himself, traveled to Germany and became inspired by the Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther. As a result, King Sr. changed his own name as well as that of his 5-year-old son.

### **He entered college at the age of 15**

King was a gifted student who skipped grades nine and 12 before enrolling in Morehouse College. He did not intend to become

a pastor or minister until Morehouse President Benjamin E. Mays, a noted theologian, convinced him otherwise.

### **The 'I Have a Dream' speech was not his first at the Lincoln Memorial**

Six years before that iconic speech, King was among the civil rights leaders who spoke during the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom on May 17, 1957.

### **He was imprisoned nearly 30 times**

According to The King Center, the civil rights leader went to jail 29 times. He was arrested for acts of civil disobedience and on unfair charges, such as when he was jailed in Montgomery, Alabama, for driving 30 miles per hour in a 25-mile-per-hour zone.

### **He narrowly escaped an assassination attempt a decade before his death**

On September 20, 1958, Dr. King was in Harlem signing copies of his new book in a department store. He was approached by a woman, who then plunged a seven-inch letter opener into his chest.

### **George Washington is the only other American to have his birthday observed as a national holiday**

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill that created a federal holiday to honor Dr. King. The holiday is celebrated on the third Monday in January, close to the civil rights leader's January 15 birthday.

Source: History [<https://www.history.com/news/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-martin-luther-king-jr>] [<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/martin-luther-king-jr>].



**MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR DAY**

I HAVE A DREAM

# District 1 — Cleveland



**Tom Perevosnik**



**Jack Klopman II**



**Jacob Siesel**



**Robert Park, Jr.**



**John Capek, Jr.,  
Organizer**

on major repairs at the Lakewood Wastewater Treatment Plant and ongoing tank work and upgrades at the Nottingham Wastewater Treatment Plant. Kokosing is working on Phase 3 of Opportunity Corridor in conjunction with Independence Excavating. Kokosing is also widening out

District One is staying busy as the winter season progresses. There are some large projects keeping our members busy.

In Cuyahoga County, north of I-480 and west of Interstate I-271, NES Corp is paving new parking lots on Independence Rd. in Cleveland. The Ruhlin Company is replacing four bridges on I-90, two of them over East 140th St. and two over East 152nd St. They are performing bridge deck repairs on I-90 by the Euclid Spur. Ruhlin is also building a new pedestrian bridge at North Coast Harbor and building 63 new concrete bumpers along the Cuyahoga River and underneath the Lorain Carnegie Bridge in order to protect the bridge piers from ship traffic.

Nerone & Sons is replacing the storm sewer along East 185th St. in Cleveland. They also have sheeting on the Cuyahoga River and over by Ontario Stone, with Toledo Caisson drilling the tie backs. Nerone & Sons is running electrical conduit for the Garrett Morgan Water Treatment Plant.

Aggworx and Hydracrete are working on the new Hebrew Academy on Warrensville Rd. in Warrensville Heights. Union Industrial Contractors is performing the rebuild of four bridges on Highland Rd. in Euclid. S.E.T. Inc. is replacing the storm sewer on Cleveland St. in Chagrin Falls.

Chieftain and Keller International are on Cloverleaf Parkway in Valley View, building the new Ferguson Distribution Center. Northeast Ohio Trenching has some sewer repairs at the University Hospital - Shaker Campus. The Doan Valley Storage Tunnel is ongoing in University Circle and being constructed by McNally/Kiewit DVT JV and Northstar Contracting.

Beaver Excavating and Gem are putting in a new iron ore conveyor system for the Port of Cleveland. DeRocher is making break wall repairs by the mouth of the Cuyahoga River. The Westerly Storage Tunnel has many members busy, along with subcontractors Northstar Contracting, Marra Services, and DiGioia Suburban. Great Lakes Construction has the new pump station for the Westerly Storage Tunnel. Great Lakes Construction is

also working on the Wendy Park Connector which connects River Rd. over to Whiskey Island Drive.

Independence Excavating is working on a new towpath to connect the Tremont neighborhoods. It's being called the University Carter Towpath. Independence Excavating is also replacing the bridge over the railroad tracks on Memphis Ave. in Brooklyn.

Kokosing Construction continues work at the Euclid Wastewater Treatment Plant on the clarifier tanks. Kokosing is also working

Mastick Rd. in Fairview Park.

Precision Engineering & Contracting and Forest City Erectors are performing the site and structural work for an addition at Swagelok in Solon. Precision Engineering & Contracting is also performing site work for the new JFK School on Miles Rd. in Cleveland and a new Recreational Center next door. Phoenix Cement is on site putting in the concrete.

Terrace Construction is working on valve and hydrant repairs throughout the City of

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**REPLACING the Waite Hill Rd. bridge in Willoughby is Suburban Maintenance.**



# District 2 — Toledo



**Brett LaFaso**



**Kipton Siesel**



**Ismael Gutierrez, Jr.**



**Jerid Donley**



**John Townes,  
Organizer**

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. storage building. The company hopes to have this shop open 24 hours a day. The facility's close proximity to the highway could make it one of the most successful

The work picture in District 2 this year has been very different than what we imagined in January of last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Major projects that had thousands of craftspeople working "shoulder to shoulder" and supported by many Operating Engineers were being scaled back, or completely mothballed. Highway work continued to be a mainstay of our craft. 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.

Degen Excavating is currently working on the O.B. Frails subdivision improvements project in Allen County. Several Operating Engineers will keep busy this winter installing 12,205 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. They will also be installing 68 new catch basins, 58 new yard drains, cleaning approximately 1,300 LF of ditch, as well as performing 5,900 LF of storm sewer cleaning.

White Construction is halting work on the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm located approximately 10 miles southwest of Kenton in Hardin and Logan Counties. This 242-megawatt project consists of 75 turbines ranging in size from 2.6 megawatts to 3.4 megawatts each. White Construction completed the erection and assembly of all 75 turbines in mid-November of 2020, but final clean-up will take place in the spring of 2021.

Also, in Hardin County, Rising Son is installing new storm sewer on Patterson St. and Wells Rd. in Forest. Final restoration will be done this spring. Kirk Bros. has kept a couple Operating Engineers busy working on a new water pollution control center pumping station and installing a new retention basin for the City of Fostoria. This project is expected to be completed by July, 2021. Newly signed contractor, Atlas Crane Inc. just finished replacing some defective wind turbine blades for EDP Renewables in Paulding County.

Closing in on the finish line, Ohio CAT, the authorized and exclusive Caterpillar Dealer in Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Southeast-

ern Indiana, is moving right along with the construction of its newest building project in Perrysburg, Ohio. The hope is that they might be moved in by the end of March, 2021. Work continues for Rudolph Libbe at the nearly 40-acre property on Eckel Junction Rd. in Perrysburg, The CAT Rental Store and Northern Ohio Peterbilt will be together on one campus. The sitework for this facility was 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 an office 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. storage structure. Also, Northern Ohio Peterbilt, the company's on-highway

truck shops in the region.

Work continues on Napoleon's new bridge linking Industrial Drive at Riverview Ave., to S.R. 110. The construction of this bridge has been awarded to Vernon Nagel, Inc. The sub-contractors involved with this project include Ebony Construction, FET Construction, Lake Erie Construction, Oglesby Construction, Gerken Paving, Toledo Caisson, and Jeffers Crane. After finishing the roundabout on S.R. 110 at what will be the intersection of S.R. 110 and Industrial Drive, Vernon Nagel started construction on the southern bank of the Maumee River.

Crossing the Maumee River, with a completion date of June, 2022, the new bridge will provide a more convenient river crossing for

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**CUTTING a 24-foot deep trench in preparation for a sewer line in North Baltimore is Underground Utilities.**



# District 3 — Columbus



**Robert Hughes**



**Mark Totman**



**Chad Creeks**



**Garold Baker**



**Brent McCarty**



**Frank Uhl II**



**Jeremy Hinkle,  
Organizer**

Considering everything that has been going on with the COVID-19 pandemic, work in Franklin County has been very busy this year. Kokosing Construction has several operators on their two ODOT projects in downtown Columbus. The first is the "2-E" project on I-70 at I-71 North. It's a major reconstruction/realignment with multiple retaining walls both cast in place and MSE. There were multiple bridge demos, with new reconfigured replacements, including the flipping of Parsons Ave. from an overpass to an underpass. Some of the subcontractors on these projects include U.S. Utility Contractors, Lake Erie Construction, Turn-Key Tunneling, Capital City Group Crane Rental, Danbert, K.D. Complete Clearing, Miller Cable, M P Dory Co., and Phenix Stabilization. The second project is the Broad St./I-71 Columbus Crossroads Reconstruction. This project includes reconstructing the Broad Street Bridge over I-71, on and off-ramp elimination, lane additions, and retaining walls. Subcontractors include M P Dory Co., Complete General, Armstrong Steel, Paul Peterson Company, and West Fairfield Inc.

At the new Columbus Crew Soccer Stadium, several contractors, including George J. Igel & Co., Goettle, Kokosing, McDaniel's Construction, Columbus Steel Erectors, ALL Crane of Columbus, Capital City Group Crane Rental, Ben Hur, and Danbert, have multiple Operating Engineers busy. More infrastructure work will accompany this project such as roadways, a hotel, restaurants, and a parking garage. This project also includes work on the existing soccer stadium at the state fairgrounds to remodel the team's practice field, along with a recreation facility for the public.

Other work in Columbus includes distribution and maintenance gas pipeline work keeping RLA Utilities, Miller Pipeline, and

Northern Pipeline busy with around 50 crews.

Shop members from Ohio CAT, Columbus Equipment, RECO, Southeastern Equipment, and Towlift, along with truck shops W.W. Williams and Cummins continue to maintain social distancing with minimal contact.

Mr. Excavator and George J. Igel & Co. both have been moving dirt at the two Amazon sites.

The Shelly Company is adding new turn lanes and paving on U.S. Rt. 36 and S.R. 37.

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**HELPING with some HVAC work in Columbus, Franklin County is Capital City Group.**



# District 4/5 — Franklin



**Jeff Powell**



**Jason Baker**



**Justin Gabbard**



**Michael Young**



**Tony James**



**Thomas Ross,  
Organizer**

District 4/5 experienced good weather into the late summer and fall that led to some good hours for the membership. In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, our members stayed strong, moved forward, and did not let this be a setback. Our members got the job done.

## Eastern Counties

In Greene County, John R Jurgensen continues to work on the U.S. Rt. 35 Super Street project. The project will consist of major widening of both the east- and westbound lanes of U.S. Rt. 35 from Factory Rd. to Trebein Rd. The project consists of excavating the existing highway on both the east- and westbound lanes, along with the installation of 5,000 feet of new 12- to 42-inch storm piping. Shelly & Sands is doing the reconstruction of the bridge structures. Mt. Carmel Stabilization will be completing the soil stabilization, and Bansal Construction will be doing the electrical work for the project, which has a completion date of Summer, 2022. John R. Jurgensen has started Phase 1 of the four-lane resurfacing and bridge reconstruction of I-675. John R. Jurgensen will also be milling and paving 15 miles of new asphalt. On site as a sub-contractor is Complete General Construction; they will be performing the reconstruction work on 18 bridges that will include new overlays and reflection walls.

Also in Greene County, R.B. Jergens continues work on the Kemp Rd. widening project in Beavercreek. This project consists of the installation of 3,000 feet of new 12- to 36-inch storm piping and two miles of new concrete curb and sidewalk, along with a mile of new asphalt. John R. Jurgensen will assist in the asphalt paving. In Fairborn, CG Construction continues working on the Maple Street improvement project. CG Construction is installing 3,700 feet of new 8-inch water line and 1,200 feet of various sizes of new storm piping. They will be doing a full depth street restoration that will include 8,500 tons of new asphalt and 8,000 feet of new concrete curb and gutter. CG Construction will

also be asphalt paving one mile of new bike path along this same project.

In Clermont County, Rack & Ballauer continues working on the major widening of Old State Route 74 in Eastgate. Local 18 members are staying busy moving the dirt, and the company will be self-performing the installation of the new curb and gutter, along with 6,000 feet of new storm piping, manholes, and catch basins. RLA Utilities was on site prior to starting the project to relocate the natural gas pipeline. Barrett Paving Materials will be laying the course base and finish coat of asphalt on this project. Also, in Eastgate, Ford Development has completed the Clepper Lane project. Ford Development installed new various sized storm piping, manholes, and catch basins. They also completed installing a half-mile of new concrete curb and gut-

ter, along with placement of a quarter-mile of new asphalt.

In Madison County, Kokosing Construction completed the I-70 major reconstruction project. Kokosing removed the concrete surface on both the east- and westbound lanes, replacing it with a new stabilized asphalt surface, and Cem-Base completed the stabilization of the road base for the project. Kokosing completed the installation of new storm and underdrain piping. Security Fence installed new signs and guardrails for this project.

In Hamilton County, Ford Development continues the installation of new various sized water mains for the City of Cincinnati. The company will be installing the new mains and services on numerous streets in the communities of Hyde Park and Oakley.

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**INSTALLING a new roundabout on S.R. 73 and Jacksonburg Rd. is Barrett Paving Materials.**

# District 6 — Akron



**Joe Casto**



**Darrin Morgan**



**Preston Yuzwa**



**Thomas Larkins**



**Brad Marshall**

has storm sewer improvements in Akron at Kelly Ave. Badger Daylighting is locating broken fiber-optic lines for the City of Stow.

Shelly & Sands has started foundation work for the I-271 sound barrier wall in Twinsburg. Bogner Construction has

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and we look forward to a happy and prosperous 2021. In District 6, Highway Heavy work looks good, with ODOT continuing to bid and award work to our contractors throughout the first half of 2021.

In **Ashland County**, Trucco Construction is installing water and sewer lines for a new Ashland apartment building project. Sarver Paving is busy with maintenance work at their asphalt plant in Ashland.

In **Richland County**, Shelly & Sands is working on the U.S. Rt. 30 major reconstruction project in Mansfield. Page Excavating has the demolition of the old Shelby Power Plant. Stein continues to process slag at AK Steel in Mansfield.

In **Wayne County**, Bogner Construction is installing a 4.7-million-gallon sludge tank at the Wooster Wastewater Treatment Plant. J.D. Williamson is replacing the U.S. Rt. 250 bridge in Apple Creek. Stanley Miller Construction has the West Salem Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades. Bogner Construction and Beaver Excavating are both working on the Daisy Plant expansion project in Wooster.

In **Stark County**, Wenger Excavating is installing water and sewer lines at the new Loves Truckstop in Canton. Beaver Excavating continues work on the I-77/ U.S. Rt. 30 bridge replacement project. Central Allied is working on the Jefferson Ave. sewer replacement project in Canton. Wenger Excavating has sewer replacements in multiple locations across Canton.

Stanley Miller Construction is working on upgrades at the Louisville Wastewater Treatment Plant. Stein is keeping busy at Republic Steel in Canton processing scrap and slag. Beaver Excavating is doing on site work at Canton South School.

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

In **Tuscarawas County**, The Shelly Company has major reconstruction work on S.R. 212/800. D.R.S. Enterprises has the internal

erosion interceptor trench project at the Zoar Levee.

In **Coshocton County**, Capital City Crane has kept 20 to 25 operators busy in the region on various projects. The Shelly Company has the four-lane resurfacing of U.S. Rt. 36 in Coshocton.

In **Summit County**, Shelly & Sands continues ramp and overpass construction, including sewer work and pavement construction at Akron's central interchange project. Terrace Construction is relocating utilities at the roundabout project at S.R. 615. Northeast Ohio Trenching and Miller Yount Paving have utility and site work at the new Hudson Middle School construction project. H.M. Miller

water line improvements at the Bridgestone Tire Company in Akron. Tri-Mor has excavation site work at the Liberty Road Estates.

Kenmore Construction has started sewer line reclamation work at the Headworks project at the Akron Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant. DTJ Enterprises is installing upgrades at the Richfield Pump Station.

Central Allied has handicap sidewalk ramp reconstruction on Tallmadge Ave. Cioffi Construction has culvert installation and sidewalk construction at the Newport Road Project in Norton. Cioffi Construction is also installing water lines on the Hudson Road Project.

Kenmore Construction continues the S.R. 8 complete reconstruction project from Boston

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**SITE work for Loves Truck Stop in North Canton by Wenger.**



**PAVING S.R. 83 near Burbank is Karvo Paving.**



# Keep Ohio's Heritage (KOH)

*Continuing report by the KOH officers*

As the old saying goes, "Let's be care full of what you say because it might come back to haunt you." Well, I'm going to take a chance on it anyway. For many years through the efforts of KOH, our Business Manager Rick Dalton, our Legislative Representative Mark Totman, and most importantly, you, the membership, have been able to keep Local 18 free from Right-to-Work<sup>®</sup> when Ohio is surrounded by it. Much like General Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn, our battle against Right-to-Work<sup>®</sup> seemed like we were up against insurmountable odds. However, we had what General Custer didn't have, and that was you, the membership, to keep us up and going and strong. We never wavered from what it was that we set out to do and to stayed focused to prevail in the end. Without you, the membership, none of this would have been possible. So, KOH extends one huge and awesome "THANK YOU" for your support, dedication, and for doing what is right by all.

**KOH extends one huge and awesome "THANK YOU" for your support, dedication, and for doing what is right by all.**

As you travel around on the roads that you, the members built, please keep an eye open for our messages on the many billboards around the state and let us know what you think. Please check out the messages that will be displayed on the digital billboards around the major cities in Ohio. If you haven't already installed the Local 18 app on your smarter than me phone, please take the time to do so. It's a great way to stay in touch with the latest and greatest of what going on in your union.

On behalf of the officers of KOH, we hope that everyone had a good and safe holiday season with their families and friends. Let us remember that what we have today was hard fought for by many generations of our Brothers and Sisters, so please don't treat it as a given. What is given can easily be taken away if we don't pay attention to what's going on, whether it's right in front of us or lurking in the shadows. Once again, thank you and we wish you a safe a prosperous 2021.

## IN ALL DISTRICTS:

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

**JANUARY MEETING CANCELED.**

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

**JANUARY MEETING CANCELED.**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# Failing infrastructure negatively affects trade

"A country's system for moving goods – from the highway to the rail, from the seaport to the airport – is intimately tied to economic growth through trade. For both reasons, the United States is long overdue for historic and transformational investments to ensure its core infrastructure makes the grade." That's the conclusion of a recent piece from *global-trademag.com* written by Robyn Boerstling, a vice president with the National Association of Manufacturers.

Boerstling's article repeated the frequently cited statistic which demonstrates the current state of our nation's infrastructure. "The American Society of Civil Engineers regularly evaluates the nation's infrastructure needs, grading the quality and condition of the infrastructure system through its report card. The latest grade is D+. At 13th in infrastructure quality, the United States ranks behind many of its biggest global competitors, according to the World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report. U.S. infrastructure needs more than a boost. A substantial multi-year investment of approximately \$2 trillion is needed to close a 10-year investment gap," she wrote.

Poor infrastructure affects everyone, Boerstling contended. "From commuters to truckers to farmers, everyone pays the price for continued inaction. That includes America's manufacturers who rely on every type of infrastructure to keep production operational,



profitable, and globally competitive. Modern manufacturing depends on robust and integrated supply chains, the reliability of which depend on healthy infrastructure systems. One does not function effectively without the other; both must operate with a high level of precision to maximize productivity."

According to Boerstling, "Many often miss the link between infrastructure investments and their daily lives. Heavy traffic when driving to work and the grocery store or delays in a delivery are just accepted as the norm—rather than seen as a consequence of underinvestment. Yet the public routinely and unknowingly pays for the hidden costs of congestion, increased vehicle maintenance, and permitting delays. Average citizens are often complacent

about the condition of infrastructure because, for the most part, it continues to work—just not as well as it should."

"Insufficient or inefficient infrastructure can raise businesses' transportation costs, putting a dent in U.S. manufacturing competitiveness and adding to the costs of trade," Boerstling wrote. "As one manufacturer recently explained in congressional testimony, 'If ports are clogged, trucks are delayed, power is down, or the internet has a lapse, productivity and customer service are impacted. Across the manufacturing sector, transportation logistics matter, and congestion—whether at a port or on a crowded highway—is waste that drives the consumer's cost up like a hidden tax.'"

## COVID-19 guidance from OSHA specifically for construction workers

OSHA has put out a series of industry-specific alerts that are designed to keep workplaces safe during the coronavirus pandemic. Here is the agency's alert for the construction industry.

Measures both workers and employers should take to remain safe and healthy on the job site:

- Encourage workers to stay home if they are sick.
- Allow workers to wear masks over their nose and mouth to prevent them from spreading the virus.
- Continue to use other normal control measures, including personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to protect workers from other job hazards associated with construction activities.
- Advise workers to avoid physical contact with others. Direct employees, contractors, and visitors to increase personal space to at least six feet where possible.
- Where work trailers are used, all workers should maintain social distancing while inside the trailers.
- Train workers how to properly put on, use, wear and take off protective clothing and equipment.
- Encourage respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs and sneezes.
- Promote personal hygiene. If workers do not have immediate access to soap and water for handwashing, provide alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Use EPA-approved cleaning chemicals from List N disinfectants or that have label claims against the coronavirus.
- To the extent tools or equipment must be shared, provide and instruct workers to use alcohol-based wipes to clean tools before and after use. When cleaning tools and equipment, workers should consult manufacturer recommendations for proper cleaning techniques and restrictions.
- Keep in-person meetings (including toolbox talks and safety meetings) as short as possible, limit the number of workers in attendance, and use social distancing practices.
- Regularly clean and disinfect portable job site toilets. Hand sanitizer dispensers should be filled regularly. Frequently-touched items (i.e., door pulls and toilet seats) should be disinfected.
- Encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns.

Source: OSHA [[www.osha.gov/coronavirus](https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus)].



# Busy work season leads to a busy shop season



*WORKING for Columbus Equipment is Dustin Bresler.*



*KEEPING busy for Columbus Equipment is Dustin Reynolds.*



*ON THE JOB for Cummins in Columbus is Gary Smith.*



*STAYING busy for Ohio CAT, Cadiz is George Huber, Jr.*



*RECENTLY initiated Raymond Dean working for Skyworks, Cleveland.*



*WORKING for Great Lakes Construction, Cleveland is Ken Krumroy.*



*STAYING busy for Columbus Equipment is Rick Souder.*



*ON THE JOB for Barnhart Crane & Rigging is Robbie Neff.*



*BUSY for Cummins, Cleveland is Ryan Foraker.*



# Financial tips to jumpstart your 2021

The start of a new year is a good time for a re-set, physically, mentally, and financially. Here are some easy-to-use tips and strategies to help with things on the financial end.

## Create a budget

A basic budget should track three things: how much you are earning after taxes, how much you are spending, and how much you are saving.

If possible, use a spreadsheet or simple budgeting software and record, for at least 30 days, everything you spend. This will provide a realistic picture of what you need to cover fixed monthly expenses (mortgage, utilities, loan payments, etc.) and unfixed expenses (eating out, car repairs, emergency situations, etc.). If you consistently spend more than you make, it's time to adjust your budget.



## Pay off debt

First, list all of your current debts: credit cards, student loans, car loans, etc. Then, evaluate how much of your discretionary spending can be allocated toward reducing your debt. Strive to pay the highest interest debt first.

## Cut monthly expenses

Fixed costs such as mortgages, rent, and car payments may not lend themselves to cost-cutting, but you can still apply strategies to take control of your finances.

See if you can reduce your discretionary spending on clothing, dining out, and other entertainment. Try to reduce your water and electricity consumption. Have other providers quote your house and car insurance. Buy food at bulk stores.

## Look into canceling cable

Cable TV is one of those bills everybody would like to reduce or eliminate. Now may be the time. The best approach is to "run the numbers." Determine if using services such as Amazon Video, Hulu, Sling, and similar providers cost less than your cable bill. Also, consider if streaming provides perks you may

like over cable TV, such as a greater volume of content and more on-demand viewing choices.

## Reduce what you spend on credit cards

Seek to limit your use of credit cards. Try paying cash for more things. Ask your credit card issuer to reduce the interest rate of your card, or transfer high-interest debt to a low-interest card. Open a short-term savings account and draw from it for large expenses.

## Make saving a priority

Consistently putting money aside can

make a real difference. Money that is placed in an interest-paying account automatically earns you more. To fund your savings, use the money you've saved on your grocery budget each month, a tax refund, or a set amount you put aside from each paycheck.

Sources: *Frugal Living* [<https://www.develop-goodhabits.com/frugal-living/>] *Charles Schwab* [<https://www.schwab.com/resource-center/insights/content/new-years-financial-resolutions-get-your-finances-in-shape>] • *Mega Income Stream* [<https://megaincomestream.com/10-simple-steps-to-improve-your-finances-in-2021/>].

## Apprentice Application Period January and February 2021

**Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the Apprenticeship & Training Fund's in-person applications and testing will be postponed until further notice. We will continue to take on-line applications and will contact all applicants at a later date.**

### Region 1 Training Center

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

### Region 3 Training Center

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

### Region 2 Training Center

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

### Region 4/5 Training Center

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

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

## Be realistic

Make sure your financial goals are attainable. For example, don't try to pay off a car loan in a year if you are paying for college tuition at the same time. Setting unrealistic goals can set you up for failure, which can then discourage you from making smart financial moves in the future.

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Cleveland and sewer work on East 6th St., Monterey Blvd., and Chester Ave. in Cleveland. Terrace Construction is also doing sewer repairs on Edgewater Drive in Lakewood. Miller Cable is replacing electrical conduit on Center Ridge Rd. in Rocky River.

Delta Railroad is making track repairs for RTA off East 79th St. in Cleveland. Platform Cement is replacing the storm sewer on Dille Rd. in Cleveland. Platform also has some reclamation work at Zaclon on Independence Rd. in Cleveland. Noce Construction is replacing the water line on Center St. in Cleveland and on Lakeshore Blvd. in Euclid. Sitetech is working on an addition to the City of Rocky River Municipal building on Hilliard Blvd., with International Resource Group working on the concrete.

Mr. Excavator is replacing the storm sewer along Clark and Fulton Rd. in Cleveland with Perk Construction on site replacing the concrete. Mr. Excavator is also working on the new Top of the Hill Apartments in Cuyahoga Heights. Mr. Excavator is moving dirt out at the Ahuja Medical Center for a \$200 million addition being built.

At West 25th St. and Lorain, ALL Crane, Cleveland Cement Contractors, Howards Concrete, Hydracrete Concrete Pumping, Precision Engineering and Contracting, and Michaels Foundation Corp. are performing site work for a new nine-story wood frame apartment/condo complex with shops along the lower level.

Fabrizi Trucking & Paving is working on the sanitary sewer on Huntington Rd. in Shaker Heights and on South Woodland Rd.



**REPLACING a fire hydrant on Crocker Rd. in Westlake for Terrace Construction is Tim Leap.**

in Hunting Valley. Fabrizi is making major sewer repairs along East 105th St. in Cleveland, with Vandra Brothers making the concrete repairs. Fabrizi is also replacing the force main on Wooster Rd. in Fairview Park. TRAX Construction is replacing the water line along Lakeshore Blvd. in Euclid. TRAX Construction is also replacing a storm sewer along County Line Rd. in Hunting Valley.

The Perk Company is working on the road rehabilitation on Clark Ave. in Cleveland with Mr. Excavator performing all of the sewer work. Don Wartko Construction, ASW Pipeline LLC., 1127 Construction, Vallejo Company, SJS & Sons, H.M. Miller Construction, Miller Pipeline, and InfraSource are busy with distribution and maintenance gas line projects throughout Cuyahoga County.

In Cuyahoga County at the Westlake Recreational Center, Mike Coates Construction is building a senior center. On Bassett Rd. in Westlake, Underground Utilities is replacing a sanitary sewer. On Greenview Parkway in Westlake, Fabrizi Trucking & Paving is digging drain tile for a subdivision. On Crocker Rd. in Westlake, Terrace Construction is replacing fire hydrants. On Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted, Allsite Construction is digging storm sewers for a storage facility. On Country Club Blvd. in North Olmsted, Terrace Construction is replacing light poles. Tri Mor Corporation is replacing the storm sewer on Sunset Blvd. in Bay Village.

Work in southern Cuyahoga County will continue with ongoing projects. Platform Cement, Kelley Steel Erectors, Howard Concrete Pumping, and Beaver Constructors are working on the site of the new Brecksville Elementary School on Oakes Rd. Karvo has the Pearl Road Reconstruction in Parma Heights. Great Lakes Construction has the bank stabilization

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**DIGGING sanitary laterals on Irving Park Blvd. in Sheffield Lake for Underground Utilities is Kelly Wlodarsky.**



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of Chippewa Creek in Brecksville. Underground Utilities has the sewer replacement on Willow Drive in Strongsville.

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

In Ashtabula County, the \$474 million Pig Iron Plant is underway with Beaver Excavating doing the site work. Perk has the road-widening for the project. D.B. Bentley is doing the water line on Lake Ave. in Ashtabula, with Koski Paving. Kenmore has the sub-station project on Lake Rd. in Ashtabula. Union Industrial has the building project at the Geneva Wastewater Treatment Plant. C.I.R. is replacing the water line on Clay St. in Geneva.

ASW Pipeline is replacing the gas main on S.R. 45 in Austinburg, and also on South State St. in Painesville. General Crane is erecting the new Buyers building on Tyler Blvd. in Mentor. Hallmark has the site work for a new men's rehabilitation center in Painesville and also the sewers for Ryan Homes Development in Painesville. Marous has the site work for a new senior living center in Painesville. Ruhlin has the bridgework for the I-271 to I-90 West Bridge Replacement. Suburban Maintenance is replacing the Waite Hill Road Bridge in Willoughby.

In Medina County on Ryan Rd. in Medina, Fechko Excavating is doing site work for a subdivision. On River Styx Rd. in Medina, InfraSource is replacing the gas main. On S.R. 18 in Medina, Cioffi Construction is doing gas



**BACKFILLING the storm sewer on 4th St. in Elyria for Perk Company is Sergio Berardinelli.**

line restoration work. On S.R. 162 in Lafayette, Great Lakes Demolition is replacing a culvert. On W. 130th St. in Brunswick, Northeast Ohio Trenching is replacing the water line. On River Rd. in Hinckley, Eclipse is replacing a culvert. At the Aldi warehouse in Hinckley, Sitetech is doing the site and underground work. On Greenwich Rd. in Seville, Blackhorse Bridge is replacing a bridge. On Avon Lake Rd. in Burbank, Karvo is resurfacing the road. On Ridge Rd. in Wadsworth, Fechko Excavating is replacing the water main.

In Huron County, on Willard Ave. in Norwalk, R.A. Bores is replacing water lines and services. On East Main St. in Norwalk, Miller

Pipeline is upgrading and doing gas lines. On S.R. 601 in Norwalk, Lockhart Concrete is replacing a bridge. On the U.S. Rt. 20 Bypass in Norwalk, Smith Paving is doing the concrete joint repairs, and Gerken is doing the asphalt repairs. On Euclid St. in Willard, Precision Paving is resurfacing the street.

On New London Eastern Rd. in New London, Catts Construction is replacing a culvert. On East Main St. in New London, InfraSource is upgrading gas lines. On North St. in Bellevue, Great Lakes Demolition is doing gas line restoration work. At the Bunge Plant in Bellevue, 7L Construction is doing asphalt repair work. On Broad St. in Monroeville, Underground Utilities is replacing sanitary sewers.

In Erie County, on Bogart Rd. in Sandusky, Precision Paving is doing a parking lot expansion project. On Hancock St. in Sandusky, Mosser Construction is building a school, and Sherman Excavating is digging the plumbing and electric. On Venice Rd. in Sandusky, Speer Brothers is replacing the water line. On Shoreline Drive in Sandusky 7L Construction is resurfacing the Murray & Murray parking lot.

On Cleveland Rd. in Huron, Erie Construction Group is resurfacing the road. On Berlin Rd. in Huron, Smith Paving is replacing curb and sidewalk. On Main St. in Huron, Miller Cable is doing traffic signalization work. On Bogart Rd. in Huron, Xtreme Excavating is digging the storm sewer for Mucci Farms.

In Lorain County, on W. Fenwick Drive in North Ridgeville, InfraSource is upgrading gas services. On Stoney Ridge Rd. in North Ridgeville, TraffTech is setting light poles. On Center Ridge Rd. in North Ridgeville, Fechko Excavating is widening the road. On Gatestone

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**SPREADING topsoil on Bassett Rd. in Westlake for Underground Utilities is Kevin Demuth.**



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Rd. in North Ridgeville, D.L. Smith is doing concrete repairs.

Fabrizi is doing site work for an industrial park on Reaser Pointe Crossing in Elyria. At Cascade Park in Elyria, J.D. Williamson Construction is building a pedestrian bridge. On 8th St. in Elyria, Eclipse is doing site work for a dentist office. On East Ave. in Elyria, Perk Company is replacing curb and driveway aprons. On Prospect St. in Elyria, Precision Engineering is doing site work for a new middle school.

On S.R. 2 in Amherst, Catts Construction is doing concrete joint repairs. On Crownhill Ave. in Amherst, Buckeye Excavating is repairing a culvert. On Vermilion Rd. in Amherst, Herk Excavating is doing site work for the new Firelands High School. At the Splash Zone Aquatic Center in Oberlin, F. Buddie is doing concrete repairs. On North Park St. in Oberlin, Mein Corp. is doing block work for a new school.

Cunningham Paving is paving an assisted living parking lot on Health Campus Blvd. in Avon. On Nagel Rd. in Avon, KMU Trucking & Excavating is doing site work for an assisted living building. On Detroit Rd. in Avon, Un-



**GRADING the parking lot at the new Brunswick Middle School for Infinity Paving is Scott Jones.**

derground Utilities is digging a sanitary line. At the Avon Lake Water Treatment Plant, Mosser Construction is building an overflow vault. On Irving Park Blvd. in Sheffield Lake,

Underground Utilities is replacing water line.

On Whitney Rd. in Wellington, Schirmer Construction is replacing a bridge. On Redfern Rd. in Columbia Station, DiGioia Suburban is doing site work for a subdivision. On Dean Rd. in Birmingham, Great Lakes Construction is repairing a slope. On Highbridge Rd. in Vermilion, Crossroads Asphalt is rehabilitating the road.

Thank you to the Executive and Advisory Boards for their continued support. Use the winter season to upgrade your skills or recertify at the training centers.



**PAVING Peru Center Rd. in Steuben for Gerken Paving is Todd Manz.**



**GRADING for Sitetech on S.R. 252 in Columbia Station is Thurman Klingman.**



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

Roughly \$700 million have been financed to fund the expansion of the North Star Blue Scope Steel Plant in Delta. However, the price tag has since grown above \$800 million. Scheduled for completion in just over a year, the work has been awarded to Rudolph Libbe. The project will add a furnace and a slab caster to production. Jeffers Crane Service was 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, which is an increase in production of about 40%. Separately, IPS has also picked up a substantial amount of work at North Star that will keep our members busy.

Just off of S.R. 109 and the Ohio Turnpike, Mosser started site work on the \$70 million construction of Nova Tube and Steel's new facility in Delta. Tenmile Creek was brought in to perform stabilization at the site. This Canadian-based Nova Tube and Steel Company processes and distributes carbon steel, stainless steel, and aluminum products and operates as an intermediary between primary metal producers and manufacturers. The plant will be 250,000 square feet and will



**WORKING on a sewer line project in Rossford is Edward Kelly & Sons.**

utilize the latest in advanced manufacturing technology with Ohio talent to support growing demand in the North American market. The plant is expected to be fully operational mid-to-late 2021.

E. S. Wagner continues rebuilding I-75 between Dorr St. and South Ave. and recently closed all inbound entrances to I-75 from the Anthony Wayne Trail for about 20 months. Both ramps are closing to be torn out, realigned, and designed to re-enter I-75 from the right lane side, not the left, which will be a major safety improvement. Reconstruction of the ramps and widening I-75 from

two to three lanes in both directions is the main objective of this project. The freeway widening includes replacing both sides of the downtown viaduct over the Anthony Wayne Trail, Swan Creek, Collingwood Blvd., and Erie St. The new structures are right next to each other, instead of having a gap where the soon-to-close ramps rise to meet I-75. In normal times, the ramp from the outbound Anthony Wayne Trail to southbound I-75 is used by about 7,555 vehicles per day, while the inbound Anthony Wayne Trail's entrance to northbound I-75 is used by about 6,711

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**BUSY for Majaac in Napoleon is Clifford Gilbert.**



**ON THE JOB for Capital City Crane is Jerry Limpf.**



**WORKING for Ohio Excavating in Sylvania is Linda Schlicher.**



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vehicles. Northbound I-75's downtown exit, which feeds onto the inbound Anthony Wayne Trail to get to Erie St., will also be replaced as part of the project that will start in the coming months. The southbound I-75 exit to the outbound Anthony Wayne 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's I-75 major reconstruction project from Wales Rd. in Northwood and Rossford, up to Dorr St. in Toledo, 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.



**INSTALLING curb for Smith Paving at the Amazon project in Rossford is David Brown, Jr.**

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 line, and roundabouts on Dorr St. between Holland-Sylvania Rd. and McCord Rd. Over-

all, 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.

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

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**LOADING the straw blower for K&R Landscaping's restoration project on American Rd. in Napoleon is Keith Sunderhaus.**



**OPERATING an excavator for Amboy on the Nova Tube and Steel project in the Village of Delta is Toby Kolinski.**

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opened, the first round of upgrades included installation of lighting replaced by FET Construction Services. The LED fixtures installed are capable of producing a full spectrum of colors and light shows. Two of the most notable are an orange barrel theme for National Work Zone Awareness Week and the waving and the static representations of the United States American Flag. Along with those upgrades, Kokosing 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 by the end of this year.

Starting just before Memorial Day, Toledo residents were able to see the first stage of the Summit Street Beautification Project between Lafayette and Jackson streets. Construction started with replacement of a water main below, 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. Summit St. is currently open and will close again when construction resumes this spring.

In October, 2019, The Fremont City School Board approved the construction of 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 completed and open. Mosser Construction of Fremont completed foundation work at the Ross High School site, masonry block, concrete flatwork, and parking lot grading at all the district schools. Final construction should be completed this fall. Other union contractors involved in the school's construction are Zimmerman Building Company, Foundation Steel, Miller Brothers Construction, and Capital City.

Right down the road, Mosser Construction completed Phase 1 of a roadway reconstruction project to a major entryway into the City of Fremont. In Phase 1, Mosser started at North St. and worked towards 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.

The staff of District 2 would like to thank all of our members for their hard work and attention to safety, which has kept us mostly 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 keep yourself safe in these unprecedented times.

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**WORKING on Mosser's safety improvement project on S.R. 20 in Clyde is James Lewis.**



**BUSY for Todd Alspaugh at US Tank in Fremont is Sean Koeplinger.**



**WALKING a Manitowoc 999 over C.R. 115 in Hardin County for White Construction are Rhonda Ferguson in the crane and Chris Cook in the oiler.**



## Your simple diabetes care plan – Follow a smart routine to stay in control

When you have diabetes, your good health depends on the choices you make. Make these smart choices part of your routine:

### Monitor blood glucose

It's important to stay within your target range. Use your blood glucose meter as often as your doctor recommends and keep a log to track your progress. Checking after meals can give you an idea of how different foods affect your blood glucose levels.

### Get your A1C test

An A1C test can give your doctor an overview of your average blood glucose level during the last two to three months. Most people with diabetes should get an A1C test twice a year. Ask your doctor if you need the test and what your results mean.

### Check your feet

Inspect your feet every day for wounds or small cracks in your skin. Treat any skin problems immediately. Your doctor should check your feet at your regular visits.

### Have your eyes checked

Diabetes can damage the tiny blood vessels in your eye's retina and lead to vision loss. Visit your eye care professional at least once a year for a dilated eye exam. If you notice any changes to your eyesight, such as blurry vision, pressure, redness or difficulty reading, see your eye doctor as soon as you can.



### Get moving

Start by taking a 15-minute walk after dinner to help control blood sugar. Then build up how much exercise you get over time. Choose exercises you enjoy, so you stay challenged and keep coming back. And remember, you don't have to work out at the gym to be active. Take the stairs instead of an elevator, or park at the far end of the parking lot to add exercise to your daily routine.

### Eat a balanced diet

You don't have to give up your favorite foods. Just control how much of them you eat. Learn to enjoy smaller portions. Choose foods that are lower in calories, fat, sugar and salt. Eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Drink water instead of juice or soda. Healthy eating can help keep your blood sugar steady and improve cholesterol levels.

Source: Cleveland Clinic.

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**STRIPPING** topsoil on the I-75 reconstruction project in Beaverdam for Shelly is Randy Schmiedebush.



**SUPPLYING** concrete to Shelly & Sands on S.R. 15 near Findlay for National Lime & Stone Ready Mix is Nathan McCloud in the truck and Nathan Ontrop in the blue hard hat.



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National Lime & Stone in Delaware is having a good year providing the stone needed for jobs in the surrounding counties.

Kokosing is repaving several streets in the City of Marion. They are also working on the new wastewater treatment plant. This project will keep members busy for the next couple of years installing new pipe and holding tanks. Complete General has two bridge deck replacements on U.S. Rt. 23. BCC crews are repairing bridge decks throughout Marion County. Bucyrus Road Materials has road crews paving streets in the area.

Stoneco Quarry in Wyandot County has been sending trainloads of stone to the eastern side of the state for batch plants providing asphalt.

Work continues at Kenyon College in Gambier with the new multi-use housing and library. ALL Crane Rental has two tower cranes, and Independence Excavating has members moving dirt.

In Gallia County, at the Gavin Power Plant, Ash Management Service has been hauling the FGD into the landfill, and Beaver Excavating has been working on the expansion. Entact Environmental is finishing up the Fly Ash Pond closure. Duke and Duke has been working in the plant treating the coal, and Enerfab has the plant maintenance.

In Ross County, George J. Igel & Co. is working at the Adena Hospital. Giffin Construction is working on a Kenworth Plant addition. Ison Excavating and Fluor Construction both have maintenance work at the Coke plant in Scioto County.

Shelly & Sands has a bridge replacement in New Albany on Dublin Granville Rd. They started the widening project of Hamilton Rd.



**WORKING with Ben Hur at the new Columbus Crew Soccer Stadium in Franklin County is ALL Crane of Columbus.**

from Morse Rd. heading north to S.R. 161.

R.B. Jergens is currently excavating a new cell at the Franklin County Landfill for SWACO, moving more than 800,000 cubic yards of dirt. Complete General is starting the new sludge line for the Columbus Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Excavator is performing site work for the Amazon Data Center on Smiths Mill Rd. George J. Igel & Co. remains busy on Project Turnstile and Project Mustang with dirt, pipe, and concrete crews working on both projects.

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**OPERATING a truck crane for Pique Steel Erectors in Newark, Licking County is Edward Swaggerty.**



**WORKING for Strawser Paving in Grove City, Franklin County is Matthew Mumford.**



**ON THE JOB for Miller Brothers in Lancaster, Fairfield County is Shannon Hayes.**



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Miller Bros. Construction is starting site work for a 1.5 million sq. ft. warehouse on Mink St. in Etna. Amaazz Construction is building three retention ponds and a roadway in Etna off of S.R. 310 for future warehouses.

Fabrizi Trucking is in Newark on the 4th Street combination sewer separation and street rehab. Shelly & Sands is in Granville on the S.R. 37/161 Interchange rebuilding the bridge on S.R. 37 and the on and off-ramps to S.R. 161.

Stevens Engineering, Mascaro Construction, and George J. Igel & Co. are busy on the A.M.G. Vanadium site. This facility will be used to extract minerals from fracking water to be used to aid steel production.

McDaniel's Construction has ODNR projects, rebuilding Scioto River access boat ramps on both S.R. 316 and S.R. 22.

George J. Igel & Co. has site work near Rickenbacker. Pipe crews are installing deep sanitary storm sewers and close to a mile of new water lines.

Shelly & Sands is replacing curb and sidewalks in New Lexington.

Rock River Construction is installing a new sanitary sewer main in Nelsonville. This is the second phase of the future wastewater treatment plant.

Special thanks to our members and retirees for their continued support. We wish everyone a safe and successful 2021.



**WORKING** for Shelly & Sands on S.R. 329 near Stewart, Morgan County is Zach Blankenship.



**OPERATING** a skid steer loader for Decker Construction in Grove City, Franklin County is Tim James.



**DIGGING** for Fabrizi Trucking in Newark, Licking County is William Dezarn.



**DRIVING** piling for Kokosing in Grove City on the U.S. Rt. 62 and I-71 project in Franklin County is Bob Nelson.



**INSTALLING** an underground storm water detention system at OSU, Franklin County is McDaniels Construction.



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John R. Jurgensen continues to work on the Montgomery Rd. and S.R. 126 major reconstruction project. This project will consist of the demolition and deletion of the existing Montgomery Road Bridge, and they will be creating new entrance and exit ramps from S.R. 126 to Montgomery Rd.

In Clark County, Shelly Company completed work on the four-lane resurfacing of I-70. This project consists of four miles of asphalt milling and replacement. Ebony Construction and A&A Safety assisted with this project. John R. Jurgensen continues to work on the I-70 major widening project between U.S. Rt. 68 and S.R. 72. Local 18 members are removing the outside lanes of both the east- and westbound lanes to allow for the installation of the new road base and asphalt, along with installing new storm and underdrain. Double Z Construction continues work on the complete bridge reconstruction of the bridges that span S.R. 72 and the bridges over Springfield-Xenia Road. Capital City Crane, Statewide Concrete Pumping, and U.S. Utility Contractors are assisting with this project, which has a Fall, 2021 completion date.

In Butler County, John R. Jurgensen completed their work on the Union Centre Blvd. reconstruction project. John R. Jurgensen added one exit ramp lane to Union Centre Blvd. from northbound I-75 and two exit ramp lanes from southbound I-75. This will create a diverging diamond design, which will provide easier access on and off the ramps and keep the flow of traffic from backing up onto the interstate.

## Distribution and Maintenance

Premier Energy Services completed the installation of 4,000 feet of 2- and 4-inch natural gas main and 30 residential and com-



**WORKING** on a new warehouse site in Florence is Coppage.

mercial services in Spring Valley.

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

## Mainline Pipeline

Minnesota Limited has completed the station work in Greene County consisting of the installation of launchers and separators, along with several thousand feet of 16-inch lift and lay pipe installation.

Snelson Companies completed the installation of 2.5 miles of new 16-inch transmission gas pipeline. Badger Daylighting, Sheet Piling Services, and Queen City Blacktop helped with the completion of this project in Hamilton County. Snelson Companies is also working on installing 1,200 feet of 6- and 8-inch natural gas line, along with a new pumping station on Liberty Way in Butler County. RLA

Utilities completed the poly line installation, and Badger Daylighting performed the Hydro-Excavation for the project.

## Shops

Ohio CAT AG in Washington Court House continues with repairs and services to various types of farm machinery to prepare farmers for the upcoming farming season.

McLean Company is keeping Local 18 members busy with service and repairs to asphalt paving and milling equipment. This will aid union asphalt and milling contractors to tackle the upcoming 2021 busy asphalt paving season.

## Northwestern Counties

Work in the Northwestern Counties continued to stay steady into early winter. In late fall, The Shelly Company finished up the

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**MECHANIC** Chris Rosenberger working for John R. Jurgensen in Preble County.



**ON THE JOB** for John R. Jurgensen in Hamilton County is Frank Durham.



**OPERATING** a mill for Welfle in Preble County is Jeff Kirk.



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**KEEPING busy for Elex on Blue Ash Rd. in Cincinnati is Scott Schmitt.**



**GRINDING on Park Ave. in the City of Hamilton for John R. Jurgensen is Charles Rowe.**

Mercer County paving program, laying 30,000 tons of asphalt all over the county on various roads. Barrett Paving finished up a seven-mile asphalt mill and fill project on I-75 in Auglaize County. Weffle milled 400,000 sq. yards of asphalt and Barrett Paving laid 42,000 tons of asphalt, for this resurfacing project. Boca milled over 28 miles of rumble strips to complete this project in September. Also, in Auglaize County, The Shelly Company is working on S.R. 65 and U.S. Rt. 33 on an asphalt resurfacing project. The full depth repairs along with an intermediate course of

asphalt has been laid. The company will return in the spring to lay the topcoat of asphalt for the project.

In Shelby County, Industrial Resource Group finished the RV site improvements at the Ft. Loramie State Park. Twenty-two existing sites were upgraded with full hookups for electric, water, and sewer. S&S Directional Drilling was on site in mid-summer performing directional drilling for the water services. In Loganville, Eagle Bridge finished up on Township Road 21 with a bridge replacement over the Stillwater River. In late summer, Piqua Steel Company was on site setting new steel beams for this project.

In September, Buckeye Concrete pumping was on site pumping the concrete for the new 36-foot wide by 300-foot-long bridge deck. Barrett Paving laid the asphalt, and Paul Peterson performed the guardrail work to complete this project in late fall. At the Cargill Plant in Sidney, George J. Igel & Co. is working on a site improvement project. In October, 24,000 square yards of roller-compacted concrete was laid for a new truck staging area. George J. Igel & Co. is currently working on moving 5,000 yards of dirt for two new retention ponds, along with installing a new water main on site. The company will be continuing this work through the winter.

John R. Jurgensen is working on I-70 in Preble County on an asphalt resurfacing project. Full-depth asphalt repairs have been completed on the 17-mile project.

In early fall, 10 miles of the eastbound roadway from the Indiana state line to U.S. Rt. 127 were milled and an intermediate asphalt course was laid. Complete General Construction is repairing two bridges on this

project. The decks of both bridges were removed, and existing beams were raised to meet new bridge height restrictions. In November, Statewide Concrete Pumping was on site to place concrete for the 32-foot wide by 300-foot-long bridge decks, then Complete General slip formed new concrete barrier walls on the bridges and finished the approaches. John R. Jurgensen finished with laying new asphalt to tie into the existing roadway.

In Tipp City, Complete General Construction was on site at the new Meijer Distribution Center. The company laid 25,000 square yards of roller-compacted concrete on a 24-acre site to allow for trailer parking. Work in the Dayton area is keeping a number of contractors busy. CG Construction & Utility started a project on Mundale Ave. in Dayton. The Company is laying 4,600 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main and installing 13 new fire hydrants. After the new main is laid, they will install 85 new services.

Eagle Bridge continues work on the 3rd Street Bridge over the Great Miami River. In early fall, the new bridge piers were completed, and Capital City Crane was on site setting 45 pre-stress 6-foot tall, 144-foot long concrete beams. Sometime in December, Eagle Bridge plans on pouring the 80-foot wide and 720-foot-long concrete bridge deck. Buckeye Concrete Pumping will be on site for placement of the concrete.

The Ruhlin Company is working on I-75 and Edwin C. Moses on a bridge replacement project. In September, Ruhlin removed the concrete median wall to allow traffic to be moved. Miller Cable installed temporary

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**PUTTING in guard rail on the ramp from I-75 to Hopple St. is Security Fence.**

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electric for the roadway lighting. Southbound traffic was switched in November to allow Ruhlin to remove existing steel beams over Edwin C. Moses Blvd., and the company is working on a new bridge abutment, along with new piers and new beams that will be installed in winter.

Kinnison Excavating has been working on S.R. 725 in Centerville on a water main replacement. Over the summer, the company laid 2,800 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main, installed 200 feet of 12-inch concrete storm pipe, and installed 6 new catch basins. Oglesby Construction was on site in November to finish by pouring concrete curb and patching the sidewalks. Also in Centerville, CG Construction finished a water main replacement on Brad St. that included the laying of 3,300 feet of 8-inch ductile water main and installing 32 services along with 9 new fire hydrants. They completed the project with asphalt being laid over the new water main. R.A. Miller has completed a curb replacement on Industrial Dr. in Franklin. R.A. Miller rebuilt 11 catch basins and over 10,000 feet of existing curb was removed. New concrete curb was slipped into place. John R. Jurgensen will be on site in the spring to mill and fill the asphalt to complete this project. Ford Development was working on River St. in Franklin. They installed 3 new manholes along with 200 feet of 36-inch plastic storm pipe to allow for stormwater runoff.

Great Lakes Construction is working on University Blvd. Bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad in Middletown. In November, the existing median was removed, and temporary concrete was poured to allow traf-

fic to be moved. After traffic was moved, the existing bridge deck was removed, and Great Lakes will be working on new backwalls and abutments over the winter.

### Pipeline

Integrity Kokosing completed a lift and lay pipeline project in the City of Centerville. Intercon performed the directional drilling for the project and completed two 1,000-foot bores. Integrity Kokosing laid the remaining 5,000 feet of the new pipe to complete the project. Integrity Kokosing then started on integrity work for Vectren on six different sites that included digging up and then replacing the existing pipe that did not meet current specifications.

VEC has been working on a meter station relocation in Bell Center. The existing station was damaged by an automobile, so TransCanada is relocating the meter station further off the existing roadway. Newly signed contractor LoJac performed the hydro excavating work for this project.

### Distribution and Maintenance

InfraSource is working for Dominion Gas in Celina off S.R. 703. Over 4,000 feet of 4-inch plastic main along with 75 residential service was installed. In St. Mary's on Augustus St., InfraSource is installing 3,900 feet of 12- and 4-inch plastic gas main and will be upgrading 112 services. Vectren is keeping a number of contractors busy in the northwest counties. On Orchard Island in Russell's Point, Miller Pipeline has two projects installing over 5,000 feet of 4- and 2-inch plastic gas main and 257 services. In Kettering, KS Energy has finished up its 2020 work on Acorn Dr. Four

thousand feet of new 4-inch plastic gas main and 164 services were laid. Miller pipeline completed a 12-inch steel gas main replacement project on West Dorothy Lane in Kettering. Miller Pipeline also installed 700 feet of 4-inch plastic gas main and installed five services to complete this project. In West Dayton, off Steward St., Miller Pipeline installed 8,000 feet of 4-inch gas main and are installing 161 residential services.

### Shops

At Columbus Equipment in Huber Heights, the mechanics have been working on various types of rental equipment that has returned for the year. Equipment will be cleaned, serviced, and repaired as needed to be ready for the 2021 construction season. At Ohio CAT in Troy, the power system division is working on assembly of four new CAT G 3520 generators. Each generator produces 2,000 kW. and produces 2,953 hp. The units will be shipped in early spring to their customers' locations.

### Southwestern Counties

In Butler County, W.G. Stang is busy with the widening of Gilmore Ave. from S.R. 129 overpass to the new Gilmore Rd. roundabout. Work includes new storm sewers, curbs, sidewalks, new turn lanes, and an access road to the Liberty Township Maintenance Garage. Sub-contractors on this project are Oglesby Construction slip form paving the new curbs, and John R. Jurgensen will be laying the base and finish coat asphalt. Prior to start-up, KS Energy lowered the residential natural gas line that was in the way of this project.

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**LAYING** base course of asphalt on Blue Ash Rd. in Deer Park is John R. Jurgensen.



**PAVING** in Butler County is Southern Ohio Paving.



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**WORKING for John R. Jurgensen on I-71 in Hamilton County are (l-r) Cassandra Mares, Craig Blair and David Peters.**

Over on Beckett Rd. in West Chester, between Union Centre Blvd. and Beckett Ridge Blvd., Barrett Paving Materials widened the roadway from two lanes to three lanes. Work included a new storm sewer pipe to replace an inadequate earthen ditch to help relieve the rainwater from the roadway. Oglesby Construction installed the new concrete curb and gutters. Landview Services was on site for topsoil placement and seeding. At the intersection of Lesourdsville, West Chester Rd. and Beckett Ridge Blvd., Eagle Bridge added a roundabout to replace the old three-way intersection. The new road elevation was raised approximately nine feet for a better line of sight. Eagle Bridge also upgraded the water and a larger storm sewer to better handle stormwater runoff. Some of the sub-contractors on this project were Oglesby Construction installing the concrete curbs for the approach and the roundabout, Elex Electrical for the relocation of the school speed limit signs, and John R. Jurgensen laying the new asphalt that included the coarse base and finish coat.

On Tylersville Rd., Barrett Paving Materials added a westbound turn lane into the Beckett Ridge subdivision. On Princeton Rd., Barrett added additional turn lanes onto Union Centre Blvd. and poured new concrete sidewalks. As a subcontractor on this project, Security Fence was on site with the installation of the guardrails.

In Hamilton County, John R. Jurgensen continues to put the finishing touches on the three-year I-75 project, starting at to the North of Glendale Milford Road overpass and continuing to just south of Shepherds Lane. Additional lanes were added on the north- and southbound sides, with three new bridges that go over I-75 at Glendale Milford, Innovation Way, and Shephard Lane, as well as the elimination of the Neumann Way

Overpass. Some of the subcontractors on this project were Security Fence with the laying of underground electric for street lighting and the Artemis System, Security Fence installing new fencing and guardrail along the project, Oglesby Construction performing the slip form concrete retaining walls, and Great Lakes Construction was on site with the demolition of the old bridges and the reconstruction of the new ones.

Farther south on I-75 at the I-74 interchange, you will find Walsh Construction still working on the design-build improvements of this interchange. ODOT traffic was switched over in late October for work to commence in the center of the roadway. Walsh is self-performing the installation of up to a mile of storm drain, and Bunn Enterprises is installing the underdrains. Oglesby Con-



**ON THE JOB for W.G. Stang on new access road in Liberty Township is Rick Robinson.**



**PAVING a new access road in Liberty Township is John R. Jurgensen.**

struction finished with slip forming the concrete, curbs, and sidewalk for the Sycamore Road roundabout in Sycamore Township for Barrett Paving. Also on site as a sub-contractor was F.A. Nemann installing all new water main and Elex Electrical installing the new traffic signals.

### Northern Kentucky

The Nelson Stark Company put the finishing touches on an industrial site development project leftover from last year on Aero Parkway in Boone County and has moved on to two new site developments. One of the sites is on Petersburg Rd. which will be a building pad for another warehouse. Nelson Stark moved over 300,000 yards of material and Mt. Carmel has been on site for lime base stabilization. Over on Langley Drive in Hebron, Nelson Stark is preparing another building pad site and parking lot with approximately 700,000 yards of material to move for future warehousing needs. They are self-performing the installation of the water mains and storm sewers on both of these projects.

Coppage Construction is very active with several industrial site developments throughout Boone County. The projects are in the area of Wenstrup Lane in Walton, Jones Rd. in Burlington, and New Buffington Rd. in Florence. Coppage installed all the storm sewers and water mains on these projects in Northern Kentucky.

The District 4/5 staff greatly appreciates the hard work, care, and concern from our members throughout the past year. We hope everyone had a pleasant and safe holiday season, and we wish you an awesome and safe 2021. We also want to thank our Business Manager and Executive Board for their guidance and direction for the many difficult decisions that had to be made throughout the year.

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Heights to Cuyahoga Falls north- and south-bound with lane shifts, Phase 2 pavement demolition and ramp reconstruction continue at S.R. 303 and Seasons Road. Kokosing Construction continues pavement work on the four-year Ohio Turnpike reconstruction program in Summit County from S.R. 8 to I-77 in Richfield. Great Lakes Construction continues moving material and tank construction at the Akron Peninsula Treatment Plant bio separator project. Ruhlin has exit ramp reconstruction and utility improvements on U.S. Rt. 224 at the S.R. 619 exit ramp. Ruhlin has started preservation work at the ODNR Portage Lakes dam project.

In preparation for Phase 2, Cioffi Construction has the S.R. 91 widening project in Hudson and relocation of utilities. Ruhlin continues pavement reconstruction at Romig Road. Lockhart Construction is installing new sewer lines at the Hampton Ridge Rd. project. Cioffi Construction is replacing storm sewers, and H.M. Miller has storm sewer separation work at the Uhler Conveyances CSO Rack 27.

Badger Daylighting has utility location work for the City of Cuyahoga Falls in various locations. Ruhlin has the site work at the new Cleveland Clinic project in Stow. Fechko Excavating has subdivision work at Steels Corner in Stow.

Fabrizi Trucking is working at Revere High School with site work, underground, and paving. Great Lakes has the slip repair reclamation on I-271 in Macedonia. Great Lakes also has pump station upgrades for AQUA at the N. Boyden Rd. site in Sagamore Hills.

In **Portage County**, Kokosing Materials is making plant repairs and improvements at the Shalersville Asphalt Plant. Utility Contractors is replacing storm sewers on North Valley Rd. In Brimfield, Joseph Jeffries is excavating material for the site work at the Cranberry Creek Estates development on Sandy Lake Road Phase 2. Spano Brothers Construction



**WORKING on the Daisy expansion in Wooster is Beaver & Bogner Construction.**

has started site work for the new Dairy Queen Building project in Streetsboro.

Platform Cement is doing the site work for the new Streetsboro Fire Department Headquarters. Karvo has storm and sanitary sewer reconstruction in Kent at S. Main St. Spano Brothers Construction has a new water line installation and relocation at S.R. 14 in Streetsboro for the road-widening project.

In **Carroll County**, Canton Erectors is busy at Metal Forming in Malvern with fire repair work. BUDS Inc. has S.R. 542 bridge replacement project. Specialized Construction has the S.R. 164 chip seal project.

In **Jefferson County**, Flatiron Construction, Triton Construction, and Richard Geotile Inc. are busy working on the new bridge project spanning across the Ohio River from Brilliant to Wellsburg, WV. Cast & Baker still have operators in Brilliant doing rehab work

loading out stone from the S.R. 7 slip project. James White Construction has operators working at the new Indian Creek High School in Wintersville.

At the Cardinal Plant, Skanska and Brand Scaffolding have operators performing maintenance work inside the plant. Stevens Engineering and Maxim Crane have operators installing silos for a new dry fly ash procedure. Doe Wheldon has several members working on the fly ash removal at the plant. At the Sammis Plant in Stratton, Enerfab and Brand Scaffolding continue to keep up with its maintenance work. Duke & Duke Energy has two shifts treating the coal inside the plant.

Apex Landfill in Amsterdam has had some layoffs due to COVID-19. Shelly & Sands is busy with resurfacing and median work on S.R. 7 in Stratton. A.P. O'Horo Company has crews doing bridge replacements on S.R. 213 by the rest area north of Stratton.

In **Harrison County**, Shelly & Sands is close to finishing up the joint repair project and road resurfacing project on U.S. Rt. 22 outside Hopedale. Beaver Excavating has operators building a new parking lot at the old high school in Cadiz and installing a new softball field at Harrison Hills High School in Cadiz.

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

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**BUSY at an apartment project in Ashland is Trucco.**



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**KEEPING busy for Beaver**  
**Excavating in Lexington is**  
**Bill Bolin.**



**OPERATING an excavator for**  
**Beaver Excavating in Lexington**  
**is Darren Bilger.**



**OPERATING a Hydro-Excavator**  
**for Trucco Construction in**  
**Ashland is Colin Thomas.**



**FORKLIFT operator Tina Pultea**  
**is working for Stevens**  
**Engineering at the Cardinal**  
**Plant in Brilliant, Jefferson**  
**County.**

Plant in Belpre. Parks Drilling has members drilling caissons for new transmission lines for AEP throughout the county. Danbert Inc. has operators installing new conduit for AEP on Mills Run Rd. in Marietta. Beaver Excavating is busy with site work at the new Warren High School in Vincent and working on the dam at Vito Lake. Shelly & Sands has the I-77 and S.R. 7 reconstruction project in Marietta.

In **Monroe County**, Kiewit is working two shifts constructing the new Long Ridge Energy Facility in Hannibal. Kirk Erectors, C&G Erectors, Alliance Constructors, Reynolds Construction, Viking Erectors, and The Overhead Door Company are also on site performing different phases of the project. Grae-Con has operators staying busy doing site work for a new Urgent Care in Woodsfield. Alan Stone Company has a small slip repair on S.R. 78 outside of Lewisville.

In **Belmont County**, Stonegate Construction has operators installing new water lines in Martins Ferry. Skeen Excavating has operators working on a retaining wall and slip project for Martins Ferry Schools. Shelly & Sands has mechanics staying busy at their shop in East Richland. Swank Construction has members working on the I-70 bridge replacement project going from Bridgeport to the Pennsylvania line. NPL has several crews throughout Bellaire replacing gas distribution lines. Lake Erie Construction is replacing guard rail along U.S. Rt. 250 near Sunset Heights.

In **Guernsey County**, Kirk Brothers has a couple of operators working at the Byesville Wastewater Treatment Plant doing rehabilitation work. Turn-Key Tunneling is putting in new culverts on I-70 & I-77.

Beaver Excavating, Baker Concrete, Maxim Crane, Kickapoo Drilling, Howards, McCarls,

Stevens, Murphy Consolidated, and Grae-Con are all working at the new Guernsey County Powerhouse south of Byesville. Amazz Construction is doing a road project on Clark St. in Cambridge and some road widening projects for Ascent Energy throughout the county.

In **Noble County**, NLS Paving has a crew

doing road work for Ascent Energy off of S.R. 513 outside of Summerfield. Shelly & Sands has operators working on a slip repair on S.R. 513 outside of Caldwell.

Make sure to stay safe this winter and use your downtime to upgrade your skills and renew certifications. Call one of the training sites to check for the availability of classes.

## 2021 Labor History classes scheduled

Date	Location	Instructor
January 9, 2021	District 4/5 – Middletown Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
<b>Canceled and rescheduled to March 20, 2021</b>		
February 6, 2021	District 1 – Cleveland Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
February 13, 2021	District 2 – Toledo Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
February 27, 2021	District 6 – Akron Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
March 6, 2021	District 3 – Columbus Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
March 20, 2021	District 4/5 – Middletown Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
<b>Rescheduled from January 9, 2021</b>		

**Classes are limited in size due to COVID-19.**

**If you plan to attend, you must RSVP by contacting your district office.**

## 2021 Steward Training classes scheduled

Date	Location	Instructor
March 17, 2021	District 4/5 – Middletown Union Hall	Joe Casto
March 24, 2021	District 1 – Cleveland Union Hall	Joe Casto
March 31, 2021	District 2 – Toledo Union Hall	Joe Casto
April 7, 2021	District 6 – Akron Union Hall	Joe Casto
April 14, 2021	District 3 – Columbus Union Hall	Joe Casto

**Classes are limited in size due to COVID-19.**

**If you plan to attend, you must RSVP by contacting your district office.**

# January and February Local 18 Training Schedule

## Richfield (800) 842-9419

January 2	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	February 12-13	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP
January 8-9	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	February 13	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation
January 16	8-Hour Forklift Combination	February 13	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
January 18-22	40-Hour Crane I	February 15-19	40-Hour HAZWOPER
January 19-20	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 17	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
January 22-23	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	February 17-19	24-Hour MSHA
January 25-29	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew	February 18	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
January 30	8-Hour ICRA	February 19	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
February 1-4	32-Hour Asphalt Milling	February 20	8-Hour Load Securement
February 2-5	32-Hour OSHA 30/STP	February 20	8-Hour Signal Person
February 4-5	16-Hour Trench Safety	February 22-26	40-Hour Crane I
February 6	8-Hour Labor History - District 1	February 23-24	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment
February 8-11	32-Hour Asphalt	February 25-26	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment
February 10-12	24-Hour Skidsteer	February 27	8-Hour Labor History - District 6

## Cygnnet (888) 634-6880

January 9	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	February 13	8-Hour Labor History - District 2
January 9	8-Hour Signal Person	February 15-19	40-Hour Welding
January 16	8-Hour Forklift Combination	February 17-18	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP
January 30	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher	February 20	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation
February 1-5	40-Hour HAZWOPER	February 20	8-Hour Forklift Combination
February 6	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	February 22-24	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 8-12	40-Hour Crane I	February 25-27	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 8-12	40-Hour Grader	February 27	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
February 9-11	24-Hour MSHA		

## Logan (888) 385-2567

January 4-8	40-Hour HAZWOPER	February 5-6	16-Hour Trench Safety
January 9	8-Hour Forklift Combination	February 6	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
January 9, January 16	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP (2 Saturdays)	February 8-12	40-Hour Plan Reading
January 11-15	40-Hour Lift Director	February 8-10	24-Hour Skidsteer
January 11-14	32-Hour OSHA 30/STP	February 11-12	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment
January 16	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	February 13	8-Hour Forklift Combination
January 18-22	40-Hour Crane I	February 13	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher
January 30	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher	February 15-19	40-Hour Crane I
January 30	8-Hour Tier IV Emissions	February 15-19	40-Hour Grader
February 1-12	80-Hour Sideboom - Pipeline (Local 18) 2 Weeks (Monday-Friday)	February 15-19	40-Hour Welding
February 1-3	24-Hour Skidsteer	February 19-20	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP
February 3-4	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 19-20	16-Hour Trench Safety
February 4-5	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	February 20	8-Hour Load Securement
February 5	8-Hour Signal Person	February 22-26	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew
		February 22-26	40-Hour Utility Support Equipment
		February 27	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED

## Miamisburg (800) 635-4928

January 9	8-Hour Labor History - District 4/5	February 13	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
January 13-14	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	February 13, February 20	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP (2 Saturdays)
January 16	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	February 15-18	32-Hour Asphalt Milling
January 23	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	February 17-19	24-Hour Skidsteer
January 30	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher	February 20	8-Hour MSHA Refresher
February 3-5	24-Hour Skidsteer	February 22-25	32-Hour Asphalt
February 4-5	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 22-26	40-Hour Crane I
February 8-12	40-Hour Directional Drill	February 22-26	40-Hour Plan Reading
February 10-12	24-Hour GPS Grade Control		
February 12	8-Hour Signal Person		



## IN MEMORIAM

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

LM Donald Moore (D-4/5)	July 31
LM James H. Lane (D-4/5)	Oct. 23
Edward Brady (D-1)	Oct. 26
LM Glen Clymer (D-1)	Oct. 26
LM John Cortese, Jr. (D-6)	Oct. 26
Leon Matthews (D-4/5)	Oct. 26
Randy Montgomery (D-4/5)	Oct. 27
LM James Cook (D-6)	Nov. 1
LM Jerry Willis (D-4/5)	Nov. 1
LM Walter Endicott (D-4/5)	Nov. 4
LM Paul E. Howdyshe (D-3)	Nov. 4
LM Dean Temple (D-2)	Nov. 5
LM James F. Johnson (D-3)	Nov. 7
George Teonchuk (D-1)	Nov. 9
Frank Pajcic, Jr. (D-1)	Nov. 10
LM Doyle Shank (D-4/5)	Nov. 12
LM Ronald P. Rodgers (D-1)	Nov. 14
LM Kenneth Knisley, Jr. (D-4/5)	Nov. 15
LM Lateris McDowell (D-6)	Nov. 15
LM Carmen Camino (D-1)	Nov. 17
LM Stanley Robinson (D-1)	Nov. 20
LM David Zacharias (D-6)	Nov. 22
William Moore (D-4/5)	Nov. 23
LM Alvin McGuffin (D-1)	Nov. 27
David Mummey (D-4/5)	Nov. 29

## 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

## Scholarship Period

The Education and Safety Fund scholarship application period runs from January 1, 2021 through April 1, 2021. Applications are available at the Fringe Benefit Office, or at any Local 18 district office, as well as on Local 18's website, by clicking on the "FRINGE BENEFITS" link below the "MEMBERS" tab, or by going directly to <https://memberxgobasys.com/OOEFBP>.

Scholarships are available to members of Local 18 who are eligible for benefits from Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare

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## Publications Available

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

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

Plan, or who have at least one month of eligibility in the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date that the application is received at the Fringe Benefit Office. Qualified dependents may also be eligible for a scholarship if they meet the requirements established by the Board of Trustees.

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

The essay should include answers to the following:

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

All scholarship applications must be submitted to the Fringe Benefit Office by April 1, 2021.

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