

# Buckeye Engineer



## Local 18 CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 5 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 7 District 6 Steward Training Class – District Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 14 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima (mtgs. resume)
- 14 District 3 Steward Training Class – District Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 21 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula (mtgs. resume)
- 24 Executive Board mtg. – Columbus District Office, 1:00 p.m.

### MAY

- 3 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 10 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 12 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 17 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 19 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 31 Memorial Day

## RETIREE CALENDAR

### APRIL

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

### MAY

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

April and May training schedule appears on page 12.

## REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

Spring is on the way; soon, the grass will begin to grow, which points to the beginning of Ohio's construction season. The orange barrels will start to blossom along the roadways, and our loved ones will be in the work zones taking care of the infrastructure maintenance needs. Be careful in your travels and slow down in the work zones. The life you save is someone's family member.

The ODOT budget for 2021 includes a good amount of funding, which should create a decent work season for the Operating Engineers. President Biden touts a federal infrastructure budget like none in the past. Time will tell! The contractors are reporting a decent amount of work backlog to start the season, and ODOT has awarded a fair amount of work during the off-season. Winter has been a little bit colder than in recent years, and we had more snow than the past couple, resulting in more potholes and the need for additional maintenance.

The private sector building work may be somewhat of another story. I would expect work to be down due to the remote workforce and non-utilization of buildings. As more and more people have been working remotely from home, businesses have no need for renovations or expansion. Routine maintenance will be down as well until the industry is back to full utilization of their facilities.

Negotiations are underway for a successor state-wide Highway Heavy Agreement (OCA) and Building Agreement (AGC) set to expire at the end of April. Negotiations have taken a new approach due to COVID-19 restrictions,



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but we hope to come out of negotiations with a package that will satisfy the majority of the membership. Once we have reached tentative agreements, ballots will be mailed to the membership for their acceptance.

Labor History classes have been completed for 2021, with smaller class sizes to reduce the transmission exposure risk of COVID-19 to the membership and staff. The small class size allowed for more interaction between the instructors and the members in attendance. In 2022, we will resume the normal format, allowing those who did not get the opportunity to attend to participate.

Steward refresher classes are underway and will finish later this month. We encourage all Stewards to attend and get the latest legal updates. Stewards

are an essential part of this organization and play a key role in assisting the membership in processing grievances, ensuring all members get what they are entitled to in the collective bargaining agreements.

Your Organizing Department has started 2021 with several newly signed contractors. It may be winter/spring outside, but it is time to lay the framework for summer projects and manning capabilities for the Organizing Department. The Organizers are developing campaign opportunities and priorities for the season.

The Stationary Department has been busy the past few months with numerous contract negotiations. Additionally, there have been a few grievances in the Stationary Department

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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 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

**Joseph W. Casto III**  
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 18S working in various industries

Hello Brothers and Sisters of Local 18. The snow is still falling as we write this report, but hopefully when you read it, you will have replaced your snow blowers with lawn mowers and are out enjoying the spring weather. The 18S Business Agents hope we find you all in good health and spirits.

Since our last Buckeye report in January 2021, the Local 18S Agents have negotiated and ratified the following contract:

- 1100 Superior Avenue
- Able Engineering
- Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District

The 18S Agents will begin or continue negotiations on the following contracts in the second quarter of 2021:

- 1111 Superior Avenue
- Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineers
- Borden Dairy
- One Cleveland Center
- Sofidel
- The City of Painesville
- Solvay
- OhioHealth Nelsonville (wage reopener)

With the year 2020 over and 2021 into the second quarter, it is looking like another busy year for Local 18S Business Agents and our members. Wages and healthcare costs remain the main topics at the bargaining table with

the aftermath of COVID-19 causing its own unique problems.

Local 18S currently represents 591 members working in a very wide array of classifications in numerous industries. Some such industries include healthcare, education, pharmaceutical, manufacturing, industrial maintenance, building maintenance, electrical power generation, water and wastewater treatment, HVAC repair, and county and city workers. Our members also operate the boilers



**WELDER for National Gas & Oil in Newark, Owen Wilson.**



**LEAD M&R Mechanic for National Gas and Oil in Newark, Eric Kirkbride.**

required to supply heat, hot water, and power for manufacturing processes in breweries, mills, food production, forging facilities, and large buildings. Unlike much of hoisting and portable, many of our members spend their whole career working for one contractor with one group of fellow employees.

One group we would like to mention specifically is the Cuyahoga Metropolitan  
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**LEAD Field Operator for National Gas & Oil in Newark, Jerry Tysinger.**



**OPERATING Engineer for CBRE in Westerville, Larry Williams.**



**LEAD Pipeline Inspector for National Gas & Oil in Newark, Michael Carr.**

# What the new labor secretary could mean for construction

Based on his strong background in labor and construction, both sides of the construction industry are optimistic about the positive impact former Boston Mayor Marty Walsh will have in his new role as head of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), according to a recent article by Kim Slowey on the *Construction Dive* website.



Marty Walsh

Born in Boston, Walsh joined Laborers' International Union of North America Local 223 in 1988 and worked his way up through the ranks to lead both Local 223 and the Boston Building Trades Unions before being elected mayor in 2013. Walsh also served in the Massachusetts legislature.

"Labor organizations hailed Walsh's nomination as a win for American workers and the U.S. economy," Slowey wrote. "For instance, Dan Langford, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, told *Construction Dive* that Walsh is a great pick, and said that 'what's good for unions is good for all working people.'"

"Despite Walsh's strong union background," Slowey contended, "as head of the DOL he will be tasked with overseeing the health and safety of all American workers, whether they are in a union or not. Brian Turmail, vice president of public affairs and strategic initiatives at the Associated General Contractors of America, told *Construction Dive* that the association's expectation is that Walsh will advocate for the construction industry and not the employment preferences of just some workers in the industry."

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is good for all  
working people.**

Slowey's article concluded with a look ahead to the future under Walsh's leadership at the Department of Labor. "'One of the biggest hopes for the DOL under Walsh is that since he has such deep roots in construction and is familiar with its skilled labor challenges, he will promote the industry as a feasible alternative to a traditional four-year college degree,'" Turmail told Slowey. "'(Walsh) has a real appreciation of the many benefits of working in construction and can hopefully play a vital role within the administration in advocating for new investments in career and technical education.'"

## Workers' Memorial Day

Workers' Memorial Day, held on April 28th every year, brings together workers and their representatives from all over the world to remember the dead and fight for the living. In 2020, many workers lost their lives at work as front line and key workers in hospitals and nursing homes, on our roads and railways, and across the country as they dedicated themselves to dealing with the impact of the coronavirus. We thank them and all workers and will remember them.

Fifty years ago, Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and more than 40 years ago, Congress passed the Mine Safety and Health Act, promising every worker the right to a safe job. Safe work is a right, not a privilege, and unions and our allies have fought hard to make that promise a reality – winning protections that have made jobs safer and saved lives. But our work is not done. Each year, thousands of workers are killed and millions more suffer injury or illness because of their jobs.

Corporate interests have taken over our

safety agencies during the past few years – weakening and repealing key protections that keep us safe at work. The labor movement and allies have fought back to block some of these attacks. We won permanent compensation for those made ill by the 9/11 attacks, and we are fighting for laws that would protect workers from preventable workplace violence, heat illness, asbestos exposures, and the COVID-19 pandemic sweeping through our workplaces.

On April 28, the unions of the AFL-CIO will observe Workers' Memorial Day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job, and to renew the fight for safe jobs. This year we will come together to call for action on hazards that cause unnecessary injury, illness, and death. We will stand united against the ongoing attacks on workers' rights and protections, and demand that elected officials put working people's well-being above corporate interests. We will fight for the right of every worker to a safe job until that promise is fulfilled.





# District 18S working in various industries

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Housing Authority (CMHA) in Cleveland and the variety of classifications that 18S represents. Currently, thirteen 18S members are working in three classifications of Fireman Assistants, HVAC Techs, and Senior Firemen. The members are in charge of all aspects of heating and cooling, including hot water tanks for all residential units.

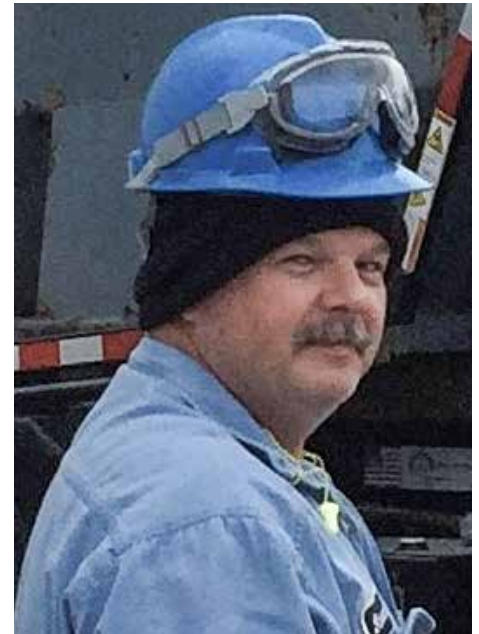
Established in 1933 as the first chartered public housing authority in the country, CMHA owns and manages property and administers rent subsidy programs to provide eligible low-income individuals and families quality, safe, affordable housing in Cuyahoga County. CMHA is one of the largest housing authorities in the country and has over 60 developments throughout Cuyahoga County, some of which date back to the pre-WWII era and need some additional daily TLC. These 60 plus developments equate to roughly 10,000 housing units. That, in turn, houses over 55,000 residents whom our members serve on a daily basis. As we are sure you can imagine, between basic preventative maintenance, boilers and chillers, and trying to keep up with the daily demands of the residents, it is a battle in and of itself, and the work keeps our members constantly busy.

Another group of Stationary Engineers is employed at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) working in the classifications of C-1 and C-2 Wastewater Plant Operators at the Westerly and Southerly plants. Currently, there are nine 18S members working for NEORS. The District was created in 1972 after Congress passed the National Environmental Policy Act in 1970,



**WORKING in the City of Shelby is Gary Roub.**

of which the Ohio Water Pollution Control Board (predecessor of the Ohio EPA) filed a court action against the City of Cleveland claiming inadequate and improper disposal of wastewater. In 1973, NEORS began construction of the Northwest interceptor, and in 1974, NEORS took over sewer control and Industrial Waster departments from the City of Cleveland, as well as several pump stations throughout the area. The operators working at the Westerly plant operate the incinerators that burn the waste as well as boilers that



**UTILITY Engineer for Solvay Willow Island, WV, Bailey Stewart Dean.**

are running throughout the facility. The main focus of the operators at the Southerly plant is work at the Renewable Energy Facility (REF) building, where they are also in charge of burning waste, that in turn creates steam, that runs an on site turbine. This turbine then generates power within the facility.

Another group of 18S Stationary Engineers that we represent works for CBRE and is located in the McCoy Center, 1111 Polaris Parkway in Columbus, Ohio, which is the home

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**PLANT Operator for AQUA Ohio – Tiffin, George Lutz.**



**OPERATING Engineer for Anheuser-Busch, Columbus, Jeremy McWayne.**



**OPERATING Engineer for Anheuser-Busch, Columbus, Michael Janks.**

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of the Polaris Fashion Place Mall, 3415 Vision Drive in Columbus, OH, 340 South Cleveland Ave in Westerville, OH, 800 Brooksedge Drive in Westerville, OH, North Washington St. in Indianapolis, IN and also 416 West Jefferson St. in Louisville, KY.

The McCoy Center is an office building located in Columbus and named after long-time Bank One President, John G. McCoy. The bank was acquired by JPMorgan Chase & Co. after a merger with Bank One Corporation in 2004. Inside is a gift shop, Starbucks, dry cleaners, shipping center, car rental, nurses station, daycare center, two cafeterias, a bistro, five Chase automated teller machines, and a personal banker.

The facility, one-quarter mile from end to end, hopefully will house approximately 13,000 employees when all are called back to work, in a space equal in square footage to the Empire State Building. At two million square feet, it is the largest JPMorgan Chase & Co. facility in the world, the largest office building in the Columbus, Ohio area, and the second-largest single-tenant office building in the United States behind The Pentagon, from which the McCoy Center borrowed its way-finding system. Only a few office buildings in the U.S., the 5.7 million-square-foot Warren G. Magnuson Health Sciences Building in Seattle and the 4.4 million-square-foot McDermott Building in San Antonio being among them, are larger.

The Stationary Engineers employed by CBRE work under the titles of Assistant Chief Engineers, Lead Engineers, Operating



**OPERATING Engineers for Anheuser-Busch (l-r) Jack Plumley and Tracy Guthrie.**

Engineers, and Building Engineers. They are responsible for the heating/cooling systems, fire systems, plumbing issues, electrical issues, preventable maintenance, major mechanical issues, general upkeep of the building, and they accompany outside contractors for

locked building entry service. This group of members work 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year, and take great pride in the job that they do for CBRE and their client JPMorgan Chase & Co.

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**OPERATING Engineer for CBRE in Westerville, Nicholas Carfagna.**



**OPERATING Engineer for Anheuser-Busch Columbus, Rocky Maxwell.**



**WORKING for General Services at the Zanesville Metropolitan Housing Authority in Zanesville is Terry Pletcher.**



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The Stationary Department also represents four members at the Canton Drop Forge in Canton. These members work a three-shift operation in the Power House under the classifications of Head Fireman, Fireman, and Helper A. Our members operate, monitor, maintain and repair two gas-fired boilers, the plant water supply, the wastewater treatment plant, and all associated equipment. These members supply the steam pressure required to operate the hammers for the closed die forging process that has made Canton Drop Forge a major player in the forging market.

Closed die forging, or impression die forging, is the process of using pressure to compress a heated piece of metal into a die impression to make a predetermined shape. Closed die forging allows for faster production, improved metal density and strength, less machining work post forging, and a high-quality part. Canton Drop Forge supplies forging for the aerospace, transportation, defense, oilfield, gas, and many other markets. Our four members supply all of the steam power to operate every hammer on every production shift that produces every forged part Canton Drop Forge supplies for its customers. Some feat for a four-man crew!

In closing, we would like to thank all of



**OPERATING Engineer for CBRE Columbus, Tyler Ewing.**

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 issues



**CREW Leader for National Gas and Oil in Newark, Vic Novaria.**

and 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.

## Study authors expose Right-to-Work💀 fiction

The authors of a recent study on the effectiveness of Right-to-Work💀 laws across the U.S. have concluded that "Right-to-Work💀" laws mean lower wages, slower economic growth, less access to health insurance, a shorter life expectancy, and deep cuts to the pay of essential workers. Any claims to the contrary are pure fiction."

In a guest column appearing on the website of Montana newspaper *The Missoulian*, study co-authors Dr. Robert Bruno, director of the *Project for Middle Class Renewal* at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign and Frank Manzo IV, policy director of the Midwest Economic Policy Institute said that their study clearly showed the many benefits of strong unions.

"Strong unions have always moderated the inherent power imbalance between employers and workers — protecting health and safety rights, bargaining for better wages and benefits, and promoting civic engage-

ment. These core union activities are financed through membership dues and fees paid by the workers they represent. When unions

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are weaker, bosses have more power — and more resources to pocket for themselves," wrote Bruno and Manzo.

"In a recent study we compared economic, social, and civic outcomes between the two types of states — quantifying what it means to have a 'Right-to-Work💀' law — and a policy framework that tips the scales of power even more in favor of the boss," according to Bruno and Manzo. "Specifically, it means lower wages, slower wage growth, fewer workers with health insurance and re-

tirement security, fewer skilled trade apprentices and workers with bachelor's degrees, more on-the-job fatalities, more poverty, more consumer debt, a shorter life expectancy, and lower levels of voter participation."

"By prohibiting clauses in union contracts that ensure all workers represented by the union pay for the services they receive, so-called 'Right-to-Work💀' laws are designed to deliver precisely this outcome. These laws have nothing to do with anyone's right to work. Instead, they are about the balance of power in a workplace. In 'Right-to-Work💀' states, unions end up with less money to advocate for working families," wrote the study authors.

**SOURCE:** To read the entire study, go to <https://illinoisupdate.com/2021/02/09/national-study-says-so-called-right-to-work-states-have-worse-economic-health-social-and-civic-outcomes/>.



# District 1 busy throughout the area



**WORKING** for Smith Paving on the U.S. Rt. 20 bypass in Norwalk are Dustin Hermes and Sean McFadden. Dustin is drilling dowels with the Badger rubber tire hoe and Sean is in the Kobelco hoe digging out the repair patches.



**KEEPING** busy for Eclipse, replacing a culvert on River Rd. in Hinckley, is Nick Sarr.



**LOADING** the material bins at the Columbia Station yard for KMI is Andrew Prewitt.



**DIGGING** out the patch repair for Smith Paving on the U.S. Rt. 20 bypass in Norwalk is Al Roeder.



**ON THE JOB** for Great Lakes Construction at the Westerly Pump Station in Cleveland, operating a crane, is Patrick Nelson.



**WORKING** for Terrace Construction on Avalon Dr. in Rocky River, operating an excavator, is Joseph Houghtland.



**OPERATING** a crane for Midwest Crane, installing a new conveyor at the C & P Ore Docks on Whiskey Island Dr. in Cleveland is Craig Hollis.



**CRANE** operator Lynn Ringgenberg II working for Great Lakes Construction at the Westerly Pump Station in Cleveland.

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## District 2 active on many job sites



*REMOVING overburden at the Bloomville Quarry for Hanson Aggregate are Tyler Dearth in far right loader and Brian Featheringill near the loader.*



*REMOVING snow at Hanson Quarry in Bloomville is Joe Daniel.*



*MOVING dirt for a new cell at Sunny Farms Landfill for Beaver Excavating are Jeff Stechschulte in the dozer and Jason Kramer in the hoe.*



*WORKING for Hanson Aggregate, removing overburden at the Bloomville Quarry is Andrew Sprouse.*



*35-year life member  
Kenneth Bailey.*



*30-year life member  
Raymond Heintschel.*



*GETTING ready to tear down cranes for Jeffers Crane are Trevor Seif in the crane, Zachary Dawson on the tagline, and Clarence Lewis on the ground off to the right.*



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**REPLACING** water line on Joseph St. in Avon for Underground Utilities are Kelly Wlodarsky and Eric Oppen. Kelly is operating the hoe and Eric is operating the loader.



**DIGGING** a fire line at the Sandusky Mall for Fabrizi are Russel Fitch and Victor Garcia. Russel is operating the Takeuchi hoe and Victor is operating the Komatsu hoe in the background.



**WORKING** for Great Lakes Construction in Ashtabula are (l-r) Joe Craft and Greg Call.



**DIGGING** a sewer on Crownhill Ave. in Amherst for Buckeye Excavating is Kevin Krupp.



**OPERATING** an RT forklift for Ruhlin Construction at the North Coast Harbor in Cleveland is Jeremy Carter.



**BUSY** for Mr. Excavator in Geneva on a demolition project are (l-r) Michael Dodig and Matthew Rus.



**DOING** the site work for the new Geauga County Administration Building for Precision Engineering in Auburn are Joel Griggs and Joe Johnson.



# District 3 getting ready for a busy year



*SETTING steel at Project Facebook in New Albany, Licking County is Columbus Steel Erectors.*



*SETTING mechanical systems at Mustang in New Albany, Franklin County is ALL Crane.*



*WORKING for Trucco Construction on Lyra Dr. in Delaware County is Devon Meade.*



*INSTALLING a pipe liner under U.S. Rt. 35 in Jackson County is James Garnes.*



*BUSY for Trucco Construction on Lyra Dr. extension, Delaware County is Casey Hoeflich.*



*RUNNING a service truck for Complete General Construction in New Albany, Licking County is Charles McKee.*



*WORKING at George J. Igel & Company is life member Bill Rogers.*

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# PRO Act

Continuing report by Local 18 representatives

In the eight years that followed the 2008 recession, the 27 states that had enacted the so-called Right-to-Work<sup>®</sup> laws showed slower economic growth, lower wages, higher consumer debt, and higher rates of negative health care outcomes. As we all should know by now, the so-called Right-to-Work<sup>®</sup> laws let non-paying workers free ride off the paying members and receive all the entitlements of collective bargaining without paying for it. This behavior will reduce the resources of our organization, and over a period of time, will greatly hinder or stop our ability to organize and negotiate collective bargaining agreements, and to advocate for hard-working middle-class families.

So, this brings me to a case that hits close to home for Local 18. A while back, a capital investment group based in Florida (and we all know Florida is and always has been a Right-to-Work<sup>®</sup> state) hired a legal firm (also based in Florida) that specializes in union-busting,

to try to break a group that we represent working in the steel industry. Their plan was to take what the members already had, re-package it, remove their defined benefit pension plan, and replace it with a sub-standard 401K plan that had not been established yet, and offer sub-standard raises. The company tried to make it sound like they were giving the members more, and make it sound like it was such an awesome deal, and what a huge favor they were doing for them. However, the members of that bargaining group knew the value of their pension, health care, and conditions that they had fought so very hard for over the years and were not willing to take anything less. The members in this group stood up and took a stand against the union-busters, kicked their butts, and sent them back to their non-union Right-to-Work<sup>®</sup> state. The members let them know that they weren't willing to accept the offer in no uncertain terms. If allowed, this would

have been the first step in a thousand cuts to break down our organization, piece, by piece, and over a period of time, we would not have had anything left. A huge thank you to our Brothers and Sisters that that took a hard-tough stand against this corporation and let them know that they weren't going to take it.

If you haven't already, please install the Local 18 app on your phone. It's a great way to keep up with the activities and what is happening with your union. When you are out and about the jurisdiction of Local 18, please take note of the new billboards that have our district member's pictures in them and also the messages that are being displayed on the electronic billboards as well. If you hear of any Right-to-Work<sup>®</sup> activity in your town, county, or township, please make sure to let your district office know about it, and we can fight it before it becomes a problem. Thanks to everyone for doing their part and please be safe.

## April and May Local 18 Training Schedule

### Richfield (800) 842-9419

|           |                                       |             |                                |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| April 1-3 | 24-Hour GPS Grade Control             | April 10    | 8-Hour CCO Exam                |
| April 5-7 | 24-Hour GPS Grade Control             | April 12-16 | 40-Hour Drones in Construction |
| April 7   | 8-Hour Steward Refresher - District 6 | April 19-23 | 40-Hour Drones in Construction |

### Cygnet (888) 634-6880

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| April 3     | 8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED          | April 19-23 | 40-Hour Crane I             |
| April 5-6   | 16-Hour Remote Control Equipment  | April 19-23 | 40-Hour Plan Reading        |
| April 5-9   | 40-Hour Utility Support Equipment | May 8       | 8-Hour Forklift Combination |
| April 7-8   | 16-Hour Remote Control Equipment  | May 15      | 8-Hour Signal Person        |
| April 13-16 | 32-Hour OSHA 30/STP               | May 24-26   | 24-Hour Skidsteer           |
| April 17    | 8-Hour Load Securement            | May 27-28   | 16-Hour Trench Safety       |

### Logan (888) 385-2567

|          |                                       |        |                      |
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| April 14 | 8-Hour Steward Refresher - District 3 | May 21 | 8-Hour Signal Person |
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### Miamisburg (800) 635-4928

|                      |   |                         |   |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| April 3,<br>April 10 | 16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP<br>(2 Saturdays)   | April 17<br>April 19-23 | 8-Hour Forklift Combination<br>40-Hour Grader       |
| April 3,<br>April 10 | 16-Hour: 8-Hour Each Trench Safety<br>(2 Saturdays) | May 1,<br>May 8         | 16-Hour: 8-Hour Each CCO Refresher<br>(2 Saturdays) |
| April 5-8            | 32-Hour Pile Driving                                | May 1                   | 8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher                           |
| April 10             | 8-Hour MSHA Refresher                               | May 15                  | 8-Hour CCO Exam                                     |
| April 12-16          | 40-Hour Utility Support Equipment                   |                         |   |



# Additional District 3 photos

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**INSTALLING** new storm sewer in Newark on 40th St. in Licking County is Fabrizi Trucking.



**REMOVING** the sandstone piers from the old Philo Bridge in Muskingum County is Complete General Construction.



**WORKING** for MP Dory in Heath, Licking County is Jacob Bennett.



**PUTTING** in a drill pit to tunnel under S.R. 161 in New Albany, Franklin County is Complete General.



**LIFE** Member Rickey Stull, working for Kokosing outside of Roseville, Perry County.



**OPERATING** an excavator for Trucco Construction in Groveport, Franklin County is Matthew Bowden.



**BUSY** for Portsmouth Construction Services in Piketown, Pike County is Robert D. Maynard.



**WORKING** for Fabrizi Trucking on 4th St. in Newark, Licking County is Michael Edwards.

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# Be safer on the road: The top 5 distracted driving habits to eliminate today

We're all used to driving. It's something we don't give a second thought to, because it's second nature to us. What also can be second nature, however, are some everyday things we do that take away our concentration behind the wheel.

Sipping a drink, adjusting stereo controls and the like may seem innocuous, but actions like these can have disastrous consequences. Here are some five common bad driving habits we can all work to eliminate today.

## Eating or drinking

Spilling hot coffee...handling fast-food... cleaning greasy hands after eating... all these can distract you from the road. A better strategy is to eat before you get behind the wheel or after you've reached your destination. If you need to eat immediately, pull off the road to satisfy your hunger.

## Paying attention to your phone instead of your car

It doesn't matter if you're using your cell phone directly or in hands-free mode, engaging in phone calls or texting takes your mind off the road to varying degrees. To be safer, turn off your phone's Bluetooth capabilities before you drive off. Also, silence your phone to help prevent temptation. If you really need to make a call, safely pull over.

**The National Safety Council (NSC) estimates that cell phones were being used during 25% of U.S. car crashes.**

## Adjusting dials and controls

Car dashboards have myriad dials to turn and touchscreens to navigate. While these technologies can be convenient, they also add to distracted driving. Adjusting stereo playback, setting GPS directions and optimizing climate control zones are just a few of the things that can take your eyes off the road. If you must make adjustments, wait for a stoplight, pull over safely or ask your front-seat passenger to make them.

## Diverting your attention to your little passengers

Young children and infants can be up to eight times more distracting than adult passengers, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. To make things better, be sure to provide your little ones with some-



thing that will keep them busy. If you must attend to children, safely pull over to do so.

## Grooming

Often, morning commuters in a rush to be on time may leave last-minute personal preparation for the car. This can clearly be a hazard. Applying makeup (especially using a mirror to do so), doing hair, shaving and similar actions are definitely not driver friendly. Give yourself an extra few minutes before leaving home to finish getting ready.

Paying attention to what you do behind the wheel can help all of us remain safer, whether we are drivers, passengers or pedestrians. If you'd like to improve your driving even more, you can find defensive driving classes near you.

Source: Union Plus [<https://www.unionplus.org/blog/consumer-tips/stop-these-top-five-distracting-driving-habits>] • Drive Safely <https://www.idrivesafely.com/defensive-driving/trending/most-common-car-accident-fatalities>, <https://www.idrivesafely.com/defensive-driving/trending/distracted-driving-fact-sheet>].

**If your eyes, hands or mind are focused on anything but driving...you fit the definition of a distracted driver.**

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

## Driving distractions fall into one of three categories:

**Manual:** Anything that involves taking your hands off the wheel.

**Visual:** Actions that take your eyes off the road.

**Cognitive:** Activities that take your mind off driving.

## Report to the members

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that resulted in arbitration, with the overwhelming majority resolved in favor of the membership.

The Equipment Shops Agents have also been busy with contract negotiations. Many shop agreements are expiring, and several shops had extensions to their existing agreements due to the pandemic.

As the weather turns favorable and the work season starts to ramp up, be careful on the job sites and pay attention to your surroundings.

Be safe and work smart!



## District 4/5 off to a great start



*WORKING for Ruhlin is Austin Gryca.*



*KEEPING busy for Howell Contractors is Clay Kenney.*



*HARD at work for Fred Nemann Co. is John Greathouse.*



*30-year life member Randy Ralston.*



*ON THE JOB for KT Supply in Warren County are (l-r) Greg Purdy, Tyler Holden and Austin Chamberlin.*



*30-year member Todd Hines working for Security Fence.*



*30-year member Daniel Williams working with Schweitzer Construction.*



*30-year member Gareld McCann.*

## HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

This is a summary of the annual report for the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan, 31-4446857/501, for 08/01/2019 through 07/31/2020. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

### Basic Financial Statement

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was (\$6,789,808) as of 07/31/2020, compared to \$5,749,659 as of 08/01/2019. During the plan year the plan experienced a decrease in its net assets of (\$12,539,467). This decrease includes unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. The plan had total income of \$148,360,581, including employer contributions of \$136,565,026, employee contributions of \$13,178,245, earnings from investments of \$10,237,948, and other income of (\$11,620,638). Plan expenses were \$160,900,048. These expenses included \$2,688,492 in administrative expenses and \$158,211,556 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries.

### Your Rights to Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. An accountant's report;
2. Financial information and information on payments to service providers;
3. Assets held for investment;

4. Transactions in excess of 5% of plan assets; and
5. Information regarding any common or collective trusts, pooled separate accounts, master trusts, or 103-12 investment entities in which the plan participates.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan, who is Plan Administrator, at c/o Board of Trustees, 1180 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215-7003, (614) 488-0708. The charge to cover copying costs will be \$7.00 for the full annual report, or \$0.25 per page for any part thereof.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, if any, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, if any, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes, if any, will be included as part of that report. The charge to cover copying costs given above does not include a charge for copying of these portions of the report because these portions are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan at 1180 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215-7003 and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, DC, or obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Room N-1513, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

## APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING FUND

This is a summary of the annual report for the Ohio Operating Engineers Apprenticeship and Training Fund, 31-6057717/501, for 08/01/2019 through 07/31/2020. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

### Basic Financial Statement

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$26,223,923 as of 07/31/2020, compared to \$23,765,084 as of 08/01/2019. During the plan year the plan experienced an increase in its net assets of \$2,458,839. This increase includes unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. The plan had total income of \$12,779,715, including employer contributions of \$12,412,589, earnings from investments of \$47,619, and other income of \$319,507. Plan expenses were \$10,320,876. These expenses included \$10,320,876 in administrative expenses.

### Your Rights to Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. An accountant's report;
2. Financial information and information on payments to service providers;

3. Assets held for investment; and
4. Transactions in excess of 5% of plan assets.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of the Ohio Operating Engineers Apprenticeship and Training Fund, who is Plan Administrator, at c/o Board of Trustees, 1180 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215-7003, (614) 488-0708. The charge to cover copying costs will be \$9.00 for the full annual report, or \$0.25 per page for any part thereof.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, if any, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, if any, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes, if any, will be included as part of that report. The charge to cover copying costs given above does not include a charge for copying of these portions of the report because these portions are furnished without charge.

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## EDUCATION AND SAFETY FUND

This is a summary of the annual report for the Ohio Operating Engineers Education and Safety Fund, 23-7258099/501, for 08/01/2019 through 07/31/2020. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

### Basic Financial Statement

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$2,285,378 as of 07/31/2020, compared to \$2,304,778 as of 08/01/2019. During the plan year the plan experienced a decrease in its net assets of (\$19,400). This decrease includes unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. The plan had total income of \$1,289,223, including employer contributions of \$1,346,527, earnings from investments of \$4,175, and other income of (\$61,479). Plan expenses were \$1,308,623. These expenses included \$146,583 in administrative expenses and \$1,162,040 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries.

### Your Rights to Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. An accountant's report;
2. Financial information and information on payments to service providers;
3. Assets held for investment; and

4. Transactions in excess of 5% of plan assets.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of the Ohio Operating Engineers Education and Safety Fund, who is Plan Administrator, at c/o Board of Trustees, 1180 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215-7003, (614) 488-0708. The charge to cover copying costs will be \$2.25 for the full annual report, or \$0.25 per page for any part thereof.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, if any, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, if any, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes, if any, will be included as part of that report. The charge to cover copying costs given above does not include a charge for copying of these portions of the report because these portions are furnished without charge.

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Washington, DC 20210.

## GROUP INSURANCE FOR MEMBERS

This is a summary of the annual report for the Local 18, I.U.O.E., Group Insurance for Members, 34-0200322/501, for 11/01/2019 through 10/31/2020. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The plan has a contract with Anthem Life Insurance Company to pay certain claims incurred under the terms of the plan. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending 10/31/2020 were \$262,744.

### Your Rights to Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. Insurance information, including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, who is Plan Administrator, at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-2619, (216) 432-3138. The charge to cover copying costs will be \$1.75 for the full annual report, or \$0.25 per page for any part thereof.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, if any, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, if any, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes, if any, will be included as part of that report. The charge to cover copying costs given above does not include a charge for copying of these portions of the report because these portions are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-2619 and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, DC, or obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to:

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Employee Benefits Security Administration,  
U.S. Department of Labor,  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC 20210.

## Transportation interests hopeful of “Mayor Pete’s” impact on infrastructure progress

Transportation journalist John D. Schultz recently wrote in *Logistics Management Magazine* about the high hopes the transportation industry has for progress in infrastructure modernization under the new Biden administration and its new Secretary of Transportation, former South Bend, IN Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

“Pete Buttigieg has been overwhelmingly confirmed as the nation’s 19th Transportation Secretary. Let the cheerleading begin for President Joe Biden’s call for a ‘think big’ approach to infrastructure modernization,” Schultz wrote.

Former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell, co-chair of a group called “Building America’s Future” told Schultz that, “America’s infrastructure is in dire need of modernization and the threat posed by climate change only adds to the challenge. I have full confidence in Secretary Buttigieg’s knowledge and skills that he demonstrated as a mayor to lead President Biden’s vision to build back better.”

According to Schultz, Buttigieg “appears to be expanding how one views the transportation secretary” which has historically been seen as a low-profile post. Schultz related a story of how Buttigieg said he had been driving recently and stopped to put air in his tires.

A trucker recognized him, and they discussed truck safety regulations. “That’s actually what the 57,000-person sprawling bureaucracy like the Department of Transportation actually needs, a hands-on approach to a 1,001 little Excedrin-headache-type problems. In other words, it needs a mayor of transportation. Now, it actually has one,” Schultz wrote.

For their part, various trade associations seem ready to work with Buttigieg on modernizing an aging infrastructure that the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) recently estimated needs more than \$2.6 trillion of investment by 2029 and more than \$5.6 trillion by 2039, Schultz reported. But there seems to be clear commitment by the new administration to tackling this challenge.

According to Schultz’s story, President Biden recently said, “It’s time to stop talking about infrastructure and finally start building infrastructure. Millions of good-paying jobs putting Americans to work rebuilding our roads, our bridges, our ports to make them more climate resilient, to make them faster, cheaper, cleaner to transport American-made goods across our country and around the world, that’s how we compete. Failure to do so will cost us dearly.”



## Key data points to growth in construction this year: Here are the numbers

Various industry reports showed the volume of construction work across the country fared better than expected in 2020 amid the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic. What’s better is that the most recent data indicates a much more positive 2021 for the industry.

- Moody’s Investors Service, in its latest Building Materials report, projects total U.S. construction spending will grow 3.2% in 2021 and 3.4% in 2022, primarily driven by stable residential and public construction, but also dependent on recovery in nonresidential spending.
- An index used to measure confidence in the country’s construction employment remained above the threshold of 50, indicating expectations of growth over the next six months.
- The latest figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) shows over 200,000 Ohioans employed in various construction trades and positions, representing between 4.2 % to 5.5% of the state’s total population. That ranks Ohio among the top ten states in the country. Further reports show Ohio’s construction employment continues to trend upward.
- A national indicator of construction project backlog rose for the third month in a row, growing from 7.5 month to 7.7 months this winter.

COVID-19 dealt the construction segment significant blows, including disruptions to supply chains and material delivery, price fluctuations for certain commodities, project delays and manpower shortages. The industry as a whole has risen to these challenges — and indicators are looking good for more positive work levels this year and beyond.

For Construction Pros [<https://www.forconstructionpros.com/economics/news/21271847/us-construction-backlog-and-contractor-optimism-rise-to-start-2021-despite-shaky-outlook>] • U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics [<https://www.bls.gov/iag/tgs/iag237.htm>] • Construction Connect [<https://www.constructconnect.com/blog/economy/rankings-u-s-state-construction-employment-statistics>].



# Younger people are being hospitalized for stroke. Know the symptoms of stroke and get treatment fast.

The number of people hospitalized for stroke between the ages of 15 and 44 rose as much as 37 percent between 1995 and 2008, according to researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Those numbers point to the need for younger people to control stroke risk factors such as obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure, the CDC says. But they also highlight the importance of knowing the symptoms of a stroke and seeking prompt care.

Stroke treatment is most effective when administered within 4.5 hours. Rapid treatment improves your chances of survival, and it reduces the possibility of permanent disability, regardless of the severity of a stroke.

### The Signs of Stroke

A stroke is when the blood supply is blocked to part of the brain or when a blood vessel in the brain bursts. Brain cells begin to die from a lack of oxygen.

Stroke symptoms come on quickly and, according to the American Stroke Association, often include:

- Confusion and speech problems
- Vision problems
- Numbness or weakness, particularly on one side of the body
- Dizziness, loss of balance or loss of coordination
- A sudden, severe headache with no known cause

Call 911 if you observe any of these signs. Don't dismiss them. Even patients suffering from a transient ischemic attack (TIA), a so-called mini stroke, can reduce their chances of disability with immediate treatment, according to a recently published study in the American Heart Association journal Stroke.

### Stroke Treatment

The most effective treatment for stroke is a clot-busting drug known as tPA, which must be given intravenously within 4.5 hours. After that window of time, treatment focuses on preventing a secondary stroke with medications that limit the blood's ability to clot and procedures such as stenting to keep blood vessels open.

Early supportive care, such as physical therapy, can also make a difference in recovery.

You can reduce your chances of having a stroke by making the same healthy diet and lifestyle choices that help prevent all cardiovascular disease: manage your blood pressure and cholesterol; lose weight; eat plenty of fruits and vegetables and foods low in sodium and saturated fat; participate in regular physical activity; and stop smoking.



## STAY INFORMED WITH THE IUOE 18 APP!

CONTACT YOUR UNION
 MEMBER RESOURCES
 POLITICAL ACTION
 MEMBER SAVINGS

A hand holding a white smartphone. The screen shows the IUOE 18 app interface, which includes a header with the IUOE 18 logo and several menu items: ABOUT, POLITICAL ACTION, NEWS & EVENTS, CALENDAR, CONTACT US, and MEMBER RESOURCES. The background of the app interface shows a construction site with a large excavator.



## D6 at many job sites this spring



**WORKING** for Capital City Crane in Warsaw is Andrew Tucker.



**OPERATING** a forklift for Kiewit at the Long Ridge Energy Project in Monroe County is Beth Rogers.



**INSTALLING** water and sewer lines in Ashland is Driven Excavating.



**BUSY** for Maxim Crane in Byesville is Jason Helms.



**OPERATING** an excavator for GraeCon in Byesville is Robert Wells.



**ON THE JOB** for Cioffi on S.R. 91 reconstruction in Hudson is James Burdette.



**RUNNING** an overhead crane for Maxim Crane in Byesville is Dalton Darr.



**WORKING** for Kelley Erectors at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton is Jim Reffner.



**OILER** Andrew Barton getting some seat time on the 16,000 with operator Tim French for Maxim Crane in Byesville.



**OPERATING** a loader for Kiewit at the Long Ridge Energy project in Monroe County is Jess Ewing.



# TRAINING NEWS

*Don Black, Administrator*

Greetings Brother and Sister Operators,

The Apprenticeship and Training Program continues working to help our members accomplish their career goals. Each of our training sites has a full schedule of available classes for our members, please check your schedule books or visit our website to find the classes you need or are interested in taking. Many of our contractors are looking for operators who have GPS, CCO, Skid Steer, and Forklift Training. Check your certifications and make sure you are up to date.

Once you have decided which classes you need or want, please contact your local training site to get signed up. If the class you desire is currently filled up, you may consider attending the class at one of our other sites that has seating available. If none are avail-

able, and we have enough interest, we will definitely add another one to our schedule.

Due to the current COVID-19 requirements and guidelines, we have limited the size of our classes to ensure distancing and maximum group sizes. We are taking the temperatures of all visitors, requiring the wearing of masks, cleaning and sanitizing the classrooms and equipment, and limiting the socializing and congregating that takes place before, during, and after training. These measures are in place to keep our members and our staff healthy and safe during these uncertain times. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

For the 2021 class year, we are only taking online applications through our website, which can be found at [www.local18training.com](http://www.local18training.com).

[www.local18training.com/apprenticeship\\_applications](http://www.local18training.com/apprenticeship_applications). Online applications are currently open as of the writing of this article. We will soon be beginning pre-admission orientation in stages around the state to meet the needs of each of our regions. Please continue to watch for announcements on each of our Facebook Pages and our website for the most up-to-date information.

Our mechanics program is now in its second year and building up steam. Numerous signatory contractors are finding this new program to be very beneficial and the call for Mechanic Apprentices is increasing. If you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a mechanic through the IUOE Local 18 Apprenticeship, please have them submit an application through our website.

## Repeal 'Right-to-Work' in Virginia

An organization called Our Revolution Virginia held a virtual "Repeal Right-to-Work" event earlier this year – and freelance writer Norah Vawter wrote about the event for the *Blue Virginia* website, saying her main take-away from that event was, "that this seemingly innocuous phrase (Right-to-Work) has been used to manipulate citizens into giving up their rights. The law might more aptly be called 'the right to work for less' and has disturbingly racist, even white supremacist origins. Notably, Virginia is the only blue state among 27 'Right-to-Work' states."

According to Vawter, "While purporting to save workers from being forced to join a union (which is prohibited by federal law anyway) and stopping workers from having to pay union dues (which makes unions less

effective because unions need money to fight for workers' rights), speakers explained that 'Right-to-Work' laws actually make it harder to unionize and easier for employers to penalize workers when they try to organize. These laws also lead to lower wages and increased income inequality, according to speakers."

A prominent presenter at the virtual event was Virginia State Delegate Lee Carter, who Vawter described as the "Patron of the 'Repeal Right-to-Work' bill in the Virginia legislature. According to Vawter, Carter said that [Being a 'Right-to-Work' State] is: "a very large part...of why Virginia has such low union density...why Virginia, for two years running, was named the worst state in the union for workers...why Virginia has been named for several years now the most eco-

nomically unequal state in the union. But we have fought for 74 years to get rid of this law and that fight will continue until we win, and with your help we are going to win that fight this year...and have Virginia become the 23rd 'free bargaining' state, to allow unions and employers to sit down at the bargaining table and say that compensation for the work done by the union can be a part of the collective bargaining agreement."

Other speakers during the virtual event, Vawter wrote, "also made the striking point that this issue is not just about unions, or labor. Workers' rights are so fundamental to the operation of a free society: labor laws and specifically 'Right-to-Work' laws impact many other facets of our political life, from racial justice to environmental justice."

## Additional District 3 photos

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**EXCAVATING for a lift station in Chesterhill, Morgan County is Fields Excavating.**



**WIDENING Hyatts Rd. in Delaware County for Complete General is Heath Baker.**

## Shop members ready for the season



*BUSY for Complete Hydraulics Bolivar is Richard Large.*



*WORKING for Skyworks Cleveland is Dan Erdelack.*



*ON THE JOB for Gallo Equipment Cleveland is Joe Thomas.*



*WORKING for Ohio CAT – North Canton Pumps Division is Dan Crago.*



*KEEPING busy for Ohio CAT – Cleveland is Mike Clark.*



## Temporary Extension of Deadlines Due to COVID-19 National Emergency

The federal government announced that the country is under a COVID-19 National Emergency starting March 1, 2020. The period between March 1, 2020 and the 60th day after the announced end of the COVID-19 National Emergency will not count against certain deadlines under the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan and the Ohio Operating Engineers Pension Plan. The extension applies to deadlines to file a claim or appeal, enroll a new spouse or child, report COBRA qualifying events and to elect and pay for COBRA under the Health and Welfare Plan. The extension also applies to deadlines to file a claim or appeal under the Pension Plan. This may give you a longer time to take certain actions. Please contact the Fringe Benefit Programs Office if you have questions.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with the authority vested in me as President of Local 18 and its branches, I am calling the Semi-Annual State Meeting of the members on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive.

The Executive Board will meet on Saturday, June 26, 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

## Recent Club 18 contributors

**\$50.00**

**Jeffrey "Jeff" Reamsnider**, District 3

**\$25.00**

**Loren Swartzmiller**, District 3

**\$22.00**

**Thomas Zumbro**, District 3

**\$18.00**

**Robert A. Martin**, District 6

## IN MEMORIAM

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

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| LM Glen Strohmer (D-4/5)   | Jan. 21 |
| Charles Ankney (D-2)       | Jan. 24 |
| LM Orlo Spence (D-2)       | Jan. 26 |
| LM David Ringgenberg (D-1) | Jan. 28 |
| LM Rudy Wagner (D-1)       | Jan. 31 |
| LM George Wall (D-3)       | Jan. 31 |
| LM Michael Brooks (D-4/5)  | Feb. 1  |
| LM Ernest Leach (D-4/5)    | Feb. 1  |
| William Nichols (D-3)      | Feb. 3  |
| William Brown (D-4/5)      | Feb. 7  |
| LM Joseph Bock (D-1)       | Feb. 9  |
| LM Guy Hysell (D-3)        | Feb. 19 |
| Shaun Reusch (D-3)         | Feb. 21 |



## This Month in Labor History

### Labor Leader Asa Philip Randolph Born April 1889

American labor leader and civil rights activist Asa Philip Randolph was born on April 15, 1889. In 1925, he organized and led the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the first predominantly African-American labor union. Randolph was very influential in both the early Civil Rights Movement and the Labor Movement. In 1963, Randolph was the head of the March on Washington, at which Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech.

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

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### District 1

Elvis P. Elswick, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Robert S. Jefferson and Jonathan G. Kirik (normal retirements); Philip G. Leduc, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Randall E. Williams (normal retirement); and Roy M. Zakes, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

### District 2

Michael G. Bishop and Larry S. Chamberlin, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements); Martin A. Kohv (early retirement); Michael D. McCollum, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); and Kenneth D. Zoeller, Joint & Survivor (early retirement).

### District 3

David K. Johnson, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Dan E. McIntire, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Craig A. Stover (disability retirement); and Mark A. Totman (normal retirement).

### District 4/5

William S. Darnell (early retirement); Maurice M. Davis, Jr. and Randall W. Lykins, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements); and Gerald L. Million, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

### District 6

David A. Carpenter (normal retirement), Roger L. Eagleson and Gary L. Jasielum, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements); Mark D. Wright, Sr. (early retirement); and Andrew W. Zollinger, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).