

Buckeye Engineer



Local 18 CALENDAR

Jan. 1 – Scholarship application period (More information on page 21.)

FEBRUARY

- 1** All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 6** District 1 Labor History Class – District 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 – District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 15** Presidents' Day
- 17** District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula (No meetings until April)
- 22** District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 27** District 6 Labor History Class – District Hall, 7:30 a.m.

MARCH

- 1** All Districts - Advisory Board mtgs.
- 6** District 3 Labor History Class – District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 8** All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 10** District 2 Info mtg. – Lima (No meetings until April)
- 14** Daylight savings time begins
- 15** District 6 Info mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds

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REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

Winter weather has arrived in Ohio. Now is the time to upgrade your certifications at one of the regional training centers. Applications for the 2021 apprenticeship class have been postponed until further notice, due to concerns over COVID-19.

The COVID-19 pandemic has some light at the end of the tunnel, with multiple vaccines being approved by the FDA. However, it will take several months until enough doses are available for everyone. Don't let your guard down, continue to social distance, wear masks, wash hands frequently, and sanitize equipment before use. If we continue to have good hygiene habits, we will get this pandemic under control in the coming months.

2021 should be a decent work season despite all the hurdles put before us. It is anticipated that ODOT will award a similar amount of total dollars in jobs for 2021 as it did in 2020. They have indicated that they will not do megaprojects, but will instead do more projects with smaller dollar values. ODOT wants to create an environment that will allow more contractor participation by performing smaller dollar projects.

The Local 18 statewide Highway Heavy Agreement and the statewide Building Agreement both expire at the end of April. Proposals were submitted last year and have been kept on file for these negotiations. If you have any other proposals of interest, please send them to your District Representative to be considered.

We will be starting Labor History classes this month with limited seating capacity. The apprentices will have priority since it is a re-



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quired part of the curriculum for all first-year people; after that, new members will be invited to fill in the class space.

A one-night steward refresher class will be conducted in each district starting in March. If you are interested in attending the class in your district, please contact the district office. The steward class is highly informative on proper grievance handling and processing.

The Equipment Shops have been steady in the winter months, preparing equipment for the spring work season kickoff. Most shops have retained all the mechanics during the winter to perform the needed maintenance.

The Stationary Department has faced some challenging times in the public sector. Many government facilities have been

shut down since the pandemic's onset, resulting in numerous layoffs of our Stationary members. The remote workforce stifles maintenance and repair sectors of workers. Since very few are working from an office, there is no need for repairs and maintenance crews. This is impacting our Stationary and Hoisting & Portable, with no indoor building HVAC to maintain, and no parking lot repavement or building additions to perform.

To all of our Local 18 Retirees, please stay safe during these winter months. If you need assistance, reach out to a neighbor or friend, and don't be afraid to ask for help. Once the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us, we will resume our retiree lunches; until then, don't let the weather get you down.

For our ailing members, we hope for a speedy recovery. To all who have lost loved ones, you have our deepest sympathy.

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The 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
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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

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\$150.75 per quarter

Reduced Dues \$45.75 per quarter

Jefferson S. Powell
Financial Secretary

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*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.

District 4/5 off to a good start

As the fall and winter weather closed in on us, the work around District 4/5 remained fairly steady up to and through late December. Many members stayed active on projects that included bridge rehabilitation, power plant demolition, site development, and gas line distribution and maintenance, along with water and sanitary sewer replacement and repair.

Southwestern Counties

In Hamilton County, Rack & Ballauer Excavating continues to work on numerous projects on the aging infrastructure throughout the county. The company will be replacing the water mains, fire hydrants, and services to homes and businesses, along with the replacement and upgrades to the storm drains and the sanitary sewer system. Rack & Ballauer will be removing the old concrete curbs, and Oglesby Construction will install new curbs with a slip form paver. Rack & Ballauer will finish the project by milling the original asphalt and a repave, along with clean up and reseeding. On the ramp at Beckman St. on I-74 in Cincinnati, Great Lakes Construction is working on a slip repair for ODOT. Great Lakes will be self-performing the installation of 130 drilled shafts along the outside of the existing retaining wall, and then Keller International will be installing a tieback retention system in the existing retaining wall. Vermillion is performing the clearing on this project, and Barrett Paving is doing the full depth asphalt repair. Over on Muddy Creek Rd., Lykins Contracting, Inc. has started on a sanitary sewer replacement and upgrade project for the Metropolitan Sewer District of Cincinnati.

In Butler County, Great Lakes Construction has installed a new electric substation on Gateway Ave. for the City of Hamilton.



WORKING for Rack & Ballauer in Northern Kentucky on sewer replacement are Brandon Bischoff, Corey Mock and John Ballauer.

As a subcontractor, Nick Kostecki Excavating moved 7,000 yards of material to prep the site. Piqua Steel then used a Goldhofer Transporter to move the new 130,000 lb. transformer on to the site and set it in place with a 300-ton all terrain crane. Over on S.R. 73 and Jacksonburg Rd., Barrett Paving is installing a new roundabout to eliminate the existing dangerous intersection. During

the course of the project, 800 feet of 6-inch water main and 2,200 feet of storm sewer in various sizes, ranging from 12 to 36 inches, will be added. Over 16,000 yards of fill will be trucked in from off site to raise the elevation of the new roadbed six feet from the existing elevation. Oglesby Construction is slip form paving the concrete curbs and island. Piqua Steel Company was on site with a 90-ton truck crane to set the concrete box culverts. Elex Electrical is installing the electric for the new streetlights and signs. Phoenix Stabilization will be doing the subbase lime stabilization, and Landview Services will finish up with the seeding and straw.

At AK Steel in Middletown, our maintenance contractor, McGraw/Kokosing, Graycor, and Brand Energy, are staying busy with repairs to the grounds, buildings, and plant production machinery in the mill. TMS International (scarfing) is keeping busy with the cleaning of the impurity of the steel slab before going to the hot strip mill to be rolled into coils. At the basic oxygen furnace, Vesuvius USA is staying busy degassing the molten metal before it's poured into slab molds at the

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ON THE JOB for John R. Jurgensen on Helma Ave. in Hamilton are Sam Turner on the paver and Mark Green on the roller.

POLITICAL ACTION

Legislative Report

by Mark Totman, *Legislative Representative*

The Ohio Senate and House members are expected to get back to business in early February.

Prior to the end of the session, we were happy to report that we felt our coalition safeguarded our issues through the lame-duck session. Some of the proposed legislation included changes to apprenticeships, trades licensing, etc. We expect these issues and the other issues including prevailing wage, unemployment compensation, etc., to be brought back up this session.



The good news from the lame-duck session is that a Capitol Budget Bill of approximately \$2.5 billion was passed. The bill includes funding for state-owned buildings, infrastructure, energy, water treatment plant projects, etc., around the state, providing a needed boost for our industry in these trying times.

The DeWine Administration will introduce their ODOT Budget Bill to the Legislature in mid-January. We have heard from ODOT Director Marchbanks that we could be looking at a possible \$300 million deficit in the budget due to the lack of funding from the gas tax. This was caused by a reduction of gas consumption throughout the state related to COVID-19. The Director said that there is

a possibility of \$200 million or more in the CARES Act funding that could possibly make up some of the lost gas tax revenue. We are hopeful this can be used to fund ODOT projects in 2021.

We are also working with the DeWine Administration and Director Marchbanks, at the request of President Biden to our International General President, to compile a list of shovel ready infrastructure projects for possible federal funding to get these projects started in 2021.

Hopefully, 2021 will be the end of COVID-19 and we can get somewhat back to normal. Thanks again to all the members who support Local 18 and our political work here in Ohio and Washington D.C.

Workplace safety is the law

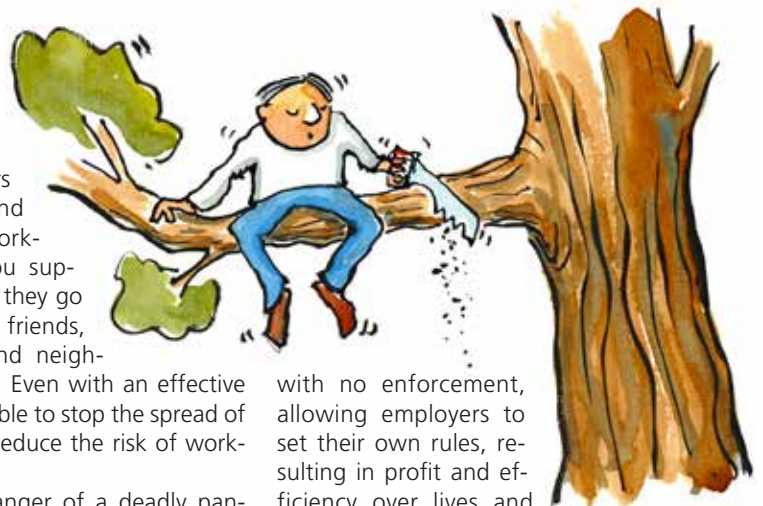
"Negligent employers routinely suppress the voices of frontline workers who are trying to ring the alarm about the dire risks they are facing at their jobs. The top priority for COVID relief – and other measures – should be to protect these workers, not their employers," contended a recent opinion column from *TheHill.com*.

Column authors Jessica E. Martinez and Marcy Goldstein-Gelb, co-executive directors of the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health, wrote "In far too many cases, workers' concerns about safety are simply mocked or ignored – they also face retaliation from their employers for simply speaking up about unsafe workplaces. Black and Latinx workers are treated the worst, reporting harassment at more than two times the rate of their peers. Up until now, the government agency that is supposed to protect workers – the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) – hasn't done much to enforce the law, responding only to a minuscule fraction of complaints."

"A new Harvard study shows how short-sighted it is to ignore worker concerns," according to Martinez and Goldstein-Gelb. "Researchers found a direct link between complaints about unsafe workplaces and

reported deaths from COVID-19 in the same counties where those facilities are located. If workers are unprotected and get sick in their workplaces, what do you suppose happens when they go home? Co-workers, friends, family members, and neighbors are also at risk. Even with an effective vaccine, we'll be unable to stop the spread of COVID-19 until we reduce the risk of workplace exposure."

"The immense danger of a deadly pandemic has exposed critical weaknesses at OSHA, which has been running on empty for decades. The agency currently has fewer inspectors than it did in 2014, long before a pandemic brought deadly new risks into U.S. workplaces. Right now, it would take OSHA 167 years to inspect each workplace in the U.S.," wrote the authors. "OSHA could hold companies accountable by providing better protection for whistleblowers, encouraging collaborative workplace infection control efforts, and improving inspection procedures. Instead, the agency has issued soft guidelines



with no enforcement, allowing employers to set their own rules, resulting in profit and efficiency over lives and livelihoods."

"The recent breakthroughs on a COVID-19 vaccine will inevitably spark new conversations on 'returning to normal.' But for millions of essential workers, the pre-pandemic norm was far from healthy and safe. With a significant change of leadership at the federal level, we need a fundamentally new normal in our country, shaped by workers themselves and federal agencies that follow essential workers' lead on issues of workplace health and safety," Martinez and Goldstein-Gelb concluded.

What a Biden administration means for business

"Only in 2020 would CEOs welcome a new President who promises to raise their taxes, intensify business regulation, and massively empower labor unions. But then this is no ordinary year," Geoff Colvin recently wrote in an article on the *Fortune.com* website.

"The one-sentence description of Biden's economic inclinations is this," according to Colvin. "He thinks the middle class and working class should get more, and the wealthy should get less. He's no socialist; for most of his political career, he's been near the center. But in a major speech last summer in Dunmore, PA, a former coal-mining borough near his old hometown of Scranton, he was blunt: 'Wall Street bankers and CEOs didn't build this country. You can just look around your neighborhood or your kitchen table and see who built this country.'"

According to Colvin's article, of all his policy prescriptions, Biden's pledge to strengthen labor unions "is the closest to

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his heart. 'Unions built the middle class,' he has said. 'That's why we have a middle class. In corporate America, the only way to deal with abuse of power is with power, and labor unions are the only ones that have the capacity to do it.' He has promised to tilt the balance of power by facilitating union organizing in myriad ways and by giving workers new legal protections. He says he will also protect employees—unionized or not—by getting much tougher with employers. 'We will increase funding and staffing at the Department of Labor to aggressively enforce wage, hour, health, and safety rules across the economy,' the Democratic platform promises."

Among the other business-related policy changes Biden has said he wants to make are: raise taxes on companies; raise taxes on individuals making over \$400,000 a year; impose new regulations; add a public option to Obamacare; and increase infrastructure spending by \$2.4 trillion during his term.

"The big, general reason many business leaders are fine with a President Biden is that they can't take the tumult any longer. Business prizes stability, predictability, certainty. Trump's incessant whipsawing on some of the largest issues—imposing tariffs, closing borders, retaliating against companies, leaving NATO—has exhausted businesspeople. As many of them say privately, they can compete so long as they know the rules, but can't if the rules are constantly changing. Biden is far from U.S. business's ideal President. But after the past four chaotic years, he'll do just fine," Colvin concluded

Buttigieg can help fix infrastructure 'the right way'

Bloomberg.com opinion writer Noah Smith wrote in a recent article that former mayor and one-time presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg – nominated to be President Biden's transportation secretary – will make a big difference in efforts to spearhead much-needed infrastructure reform.

"The biggest transportation issue on everyone's mind is infrastructure," Smith wrote. "Not only are U.S. roads and bridges perpetually falling apart, but big construction spending is needed as a stimulus to boost the country out of its post-pandemic doldrums. Buttigieg, during his primary presidential run, was one of several Democratic candidates to propose a construction spending bonanza. He'll bring a much-needed dose of managerial competence to an oft-neglected area of government policymaking. By focusing on identifying and remedying sources of excess cost in our infrastructure system, and by helping speed the transition to electric vehicles, he can have a major impact even in an era of political deadlock."

According to Smith, a former assistant professor of finance at Stony Brook University in New York State, Buttigieg's consulting background should play an important role in reducing costs of infrastructure reform by increasing productivity.

"The reason America spends only reluctantly and fitfully on infrastructure goes beyond mere partisan bickering," Smith wrote.



"The U.S. is unusual among advanced nations in having ruinously high construction costs for both roads and public transit. By some measures, productivity in the industry is actually falling. Unfortunately, this is how the U.S. does infrastructure. We delay repairing it, arguing over how much to spend and who foots the bill, until there's an economic crisis. Then, as in the 2009 stimulus bill, we splurge on road repair and patch things up for another decade."

"That's where Buttigieg comes in," continued Smith. "He spent several years working as a McKinsey & Company consultant. During that time, he consulted for various federal government agencies. Now, you may have a problem with McKinsey's ethics, but you have to admit they know their stuff when it

comes to cost-cutting. Buttigieg is therefore uniquely qualified to get to the bottom of U.S. infrastructure costs. Buttigieg will have plenty of chances to leverage his consulting skills in the service of upgrading U.S. infrastructure. Beyond just lobbying a big pot of money at the problem, bringing down infrastructure costs and transitioning to electric vehicles will require smarts and a hard-headed, problem-solving approach."



Valentine's Day is more than candy and flowers these days

Traditionally a holiday of love, Valentine's Day continues to grow and change. The latest national survey from the retail sector reveals the following:

- 28% of consumers are planning to give a gift of an experience (instead of jewelry, flowers, or candy).
- 27% of those celebrating say they are buying gifts for their pets.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS, JULY 31, 2020

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

	Health and Welfare Plan	Pension Fund	Apprenticeship Fund	Education and Safety Fund
ASSETS:				
Investments, at fair value:				
United States Government Obligations		\$ 364,438,999		
Corporate Bonds		166,321,267		
Common Stocks		908,164,056		
Preferred Stocks		925,921		
Equity Index Fund				
International Equity Index Fund				
Real Estate Fund		156,736,917		
Mutual/Common Collective Trust Funds	\$ 140,420,126	908,774,627		
Limited Liability Companies		115,948,117		
Municipal Bonds and Other Investments		19,047,602		
Money Market Fund/Short-term Investments	13,281,911	25,871,648	\$ 2,728,200	\$ 2,331,153
	153,702,037	2,666,229,154	2,728,200	2,331,153
Cash Awaiting Investment		123,646,057		
	153,702,037	2,789,875,211	2,728,200	2,331,153
Cash	299,869	12,698,576	136,357	9,916
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,761	3,446,602		
Accounts Receivable	16,082,885	9,611,956	1,405,595	139,963
Due From Other OOE Benefit Funds	1,334,865			
Receivable For Securities Sold		75,946,736		
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets			27,295	
Property and Equipment, net		2,158,083	23,160,122	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 171,421,417	\$ 2,893,737,164	\$ 27,457,569	\$ 2,481,032
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,977,951	\$ 1,233,315	\$ 746,561	\$ 8,002
Due To Other OOE Benefit Funds		1,236,008	48,544	50,313
Deferred Gain on Leasing Equipment				
Payable For Securities Loaned		124,107,647		
Payable For Securities Purchased		111,353,582		
Accrued Expenses	1,926,885	1,313,732	309,919	137,339
Note Payable			128,622	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 6,904,836	\$ 239,244,284	\$ 1,233,646	\$ 195,654
NET ASSETS	\$ 164,516,581	\$ 2,654,492,880	\$ 26,223,923	\$ 2,285,378

Pension Plan Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits:

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at August 1, 2019:	
Vested benefits:	
Participants currently receiving payments	\$ 1,382,921,062
Other participants	954,680,737
	2,337,601,799
Nonvested benefits	46,148,878
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	\$ 2,383,750,677

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

Net Assets	\$ 164,516,581
Benefit Obligations, at present value:	
Health claims and death benefits payable	
Claims incurred but not reported	16,417,600
Accumulated eligibility credits	113,237,200
Medical reimbursement account	41,651,589
	171,306,389
Net Assets, including benefit obligations	\$ (6,789,808)

Construction safety topics that are trending for 2021 — and beyond

Last year was a time of shifting priorities for the construction industry, especially in the area of work safety. While not every safety practice changed as a result of the pandemic, some certainly did. Let's look at the industry's safety trends that are likely to guide construction job sites now and in the future.

A shift toward prevention-based programs

More robust and frequent safety training can help workers remain safer, increase productivity, boost morale, and improve project success. Refresher courses and toolbox talks should also be more frequent. Whenever new equipment is purchased, training is recommended. Communication is key. Not just from the top down, but also among peers.

Paying attention to mental health

The pandemic brought to light the effects that anxiety and depression can have on workers. Expect more employers to provide benefits that are directed toward mental health. Employees whose mental well-being is nurtured are much happier and more productive.

Customized personal protection equipment (PPE)

A safety strategy that will likely continue well beyond the pandemic is the use of adaptive personal protective equipment (PPE). For example, respirators are being changed to



accommodate workers with facial hair. Vests and other garments are now made specifically for women workers. Gloves are now available in seamless styles made from innovative materials, making them more comfortable, more protective, and easier to work in.

Team-oriented safety systems

Many companies are shifting from management-directed safety programs to

systems that are more inclusive, where everyone makes safety a top concern. Look for employers to provide more safety training and resources for workers. And look for workers to be more proactive in preventing and reporting safety hazards.

Source: Esub [<https://esub.com/blog/keeping-construction-workers-safe-in-2021/>].

Labor union approval remains high according to Gallup Poll

Findings of a recently released Gallup Poll contained much positive news for organized labor.

Despite "tenuous" economic conditions in the U.S., "Americans' 65% approval of labor unions is once again the highest it has been since 2003. Public support for labor unions has been generally rising since hitting its lowest point of 48% in 2009, during the Great Recession," according to a story by Megan Brenan on *Gallup.com*.

"Gallup's initial reading of the public's support for labor unions was 72% in 1936, at the advent of the modern U.S. organized labor movement, and approval peaked at 75% in 1953 and 1957," Brenan wrote. "The lowest ratings to date have been recorded during particularly weak economic times. This includes the late 1970s and early to mid-1980s — when support fell below 60% for the

first time — and 2009 through 2012, when it hovered around 50%."

The political polarization of the country is reflected in support of unions, according to Brenan's article. "In 2009, 66% of Democrats, 29% of Republicans and 44% of Independents viewed labor unions favorably. Since the Great Recession, union approval has recovered among all three major party groups. Approval is currently 83% among Democrats, 64% among Independents and 45% among Republicans," she wrote.

Membership in labor unions remains similar to recent years, according to the article, with 10% saying they are a union member, and 16% saying there is a union member in their household.

While Brenan's article cited much positive news for labor in the poll, she concluded by



offering some cautionary words. "Americans' continued high approval of unions may result from a current focus on issues other than the economy. Generally, when

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transportation facility inside the plant. Maxim Crane is performing maintenance and repairs to wheel loaders, and Bulk Transport is busy with maintenance and repairs to pot haulers and hydraulic material handling equipment for the mill. On the south side of the mill, MPW is operating the locomotive and the conveyors that transport the coke over from the SunCoke Furnace facility across the street to the mill for future use in the steelmaking process. Also, KT-Grant is working in various places throughout the mill cleaning up and knocking out slag that is left behind in the steelmaking process. Last but not least, Stein has the recycling of all the slag and molten metal that is left over from the steelmaking process. The slag is separated and sorted while the reusable metal is returned to the mill for reprocessing. The slag is then crushed and sorted to various sizes to be used as aggregates for road base construction. At the SunCoke Plant on Yankee Rd., Flour Constructors has the facilities maintenance contract that includes maintaining the coke furnaces, conveyors, and buildings.

In Fort Wright, Kentucky, Rack & Ballauer Excavating finished a replacement sanitary sewer for the sewer district. The company replaced 230 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer and Midwest Mole, as a subcontractor, directional drilled in 1,160 of 8-inch under an access road. Rack & Ballauer finished with the installation with three new manholes and self-performed all the restoration as well.

Eastern Counties

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. John R. Jurgensen is nearing completion of the Montgomery Rd. and S.R. 126 major reconstruction project.



RELOCATING the water main for Barrett Paving on S.R. 73 at the Jacksonburg Rd. roundabout is Robert Gibb, Jr.

tion project. This project has consisted of the demolition and deletion of the existing Montgomery Road Bridge and the creation of new entrance and exit ramps from S.R. 126 to Montgomery Road.

In Clermont County, Rack & Ballauer Excavating continues working on the major widening of Old State Route 74 in Eastgate, keeping Local 18 members busy moving the dirt. Rack & Ballauer will be self-performing the installation of the new curb and gutter,

along with 6,000 feet of new storm pipe, manholes, and catch basins. RLA Utilities was on site to relocate a residential natural gas pipeline for this project, and Barrett Paving will be laying the base and finish coat of asphalt on this project as well. In Eastgate, Ford Development has completed the Clepper Lane project that included installing new various sized storm pipe, manholes, and catch basins. They also completed installing 2,600 feet of new concrete curb and gutter, along with placement of 1,250 feet of new asphalt.

In Greene County, John R. Jurgensen has started back to work on the U.S. Rt. 35 Super Street project. The project consists of major widening of both the east- and west-bound lanes of U.S. Rt. 35 from Factory Rd. to Trebein Rd. The project scope 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 pipe. Shelly & Sands is doing the reconstruction of the bridge structures. Mt. Carmel Stabilization will be completing the soil stabilization, and Bansal Construction will be installing the electric for the street lighting and signalization. This project has a summer of 2022 completion date. John R. Jurgensen

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BUSY for KS Energy on Merhing Way in Cincinnati are Andrew Nixon and James Griffith.

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has started phase 2 of a 4-phase project consisting of four-lane resurfacing and multiple reconstruction of bridges along I-675. John R. Jurgensen will be milling and repaving 15 miles of asphalt on this project. Also, on site as a subcontractor is Complete General Construction performing the reconstruction work on 18 bridges. Work will include new overlays and replacing the reflection walls.

Also in Greene County, R.B. Jergens has completed work on U.S. Rt. 42. Local 18 members moved 30,000 yards of material to create traffic loons (legal U-turn lanes) to both the north- and southbound lanes. R.B. Jergens also installed 1,000 feet of new concrete curb and gutter, and Barrett Paving laid the new asphalt for the project. R.B. Jergens also continues work on the Kemp Rd. widening project in Beaver Creek. This project consists of the installation of 3,000 feet of new 12- to 36-inch storm pipe 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 & Utilities continues working on the Maple Street improvement project installing 3,700 feet of new 8-inch water line and 1,200 feet of various sizes of new storm pipe. 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 placing one mile of asphalt paving on a new bike path along this same project. The project has a completion date of June 2021.

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 commercial services in Spring Valley.

Miller Pipeline completed the installation of



SETTING a transformer at the new Hamilton substation on a Great Lakes Construction project for Piqua Steel Company is R. Tyler Sanderson.

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

Snelson Companies has started performing integrity digs on Roundbottom Rd. in Hamilton County and has completed the installation of 1,200 feet of 6- and 8-inch natural

gas lines, 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

The Ohio CAT AG store 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 in the shop and field with service and repairs to asphalt paving and milling equipment. This will help union asphalt and milling contractors tackle the upcoming 2021 busy asphalt paving season.

Northwestern Counties

The Ruhlin Company has been working at the Grand Lake St. Marys Dam in Mercer County. The company removed 12,000 yards of contaminated soil and replaced it with new compacted clay soil. A new underdrain and sand blanket system were installed, in addition to three new culvert pipes along a half-mile section of the levy. Kinnison Excavating

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WIDENING Blue Rd. in Deer Park for John R. Jurgensen are Dana Leonard and David Sego.

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is working on a water main and sewer extension in the City of Russia. Kinnison is laying 2,500 feet of 8-inch plastic sanitary sewer line and setting seven new manhole structures after the sanitary line is finished. The company will also install 2,500-feet of 8-inch plastic water main and install two new fire hydrants in mid-winter. Just southwest of Russia, Great Lakes Construction is working on a concrete apron expansion at the Darke County Airport. Nick Kostecki Excavating will be on site moving 20,000 yards of dirt. Great Lakes will then install 10,000 feet of new underdrain and will spread 30,000 tons of gravel for the apron base.

Barrett Paving has been awarded an asphalt resurfacing project on I-75 in Miami County. The company will be starting this project in the early spring. R.B. Jergens is working on U.S. Rt. 40 at the airport access road in Vandalia. A 1.5-mile section of U.S. Rt. 40 from Dog Leg Rd. to Terminal Rd. will be widened to four lanes, and a center turn lane will be added. R.B. Jergens will begin this work in the spring and will continue through 2021.

In the spring, John R. Jurgenson will continue work on I-70 in Preble County. In total, 24 miles of interstate will be milled, and then an intermediate layer of asphalt will be laid. Upon completion of the intermediate layer of asphalt, the company will then finish paving 34 miles of interstate. Eagle Bridge is working on S.R. 235 and S.R. 4 in Huber Heights on a bridge repair. The company will be starting this job with the removal of the existing bridge deck and will be working on the demolition of existing abutments over the winter. R.B. Jergens has been working on the pedestrian walking bridge at Deeds Point Metro Park in Dayton. In late August, the existing bridge piers were modified to



MILLING Reid Ave. in Cincinnati for Rack & Ballauer is Shane Vest.

allow for a module style bridge to be installed. Maxim Crane was on site in early January setting the new bridge spans over the Mad River. CG Construction & Utilities is working on Monument Ave. in Dayton on a water main replacement project. Over 2,300 feet of 12-inch and 1,400 feet of 16-inch ductile iron water mains will be laid, and ten new fire hydrants will be installed. On Watervliet Ave. in Dayton, CG Construction is working on a water main replacement. More than 3,300 feet of 16-inch and 2,200 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main will be laid,

and 13 new fire hydrants will be installed. Upon completion of the new water main being installed, the company will be running 90 new water services.

Barrett Paving has started working on U.S. Rt. 35 from Smithville Rd. to Dayton Xenia Rd. in the City of Riverside. In late fall, Boca was on the project milling out existing asphalt on the shoulders of the highway. Barrett Paving laid the new asphalt that will allow for a traffic pattern change in the spring to allow work to be performed in the median. Donald May Contracting laid 800 feet of 45-inch concrete storm pipe and set three new manhole structures for this road project as a subcontractor for Barrett Paving. In early winter, Capitol Tunneling completed 11 auger bores, ranging from 15- to 48-inch, across U.S. Rt. 35.

The Ruhlin Company continues working on the I-75 bridge over the Great Miami River in Dayton. The existing bridge deck of the southbound side of the interstate has been removed, and new forms will be placed over the winter to allow for the new concrete deck to be poured in early summer. In late March, Complete General will be starting on the exit ramp to S.R. 741 from I-75 southbound. The company will be removing the existing concrete pavement and pouring the new concrete pavement. New traffic signals will be installed, along with new light poles. Eagle Bridge has finished up a bridge

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KEEPING busy for Howell Construction on a water line replacement on Republic St. in Cincinnati is William Lauderman.

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replacement on Alex Bell Rd. in Kettering. In early fall, Piqua Steel Company was on site setting 24 new concrete box beams for the bridge. The beams weigh 39,000 lbs. each and are 55 feet long. After the new beams were set, a new 6-inch concrete deck was poured. Buckeye Concrete Pumping was on site placing the concrete for the new bridge deck. The final part of this project was Rack and Ballauer Excavating laying 700 tons of asphalt for the new bridge approaches. Barrett Paving has been awarded a four-lane asphalt mill and fill project in Kettering on S.R. 48 that will be starting in April, and the company plans on a June completion date. Associated Excavating has been working on Elm St. in West Carrollton on a water main replacement. The company laid 1,900 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main and four new fire hydrants. Thirty-six residential water services were hooked up to finish this project. In late fall, John R. Jurgensen finished up a mill and fill project on North Dixie Highway in Franklin, a two-mile stretch of the roadway was milled, and new asphalt was laid.

Quarries

National Lime & Stone Buckland Plant was busy during the 2020 work year. Over the winter, the company is installing new equipment in the plant that will make it run more efficiently. The company will continue to supply its customers through the winter with gravel already crushed. At the Martin



WORKING for John R. Jurgensen on a W.G. Stang project in liberty township are Robert Schweickart on the paver and Robert Thomas on the rollers.

Marietta Plant in Phillipsburg, the members worked into December crushing limestone until the weather shut down the crushing operation. The members then started to strip overburden to allow for more limestone to be excavated in 2021.

Distribution & Maintenance

Vectren continues to provide work for multiple contractors in the Dayton region. Premier Energy is working on McCall St. in Dayton. 3,800 feet of 2-inch plastic gas main, along with 35 residential services will be connected to complete this project. Just down the street on 3rd St., Premier Energy is laying 4,300 feet of 2-inch plastic gas main and has 37 residential services to connect. Miller Pipeline is also keeping busy for Vectren in Dayton. On Huffman Ave., 140 new services will be installed, and 4,800 feet of 2-inch plastic gas main will also be laid. Just up the road on Blakley Drive, Miller Pipeline will be laying 3,700 feet of 2- and 4-inch plastic gas main and will be hooking up over 160 residential services.

Taking everything into consideration, we hope that you stayed as safe and healthy as possible through these trying times the COVID-19 pandemic has put upon us. District 4/5 wishes to thank everyone for doing their part in helping to not spread COVID-19 and to be able to return to work this season.

It is hard to fill a job when and pay the bills if no one can go to work due to being sick. Please stay in touch with the training site as to when they are open, and train as often as you can to keep up with the ever-changing and growing industry that we are a part of. Many thanks to our Business Manager Rick Dalton, President Tom Byers, the Line Officers and Executive Board for their guidance, direction, and support; and please be safe.



30-year life member William Slauter, Jr.



PAVING a parking lot in Fairfield is Southern Ohio Paving.

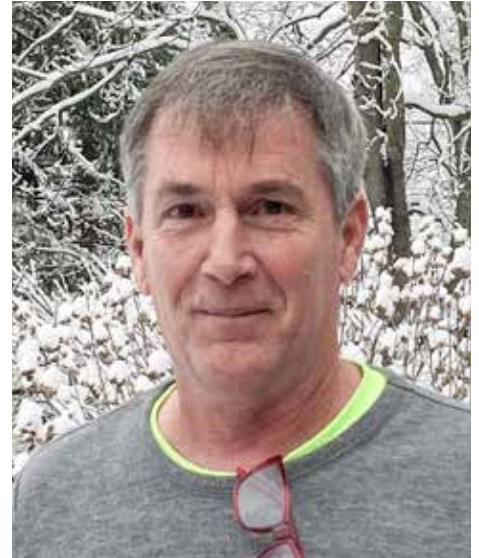
District 1 recognizes 30-year life members



30-year member Patrick Lowe.



30-year member Nick Diplacito.



30-year member Kevin Whynott.



30-year member Mario Rossi.



30-year member Rebecca S. Butler.



30-year member Mike Workman.



30-year member Jeffery Nickschinski.



30-year member Shawn Patrick.



30-year member Ronald Westfall.

District 2 off to a good start



BUSY at the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm in Hardin County is White Construction. Left photo shows (l-r) oiler Terron Morrow and Kevin Butler, building a Manitowoc mlc100, while right photo features Marcus Levering.



ALSO at work for White Construction at the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm in Hardin County are (l-r) Jason Betts, Renee Madalinski and James Chavez.



FEEDING the rock crusher at Stoneco in Portage is Cory Barnhisel.



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

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SAFETY REPORT



by **Brett LaFaso**, Safety Director

On December 9, 2020, a tragic accident occurred at approximately 8:40 a.m. A contractor was performing demolition work on a decommissioned power station when the 14-story structure collapsed without warning. Ten members were working on site at the time. One Local 18 member, who was operating an excavator with a grapple attachment, was in the process of loading a truck when the building collapsed onto his machine. He was able to free himself and climb out of the rubble. He was then transported by ambulance to a local hospital with head and shoulder injuries. There were four

others trapped in the collapse. An explosives engineer was freed and transported to the same local hospital with unknown injuries. A union laborer was extricated from the rubble approximately five hours after the collapse and transported via air ambulance to the nearest trauma center with life-threatening injuries. A truck driver working for a brokerage firm was trapped and found deceased on the evening of Saturday, December 12, 2020. A union laborer who was also trapped in the collapse has not been recovered as of the writing of this report (12/16/2020). He has been reported as deceased.

The Local 18 member received medical attention to close the lacerations on his head. He also had minor smoke and dust inhalation and a shoulder injury. The member spent the night in the hospital and was released the next day.

No determination has been made as to the cause of the accident at this time. OSHA is conducting a full investigation as to the cause of the accident.

On December 18, 2020, a member was operating a rough terrain crane performing caisson work. The member was in the process of pulling a caisson tube while holding the rebar cage after the concrete was poured. The member had two sections of boom out and was within capacity. The member stated that the caisson tube was approximately six feet from coming free of the hole when there was a violent shaking of the crane and the boom bent at the bottom of the second section and fell forward, coming to rest against a building nearby.

There were no injuries reported, and the accident is currently under investigation.

Basic winter safety tips for construction sites

The calendar tells us we're right in the middle of winter, so it's a good time for a reminder of some important winter safety tips for those on construction sites. According to an article by McKinley Sterling on the website of Results Staffing, here are eight things all outdoor workers should keep in mind during these cold-weather months.

- Avoid coffee and alcohol – Having coffee or alcohol can increase heart rates and give workers a false sense of warmth. Better to drink water or sports drinks.
- Use a warm break area – Whether it's a heated trailer or tent with portable heaters.
- Limit exposure to the elements – Work outside during the warmest times of the day or schedule to work in shorter durations breaking up large projects into smaller tasks.
- Wear proper gear – Boots, heavy coats, gloves, and hats to prevent hypothermia and frostbite. Also, wear non-slip shoes to avoid falling on ice or snow.
- Remove snow and ice from worksites – To reduce the risk of falls.
- Review work sites every day – Supervisors should survey the area to ensure no new hazards like ice accumulation or downed power lines and trees are present.

- Learn the signs of frostbite and hypothermia – So that medical attention can be given right away.
- Learn what to do if you are stranded in a vehicle – Getting into an accident or being unable to start your vehicle can have serious consequences in winter weather.



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- 17** District 1 Info mtg. – Ashtabula (No meetings until April)
- 17** District 4/5 Steward Training Class – District, 7:00 p.m.
- 20** District 4/5 Labor History Class – District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 24** District 1 Steward Training Class – District Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 31** District 2 Steward Training Class – District Hall, 7:00 p.m.

RETIREE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

February and March training schedule appears on pages 20-21.

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WORKING for Miller Pipeline in Perrysburg is Joshua D. Spencer.



LIFE member Gerald Shirey.



OPERATING a front end loader at Stoneco in Portage is Heath Brower.



OPERATING an asphalt mill on the Anthony Wayne Trail in Toledo is Shannon Scott.



ASSEMBLING a Komatsu 1250 on the DiSalle Bridge project in Toledo are Kokosing mechanics.



ON THE JOB for Kyle Sherman Excavating at Levi's Commons in Perrysburg is Matthew Nelson.

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District 3 looking forward to a new year



SETTING mechanical systems at the AMG Vanadium site at the Eastpointe Business Park in Zanesville, Muskingum County is Capital City Crane.



ON THE JOB for Trucco Construction on a warehouse project in Etna, Licking County is Adam Kaaz.



BUSY for Capital City Crane at the AMG Vanadium site in Zanesville, Muskingum County is Andrew Tucker.



WORKING for Capital City Crane at the Columbus Water Treatment Plant on Morse Rd., Franklin County is William Matheny II.



KEEPING busy for Shelly & Sands in their Zanesville shop in Muskingum County is James Taylor.



ON THE JOB for Newcomer Concrete Services in Grove City, Franklin County is James Ringler.



WORK being done at the AMG Vanadium site in Zanesville on Eastpointe Dr. in Muskingum County.

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ON THE JOB for Capital City Crane in Etna, Licking County are (l-r) Cory Patrick and Douglas Schmit.



INSTALLING new water main in Newark on 40th St., Licking County is Fabrizi Trucking.



BUSY for Fields Excavating in Chesterhill, Morgan County is Dyllan Roush.



KEEPING busy for Mr. Excavator in Johnstown, Licking County is Tyler Jutte.



INSTALLING new sanitary sewer in Granville, Licking County is Elite Excavating.



ON THE JOB for Miller Brothers in Etna, Licking County is Corey Nichols.



WORKING for Shelly & Sands in their Zanesville Shop in Muskingum County is Michael Ault.



WORKING at the Tunnel Hill Landfill in New Lexington, Perry County is Beaver Excavating.

District 6 handling various projects



WORKING at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton is Beaver Excavating.



INSTALLING utilities on S.R. 91 in Hudson is Cioffi.



BUSY at the warehouse spec building in Aurora is Capital City Crane.



OPERATING a roller for Northstar Asphalt on Mayfair Rd. in Green is William "TJ" Jackson.



KEEPING busy for Beaver Excavating at the Hall of Fame in Canton is Eric Johnson.



INSTALLING utilities on the S.R. 91 project for Cioffi Construction is Mario Finelli.



BUSY for Cioffi Construction on the S.R. 91 project in Hudson is Brian Everett.



ON THE JOB for Stanley Miller in West Salem is Brett Phillips.

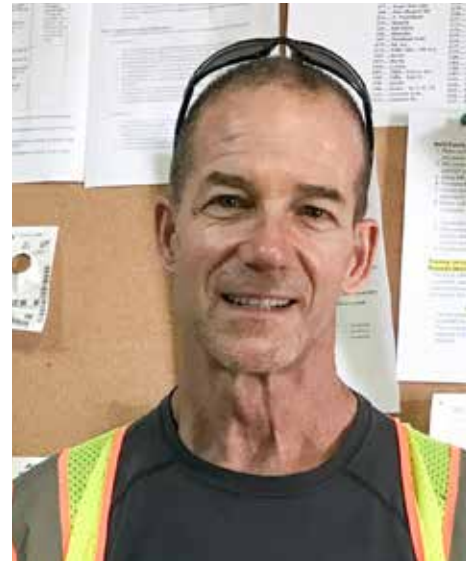
18S members gear up for a big year



PIPELINE inspector for National Gas and Oil is Zachary Hill.



PLANT operator for Aqua-Tiffin is William Cochran, Jr.



UTILITY operator for Aqua-Tiffin is John Sikora.

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WORKING on an emergency sewer repair for Stonecreek Excavating is Scott Weickert.



REMOVING overburden at Stoneco Auglaize Quarry for Miller Brothers are Donnie Ruffing in the excavator and Tim Wilcox in the truck.



BRIDGE project in Lima completed by Miller Brothers.

February and March Local 18 Training Schedule

Richfield (800) 842-9419

February 1-4	32-Hour Asphalt Milling	February 27	8-Hour Labor History - District 6
February 2-5	32-Hour OSHA 30/STP	March 1-5	40-Hour Crane II
February 4-5	16-Hour Trench Safety	March 2-3	16-Hour Trench Safety
February 6	8-Hour Labor History - District 1	March 4-5	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP
February 8-11	32-Hour Asphalt	March 8-12	40-Hour Utility Support Equipment
February 10-12	24-Hour Skidsteer	March 13	8-Hour Forklift Combination
February 12-13	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	March 13	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
February 13	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation	March 13	8-Hour Signal Person
February 13	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	March 15-18	32-Hour Tower Crane
February 15-19	40-Hour HAZWOPER	March 15-19	40-Hour Grader
February 17	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 18-19	16-Hour Trench Safety
February 17-19	24-Hour MSHA	March 22-26	40-Hour Grader
February 18	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 22-26	40-Hour Crane II
February 19	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 23-26	32-Hour Tower Crane
February 20	8-Hour Load Securement	March 24	8-Hour Steward Refresher - District 1
February 20	8-Hour Signal Person	March 27,	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each CCO Refresher
February 22-26	40-Hour Crane I	April 3	(2 Saturdays)
February 23-24	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	March 29-31	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 25-26	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment		

Cygnnet (888) 634-6880

February 1-5	40-Hour HAZWOPER	March 1-5	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew
February 6	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	March 6,	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP
February 8-12	40-Hour Crane I	March 13	(2 Saturdays)
February 8-12	40-Hour Grader	March 8-11	32-Hour Asphalt Milling
February 9-11	24-Hour MSHA	March 13	8-Hour MSHA Refresher
February 13	8-Hour Labor History - District 2	March 15-18	32-Hour Asphalt
February 15-19	40-Hour Welding	March 15-19	40-Hour Crane II
February 17-18	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	March 20	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
February 20	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation	March 22-26	40-Hour Directional Drill
February 20	8-Hour Forklift Combination	March 27	8-Hour Signal Person
February 22-24	24-Hour GPS Grade Control	March 29-April 2	40-Hour Drones in Construction
February 25-27	24-Hour GPS Grade Control	March 29- April 2	40-Hour Pipeline Distribution/Maintenance
February 27	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	March 31	8-Hour Steward Refresher - District 2
March 1-5	40-Hour Crane I		

Logan (888) 385-2567

February 1-12	80-Hour Sideboom - Pipeline (Local 18)	March 1-4	32-Hour Asphalt Milling
	2 Weeks (Monday-Friday)	March 1-12	80-Hour: Intermediate Pipeline (Local 18)
February 1-3	24-Hour Skidsteer		2 Weeks (Monday-Friday)
February 3-4	16-Hour Crane Rigging	March 6	8-Hour Labor History - District 3
February 4-5	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	March 8-11	32-Hour Asphalt
February 5	8-Hour Signal Person	March 8-12	40-Hour Crane II
February 5-6	16-Hour Trench Safety	March 8-12	40-Hour Vac-U-Worx (Local 18)
February 6	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	March 10-12	24-Hour MSHA
February 8-10	24-Hour Skidsteer	March 13,	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each CCO Refresher
February 8-12	40-Hour Plan Reading	March 20	(2 Saturdays)
February 11-12	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	March 13	8-Hour MSHA Refresher
February 13	8-Hour Forklift Combination	March 15-19	40-Hour Crane II
February 13	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher	March 15- 19	40-Hour Pipeline Distribution/Maintenance
February 15-19	40-Hour Crane I	March 20	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation
February 15-19	40-Hour Grader	March 22-24	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 15-19	40-Hour Welding	March 22-26	40-Hour Drones in Construction
February 19-20	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	March 23	8-Hour Forklift Combination
February 19-20	16-Hour Trench Safety	March 24-25	16-Hour Crane Rigging
February 20	8-Hour Load Securement	March 25-27	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 22-26	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew	March 26	8-Hour Signal Person
February 22-26	40-Hour Utility Support Equipment	March 27	8-Hour CCO Exam
February 27	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED		

Shop members staying active



BUSY for United Rentals in Cleveland is Michael Rizer.



WORKING for Skyworks in Cleveland is Karl Golias.

Labor union approval remains high according to Gallup Poll

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economic indicators have been negative, the economy has been viewed as the most important problem facing the nation, but that is not the case now. The public is divided in its assessments of the biggest U.S. problem, with roughly one in five each citing the coronavirus, the economy, race relations, and leadership. Yet, if the economy continues to struggle and it eclipses other issues in importance, Americans' views of unions could very well worsen."

Presidents' Day has its own unique history

- Before Presidents' Day, the U.S. celebrated George Washington's birthday on its historical date of February 22nd. In 1968, Congress passed an act that allowed observances of certain legal public holidays to be on Mondays.
- The original idea behind Presidents' Day was not to recognize a specific president but to celebrate the office of the presidency. This joint recognition would also celebrate President Lincoln's February 12th birthday.

Scholarship Period

The Education and Safety Fund scholarship application period is now open. Applications are available at all Local 18 district offices and on Local 18's mobile app, at the Fringe Benefit Office, and on the OOEXG.com website.

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

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

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

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

February and March Local 18 Training Schedule

Miamisburg (800) 635-4928

February 3-5	24-Hour Skidsteer	March 8-12	40-Hour Welding
February 4-5	16-Hour Crane Rigging	March 8-12	40-Hour Drones in Construction
February 8-12	40-Hour Directional Drill	March 8-12	40-Hour Pipeline Distribution/Maintenance
February 10-12	24-Hour GPS Grade Control	March 9-11	24-Hour Skidsteer
February 12	8-Hour Signal Person	March 12	8-Hour Load Securement
February 13	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 13	8-Hour Forklift Combination
February 13, February 20	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP (2 Saturdays)	March 13	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
February 15-18	32-Hour Asphalt Milling	March 15-17	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 17-19	24-Hour Skidsteer	March 16-20	40-Hour HAZWOPER
February 20	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	March 17	8-Hour Steward Refresher - District 4/5
February 22-25	32-Hour Asphalt	March 18-19	16-Hour Crane Rigging
February 22-26	40-Hour Crane I	March 20	8-Hour Signal Person
February 22-26	40-Hour Plan Reading	March 22-26	40-Hour Articulated Boom Crane
March 1-5	40-Hour Crane II	March 25-26	16-Hour Trench Safety
March 1-5	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew	March 27	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher
March 6	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 29-31	24-Hour MSHA

Apprentice Application Period 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 2 Training Center

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

Region 3 Training Center

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

Region 4/5 Training Center

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

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

This Month in Labor History

United Rubber Workers Strike at Goodyear in February 1936

The early 20th century was a period that saw workers in rubber factories struggling with poor working conditions and low wages, while also eventually facing the many additional challenges of the Great Depression. The combination of these and other factors prompted the founding of the United Rubber Workers (URW) in 1935, followed by a picket strike beginning on February 14, 1936, at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron. The Goodyear strike was largely successful, forcing the company to recognize the URW and to negotiate better contracts with workers.



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

2021 Labor History classes scheduled

Date	Location	Instructor
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 Rescheduled from January 9, 2021	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker

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.

IN ALL DISTRICTS:

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IN MEMORIAM

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

LM James Porter (D-3)	Nov. 6
LM Donald Cary (D-2)	Nov. 12
Carl Bryan (D-3)	Nov. 20
David Jensen (D-2)	Nov. 25
LM Don Shipman (D-2)	Nov. 25
Kevin Watson (D-6)	Nov. 26
John Harris (D-3)	Nov. 27
Lance Estep (D-4/5)	Nov. 30
David Leibig (D-6)	Nov. 30
LM Jack Wyman (D-2)	Dec. 1
Thomas Fleitz (D-2)	Dec. 3
LM Eugene Jorski (D-1)	Dec. 3
LM Donald Filips (D-1)	Dec. 4
LM Robert Motes (D-4/5)	Dec. 4
LM Henry Hollin (D-4/5)	Dec. 7
LM Orland O'Neal, Jr. (D-2)	Dec. 10
Bradley Dotson (D-4/5)	Dec. 11
LM Howard Higginbotham (D-4/5)	Dec. 11
LM Bennie McPherson (D-4/5)	Dec. 11
LM Clyde Solander (D-1)	Dec. 12
LM James Windholtz (D-4/5)	Dec. 14
LM John Harris (D-3)	Dec. 15
LM John Kemming (D-1)	Dec. 17
LM Milton Wright (D-1)	Dec. 22
LM Edward Elliott (D-1)	Dec. 24
LM Norman Haefner (D-2)	Dec. 24
Harlan Boozer, Jr. (D-3)	Dec. 25
LM Arnold Fountain (D-4/5)	Dec. 27
LM Jack Rose (D-2)	Dec. 27

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