

Buckeye Engineer



Local 18 CALENDAR

JUNE

- 7 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 14 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 16 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 16 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 21 District 6 Info. mtg. –
Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 21-25 40-Hour – Crane I –
Logan Training Center
- 26 Executive Board mtg. –
Columbus District Office, 1 p.m.
- 27 Semi-Annual State mtg. –
Hilton Columbus/Polaris,
8700 Lyra Drive, 10:00 a.m.

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 6 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 10 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (1 of 2) –
Cygnnet Training Center
- 12 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 12-16 40-Hour – Crane I –
Richfield Training Center
- 12-16 40-Hour – Crane I –
Miamisburg Training Center
- 14 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 17 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (2 of 2) –
Cygnnet Training Center
- 19 District 6 Info. mtg. –
Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 19-23 40-Hour – Crane II –
Miamisburg Training Center
- 21 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 24 8-Hour CCO Exam –
Cygnnet Training Center

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REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Michael R. Bertolone, Business Manager

On April 30, 2021, the officers of Local 18 elected me to fill the unexpired term of Richard E. Dalton as Business Manager of Local 18.

The confidence the officers have placed in me is overwhelming, and I am incredibly grateful and humbled to be elected to the position of Business Manager of Local 18. I pledge to the officers and members of Local 18 that I will do everything in my power to continue delivering the best representation to the most highly-skilled, best trained Operating Engineers of this great International Union.

As a proud first-generation Operating Engineer, I came into this organization through the Local 18 apprenticeship program and immediately knew this was one of the best decisions I had ever made. During my career as an apprentice and journeyman, I was extremely fortunate to have been given the opportunity to have a steady career as an Operating Engineer in the field with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving. I would not be where I am today if it were not for the entire Fabrizi family, the fellow operators, and the tradesmen and women I worked with during my career with them. Finding an employer to keep me working each year was a blessing, and I will never forget that.

I joined the staff of Local 18 when Business Manager Emeritus, Patrick L. Sink, and the former Director of Organizing, Premo P. Panzarello, gave me the opportunity to join the organizing staff of Local 18 for my first position. We pursued numerous jobs and projects in the Oil and Gas Industry along with the Wind and Solar Industries for our members.

During my career on staff with Local 18,



I am incredibly grateful and humbled to be elected

I have had the opportunity to hold many different titles while working with and learning from the best. No matter if it was working alongside the district representatives, business representatives, organizers, legislative representative, president, or business manager, I was constantly learning from everyone. The staff of Local 18 is composed of some of the most dedicated and selfless men and women I know, who put in a lot of time and effort to keep this Local moving forward. I appreciate everybody on staff, and I am grateful for all that they do.

I would also like to recognize and thank all of the past officers of this great Local with whom I worked with and who served prior to my career here.

I have learned a great deal from all of you and appreciate everything that was put into place for the members and this organization.

Under his guidance and leadership, my predecessor, Richard E. Dalton, has taken this Local to places we could never have imagined. Under his leadership, Local 18's benefits have remained strong, the membership has continued to grow while the attrition rate has decreased, and we continued to organize the unorganized. Business Manager Dalton recognized the need for Local 18 to advance technologically, implemented the Local 18 mobile app, and updated the Local 18 website. Mr. Dalton always led by example and put in the time and effort required to keep our Local Union strong, and it is in a better place because of him. Rick is one of the most selfless individuals I have ever met, and he sacrificed a lot of his own time to run this organization.

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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

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

*The Executive Board, at its January 25, 2020 meeting, approved a resolution to Article VIII, Section 1, of the Bylaws, decreasing the administrative dues to 2.5% of gross wages for all members of Local 18, 18A, 18B, and 18RA. The Executive Board also approved a decrease of administrative dues to 1.5% of gross wages for 18C equipment shop members. Local 18C Quarry and Sand & Gravel Pit members, Local 18D, Local 18G, and Local 18S members dues will remain unchanged. The decrease is effective on April 1, 2020.

LOCAL 18 INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS — MODIFIED CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 61,333,553
Inventory	59,726
U.S. Treasury Bills	8,099,228
Total Current Assets	69,492,507
Property and Equipment, at Cost:	18,443,504
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(5,983,957)
Property and Equipment Net	12,459,547
Certificate of Deposit:	251,749
Total Assets	\$ <u>82,203,803</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:	
Refundable Fees	\$ 1,890
Payroll Withholdings	11,875
Total Current Liabilities	13,765
Net Assets:	
Operating	63,943,291
Internally Designated:	
Charitable Contributions Committee Fund	16,633
Members' Program Fund	37,692
Special Dues Assessments Fund	18,192,422
Total Net Assets	<u>82,190,038</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ <u>82,203,803</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES — MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Revenues:	
Members' Dues and Fees	\$ 21,444,667
Other Revenues	229,415
Total Revenues	21,674,082
Direct Expenses:	
Per Capita Taxes	2,669,230
Dues Refunds	18,581
Benefits to Members	7,312
Total Direct Expenses	<u>2,695,123</u>
Change in Net Assets Prior to Operating Expenses and General and Administrative Expenses	18,978,959
Operating Expenses:	
District Office Salaries and Expenses	8,455,999
Headquarters Salaries and Expenses	2,358,885
Membership Group Life Insurance	264,905
Local Newspaper Expense	592,492
Total Operating Expenses	<u>11,672,281</u>
Change in Net Assets Prior to General and Administrative Expenses	7,306,678
General and Administrative Expenses	952,250
Change in Net Assets	\$ <u>6,354,428</u>

BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

We, the Auditors of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, have participated in a review of the financial statements audited by the independent Certified Public Accountants as of December 31, 2020.

By doing so, we have satisfied ourselves as to the proper maintenance of accurate books of Accounts and Records by the officers and employees of the Local Union. We have inquired into various matters pertaining to the Local Union's accounting activities and financial position.

Based on our examination and on the aforementioned certified audit, and under the provisions and authority of the International Constitution, Article XXIV, Subdivision 2, Section (i), we, the undersigned Auditors, report that the books and accounts of the Local Union have been properly maintained and fairly presented in the audited financial statements.

BOARD OF AUDITORS
LOCAL 18, IUOE
Ismael Gutierrez, Jr.
Ronald A. Krohn, Jr.
Jason D. Baker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

We, the Trustees of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, have discussed and reviewed the financial statements audited by the independent Certified Public Accountants as of December 31, 2020.

In reliance thereon, we have satisfied ourselves as to the proper care and safety of our Local's funds and other property and have determined that the Local is covered by adequate bonding insurance, as required by law and good business practices. We are satisfied that the Treasurer and other Local Union Officers and employees have maintained the proper control over Local Union funds and property.

Therefore, under the provisions and authority of the International Constitution, Article XXIV, Subdivision 2, Section (h), we, the undersigned Trustees, certify as to the disposition and care of the Local Union's property as reflected in the audited financial statements.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LOCAL 18, IUOE
Scott R. Stevenson
Robert L. Hughes
Darrin Morgan

President



Thomas Byers

The 2021 construction season should be well underway by the time this article is published, and hopefully, it provides some great opportunities for our membership.

As I write this article at the end of April, the numbers for COVID-19 cases appear to be falling, and the vaccination numbers are rising. Hopefully, this means returning to some sort of normal summer routine for Local 18 members and their families. It has been great seeing our retirees start to attend meetings to get updates, and I have enjoyed the conversations with them.

Local 18 finished up the Highway Heavy (OCA) and Building (AGC) Agreement negotiations, and ballots were mailed to the membership. The count is scheduled for the first week in June and might be complete by the time you receive this edition of the *Buckeye Engineer*. The agreements included a wage increase, additional funding to solidify our Health and Welfare Plans, as well as an increase to the member's credited portion of the Pension contribution.

Last year's successful rollout of Local 18's app enabled members to view copies of the current state-wide agreements, as well as various fringe benefit program plan docu-

ments from their phones. Business Manager Dalton, with executive board approval, has been updating Local 18's computer hardware systems over the past year, and all of our offices are now able to participate in video conferences. Other recent enhancements have allowed for the ability to accept dues payments online via the Local 18 app. I am looking forward to future updates that might further increase the capabilities of our

systems and the Local 18 app!

As always, thank you for taking the time to read my article. I am as proud to serve and be a part of this great union today as I was almost 30 years ago when I began my apprenticeship. Please feel free to contact my office or one of the district offices if there is anything you wish to discuss. I hope everyone has a safe and healthy 2021 season. Solidarity.

Apprenticeship and Training

Don Black, Administrator

Congratulations to Business Manager Rick Dalton on his retirement. Rick was the first Business Manager to have started out in the Apprenticeship Program. Our program owes a debt of gratitude to Rick for his leadership and guidance. We wish him and his wife a long and healthy retirement. We are excited that Mike Bertolone was elected as our new Business Manager. Mike also came through the apprenticeship program and has continually supported our program. Congratulations to Mike, and we are here to help him continue growing Local 18.

Maurice Davis (Miamisburg Regional Coordinator) retired the first of the year after

many years of dedicated service. We wish Maurice and his wife many happy and healthy years of retirement. James Singleton is the new Regional Coordinator and is doing a great job.

The last year and a half have been difficult dealing with all the COVID-19 issues. Some of our staff contracted COVID-19, but I am happy to report that they have recovered and are doing well. All of our training centers are open and running pretty smoothly. Apprentices and journeymen have still been getting additional training.

Apprentice applications were done online

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Steward Training



Joe Casto

We have completed the 2021 steward training classes in all districts. There was a total of 75 members in attendance throughout the state this year. It was nice to have some smaller classes in a year that so many things have changed with new restrictions and guidance on social

distancing and facial coverings. Hopefully, we can get through 2021 and get back to some normalcy. If anyone needs more information on steward literature, please contact me at the District 6 office or contact your district office and ask for your steward representative.

District 1:	Jacob Siesel
District 2:	Kipton Siesel
District 3:	Robert Hughes
District 4/5:	Jason Baker
District 6:	Preston Yuzwa

I would like to thank all who made their way out to one of this year's classes. Your attendance and commitment to doing what it takes to continue moving our craft forward are appreciated.

Organizing



Scott Stevenson

Local 18's work season is in high gear and so are Local 18's organizing efforts. The abundance of work in our jurisdiction, whether it be from Highway Heavy, Building, or Energy projects, coupled with the professionalism and skills exhibited by you and the rest of

the Local 18 membership continue to create opportunities for the Organizing Department and the rest of the staff of Local 18 to create inroads with and sign previously non-signatory contractors to one of our agreements. Contractors that are not signatory with Local 18 are recognizing that the availability of highly skilled operators in the non-union sector is dwindling, as Local 18 continues to grow through its apprenticeship program and through organizing. With that in mind, we are happy to report to you that currently, we have signed over 21 new contractors to one of our agreements that have never been signed before.

Continuing to create job opportunities for you and the rest of Local 18's membership is our foremost priority. The support and tips we receive from you are extremely

valuable to us and are greatly appreciated. Please continue to let us know of any sub-contractors you don't recognize on your projects. Together we will continue to grow our Local for ourselves and those who follow behind us.

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

- State Highway Clearing
- Rock Solid Stabilization and Reclamation, Inc.
- Bowers Crane Service, LLC
- MRJ Construction and Maintenance, LLC
- Crackers Demo, LLC
- Don Baker, LLC
- DiPietro Construction, LLC
- The Alpha Group
- APS Construction, LLC
- Hendricks Repair Service
- Alliance Constructors, Inc.
- Frank Lill and Son, Inc.

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

Pipeline



Darrin Morgan



Kipton Siesel

Foltz Welding is working on Energy Transfer's 20 miles of 26-inch hydro testing project from Paulding County to Jackson County, Indiana. Case Boring is working for Michels Pipeline in Florence, Kentucky on 24-inch road bores approximately 300 feet. Right-of-Way Clearing is working for Michels Pipeline in Boone County, Kentucky clearing 2.5 miles. Aaron Enterprises is working for InfraSource in Hamilton County on 4,500 feet of 20-

inch horizontal drilling. Minnesota Limited is working for Vectren in Montgomery County on 25,457 feet of 20-inch lift and lay.

Michels Pipeline is working for Duke Energy in Florence, Kentucky on 2.5 miles of 24-inch steel line. Michels Directional Crossing is working for BP on 700 feet of 6-inch horizontal drilling near Cincinnati. InfraSource Construction is working for Duke Energy on 68,000 feet of 20-inch steel new lay and two stations in Hamilton County, Ohio near Cincinnati. Also in Cincinnati, Andis Clearing is working for InfraSource on 8,500 feet of right of way clearing. InfraSource Construction is working for Duke Energy in various counties in Ohio and Kentucky on integrity digs, emergency response, installing valves, and maintenance of 4- to 24-inch lines.

Cogar Right-of-Way Clearing is working for Integrity Kokosing Pipeline Service in Summerfield. Integrity Kokosing Pipeline Service is working for Antero Pipeline in Monroe County on 11,000 feet of 20-inch new

lay and 6,000 feet of poly water line. Charps Pipeline is working for Enbridge in various locations on integrity anomaly digs on 36-inch line from Athens to Monroe County and into Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana, and West Virginia.

Mid-America Energy Services is working for InfraSource doing hydro excavating in various locations. Snelson Pipeline is working near Newton, Ohio on anomaly digs for Duke Energy on 16-inch line. InterCon Construction is working for Minnesota Limited on 3,600 feet of horizontal drilling for 20-inch steel pipe. CAS Contracting is working for Minnesota Limited on various lengths of right of way clearing near Bellbrook, Ohio.

Otis Eastern is working for Enbridge on anomaly digs, maintenance, and integrity work 36-inch line through Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. Badger Daylighting is working for Otis Eastern in various locations doing hydro excavating on the Enbridge project across the state.

Safety



Brett LaFaso

On March 1, 2021, a Local 18 member was operating an 80-ton crawler crane with 200 foot of boom. The operator was hoisting steel roof bar joist, using the process called "tree-ing," where multiple pieces of steel are hung from the hook of the crane at the same time with increasingly longer steel

chokers to reduce cycle time. Before the accident, the ironworker was starting to hook up three joists at one time. The ironworker signaled the operator down to hook up the first piece. Then the ironworker signaled him to cable up so he could hook up the second piece. In the process of hooking the second piece, the first piece of steel became disconnected and fell, striking the ironworker on the head and shoulder area, knocking him to the ground. Workers called 911, and the ironworker was transported to the hospital.

The ironworker suffered minor injuries to

his head, neck, and legs.

To prevent an injury of this nature, make sure chokers are properly seated in the hook and that all safety latches are functioning properly. Another way to prevent injury is to stay out from underneath a crane's load. An operator could swing slightly to the side after hooking up the first piece and, while keeping the load low, allow the ironworker to hook the second piece without being under the first piece.

Please contact your district office if you see an accident. Hopefully, we can learn together how to prevent future accidents.

Apprenticeship and Training

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this year, with over 1,800 people applying. We will keep their applications for two years and call them for testing as we need to add apprentices. We have a mechanics apprenticeship program and the regular operator program, so if you know any young people who want to be mechanics, have them apply online and give the apprenticeship program a call.

Our Logan Training Center is complete except for landscaping and the top coat of

asphalt. The site is beautiful and functioning very well. I would like to thank the staff for all their work helping to make it happen. Part of that addition included a large shop for our new mechanics program. If you get a chance, stop and look at the site, or better yet, sign up for some classes.

I would like to thank the membership for your continued support of our program. Please sign up for classes, and if you have any questions or suggestions, give us a call.

Retirees



Gary Siesel

Greetings Brother and Sister Engineers!

I hope all of you reading this month's *Buckeye Engineer* are in good health and enjoying the summer.

The Local 18 Retiree State Picnic Committee has met to discuss the upcoming picnic scheduled for August 11, 2021. There will be a few changes with the pandemic not being completely over. The food and beverages for the picnic will be provided, so that means there will be no food judging this year. We ask members and guests just to show up and enjoy an afternoon with each other. As in other years, there will be informative speakers, door prizes, giveaways, etc., to make for an enjoyable afternoon of catching up with old friends!

Also, with district retiree meetings starting up in July, we ask retirees and guests not to bring food. Box lunches will be provided while we transition back to a more normal way of getting together. As for any of these meetings, any state-mandated precautions will be taken, including face masks and keeping at least 6 feet apart.

Speaking of the pandemic and COVID-19, I hope all of you have had the opportunity to receive the vaccine. The experts tell us this is our best bet to battle against this virus that has taken too many lives or left some scarred for life.

**I look forward to seeing all of you.
Stay safe around your
homes and in your travels!**

Exploring our shale fields and our future

The current exploration and drilling of the Marcellus and Utica shale fields promise a lot of good things for Ohio.

Lowering our dependence on foreign oil and providing our manufacturing industries with cheaper energy which will stimulate industrial growth are just a few benefits.

For Local 18 and its membership, this drilling and capturing of these resources gives us an opportunity to work. Our signatory contractors are seeking to do the drill pad and related work, and our pipeline contractors are building the gathering lines to transport the product. Our highway and paving contractors are building access to the sites and upgrading the infrastructure in the drilling areas.

Our goal is to provide the service the energy companies need to make this happen, resulting in a positive effect for the citizens of Ohio.

At the same time, our membership will be gainfully employed, paying their taxes and earning their health and welfare and pension benefits. We are here to help our communities, state and country prosper and grow.

Michael R Bertolone

Michael R. Bertolone, Business Manager

Stationary Engineers



John Hardesty



Eric Eastwood



Daniel Hoopes

- Warren City Schools
- The City of Painesville
- Sofidel America
- Wage re-opener for OhioHealth Nelsonville
- Wage re-opener for 1100 Superior Avenue

Hello from the staff at 18S. We are all busy here with negotiations and keeping up with our members as everyone is re-grouping from a hectic past year dealing with the pandemic and all of the continuous changes that it brought to our work and personal lives. We all appreciate the light at the end of the tunnel that is in sight.

Since January 2021, the Local 18S business agents have negotiated and ratified the following contracts:

- 1111 Superior Avenue
- Optima One Cleveland Center
- Cuyahoga County Sanitary
- New Dairy Ohio dba Borden
- Willow Island Plant of Solvay

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

With the roll-out of the vaccines to combat COVID-19 still in its infancy, companies and employees are still very hesitant about going back to their offices to work, and in some cases, companies have changed their business model all together. We are starting to see building occupancies rise, but only slightly. 2021 will be a busy year for Local 18S business agents and our members. Wages and healthcare costs remain the main topics at the bargaining table, with the effects of COVID-19 still lingering.

One group of stationary engineers that Local 18S represents is employed by Jones Lang LaSalle, working in four separate locations in and around Cleveland at PNC Bank main locations. Currently, there are 17 Local 18S members working in four classifications of chief engineer, stationary engineer, maintenance mechanic, and maintenance mechanic assistant. All together, they maintain the approximate 1.4 million square foot-

age of building space. The members are in charge of all aspects of heating and cooling, maintenance, including work such as lock-sets, carpentry, and light electrical, as well as coordinating all subcontractor work that is needed in the buildings and annual testing that is required for life safety.

Another group of stationary engineers represented by Local 18S is employed at Hepner Air Filter. Currently, there are six members employed at the family-owned company that opened its doors in 1949 by Ray Hepner. The members work all facets, including cleaning used air filters as they come in, fabrication of specialty filters, going out on site for delivery, installation of filters, and maintenance of equipment relating to the filtration systems.

In the beginning, the company's main focus was as a cleaning service for panel-type grease and air filters. The tried-and-true philosophy of providing excellent customer service has once again served well. Now, 72 years later, Hepner Air Service Inc. is owned and operated by Ray's grandson, Eric Hepner, and is a worldwide supplier and manufacturer of quality engineering filtration products and has a very well-respected reputation in the industry.

Throughout the years, Hepner has diversified not only with air filters, but also filters for gas, chemical, and liquid applications. With well over 125,000 filters in stock for various products, including fuel, HEPA, hospital grade, food processing, welding, foundries, and painting industries, just to name a few. Again, keeping the customer in mind, Hepner now has the ability to recycle air filters, which can clean existing air filters, giving them a 99% efficiency rating for less than half the price of a new air filter.

In closing, we would like to thank President Thomas P. Byers and Business Manager Richard E. Dalton for their support of the Stationary Department and Local 18.



CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Boyce for 25-years of service in the City of Painesville.



OFFICE Specialist for OhioHealth – Glouster, is Kathy Gilden.

Shops



Ronald Krohn, Jr.

which includes customer work, rentals, and

Brothers and Sisters, it would seem that we are moving in a positive direction in our equipment shops. Our membership is slowly increasing. Our equipment shops are adjusting to the CDC guidelines for the safety of our membership while seeking out work across the state,

total rebuilds.

Ohio CAT has finished a new facility in Perrysburg and is looking for technicians in that region. Work is also increasing for our other shop contractors. If you know of any technicians who wish to seek employment through our shops, please have them contact our local district offices.

The 2021 contract renewal schedule is as follows: Ohio CAT Western, United Rentals, W.W. Williams, Ohio CAT Eastern, Sunbelt Rentals Ontario, Sunbelt Rentals Findlay, Cummins, and RECO Equipment Parts Department. We look forward to getting

together with the contractors to negotiate on behalf of the membership.

Thank you to the stewards for their dedication and time upholding the Agreements. The statewide stewards' meeting has been postponed until later in the year due to COVID-19. It is always a well-attended meeting, and we look forward to seeing everyone there. You will be notified when it is rescheduled.

I would like to thank Business Manager Richard E. Dalton and President Thomas P. Byers for their continued leadership and support for Local 18 and the membership.

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Fringe



Carol Wilson

We hope that you and your family are staying healthy as we enter the summer months.

For the current fiscal year, the Health and Welfare Plan Trustees continue to see medical trends rising by 7% each year. However, the total claims paid to Medical Mutual of Ohio and Caremark

are running slightly behind what was paid at this time last year. This is primarily due to people postponing regular medical appointments and elective procedures due to the pandemic. Now that the COVID-19 vaccination is readily available, we hope to see more participants scheduling their regular doctor appointments and annual exams.

The Health and Welfare Plan Trustees are continuing to offer free health screenings to eligible members and spouses through Life Line Screening. Please call Life Line Screening to make an appointment at a location, date, and time that is convenient for you. If you have not received a voucher in the mail for your free screening, please contact the Fringe Benefit Office. Participants who complete the screenings will receive a \$25 CVS gift card in the mail from the Health and Welfare Plan.

Make the most of your coverage. Keep in mind that your coverage administered by Medical Mutual includes many resources and tools to help you stay healthy and manage your healthcare plan. Log in to My Health Plan, a secure member website, to access the status of your deductible and co-insurance, view your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements, search for in-network pro-

viders, hospitals, and facilities to maximize your benefits, and find the care you need. You can also learn about wellness programs and preventive care and connect to the Bravo wellness portal to check out recipes, interactive fitness challenges, online courses, and videos.

If you do not have a My Health Plan account, you can register by visiting MedMutual.com/Member and clicking on register for an account. Be sure to have your Medical Mutual ID number handy to create your account.

The Pension Fund has rebounded nicely following a volatile period at this time last year. The trustees and fund professionals never stray from continually monitoring the markets and environment to ensure that benefits will be available for retirees and active members in the future. The net assets of the Pension Fund were more than \$3 billion at the time this article was published, and the Fund is paying out \$13.2 million monthly, or \$158.4 million annually, to 7,433 retirees and surviving spouses.

The Education and Safety Fund scholarship program continues to provide training and educational opportunities for Local 18 members and their qualified dependents. The Education and Safety Fund had paid out more than \$860,000 in educational benefits during the current academic year.

For the 2021–2022 academic year that begins June 1st, the Education and Safety Fund Trustees have awarded \$3 million in scholarships to 887 eligible applicants. Of these applicants, 170 were granted industry-related awards for members and dependents pursuing an education in the construction industry. In addition, the trustees selected five dependent children of Local 18 members to be awarded a special scholarship for essays

they wrote explaining why they are pursuing an education in a construction-related field. These recipients will be recognized at the Semi-Annual State Membership Meeting in Columbus, Ohio on Sunday, June 27, 2021.

It is our pleasure to serve the members and families of Local 18. Please continue to work safely and stay healthy throughout the summer, and please contact the Fringe Benefit Office if you have any questions regarding your benefits.

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RETIREE CALENDAR

JUNE

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

JULY

- 14** District 6 Retiree Picnic, D-6 Union Hall, 12:00 Noon
- 15** District 2 mtg.
- 21** District 6 Board mtg., D-6 Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- 22** District 1 mtg.
- 28** District 4/5 mtg.

Retiree luncheon meetings return in July.

Timothy Fadel, Attorney

The following is an updated report of activities regarding pending cases with Local 18 and its members since my last report in January 2021.

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

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

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

Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to assign bargaining unit work to an employee from Indiana that is not a member of the Union. An Arbitrator was selected, a hearing was held, and post hearing briefs were submitted. The Arbitrator issued an Opinion & Award affirming the Union's grievance in its entirety. Recently, the Union was able to determine the amount and proper apportionment of damages resulting in additional back-pay for members of the bargaining unit.

LOCAL 18 v. ISRAEL SWORD (DOE Complaint):

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

LOCAL 18 v. ISRAEL SWORD (ULP): In addition to his Complaint with the DOE. Mr. Sword also filed a ULP charge with the NLRB alleging a breach of the Union's duty of fair representation. Recently, the Board issued a Complaint alleging that Local 18 breached its duty of fair representation. The Union has denied all wrongdoing and is defending the matter at a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge

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

Union Steward Harold Rainer filed a grievance challenging the employer's method of determining annual production bonuses for the bargaining unit. An arbitrator was selected, a hearing was held, and post-hearing briefs were submitted. Recently, the Arbitrator issued an



Opinion & Award granting, in part, the Union's grievance and awarding every member of the bargaining unit an additional lump sum payment.

LOCAL 18 v. HEIDI REAMS: Former Union employee Heidi Reams filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") alleging that she was terminated due to a disability. The Union has denied all wrongdoing and participated in the EEOC's investigatory process. Recently, the EEOC ceased processing the charge and provided Ms. Reams with a six (6) month window to pursue a claim in court.

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

Local 18 member Steven Hank filed a charge with Ohio Civil Rights Commission ("OCRC") alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct. That case was eventually litigated in federal and state court. After extended litigation, Mr. Hank voluntarily dismissed his claims. Recently, Mr. Hank refiled his Complaint in state court. The Union has once again denied all wrongdoing and is once again vigorously defending that claim.

LOCAL 18/Nate Muhammed v. NORTH-EAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

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

LOCAL 18 v. DEBORAH BEHELER (ULP I):

Union member Deborah Beheler filed an unfair labor practice charge with the NLRB alleging that Local 18 refused to process her grievance for arbitrary or discriminatory reasons and operated its hiring hall in an arbitrary, discriminatory and/or bad faith manner. The Union has denied all wrongdoing and is participating in the Board's investigatory process.

LOCAL 18 v. DEBORAH BEHELER (ULP II):

Union member Deborah Beheler filed a second unfair labor practice charge with the NLRB alleging that Local 18 again operated its hiring hall in an arbitrary, discriminatory and/or bad faith manner. The Union has again denied all wrongdoing and is again participating in the Board's investigatory process.

LOCAL 18 v. ALAN STONE, INC.:

The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's use of a non-signatory subcontractor. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement reached between the Union and the OCA. The employer, however, has refused to comply with that settlement. As a result, the Union was forced to file a Petition in federal court to confirm and enforce the settlement award.

LOCAL 18 v. 1100 SUPERIOR, INC.:

The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to refrain from paying overtime for certain assignments. The matter has since been referred to arbitration. An arbitrator has been selected and a hearing date is being scheduled.

LOCAL 18 v. INFRA SOURCE (Grievance):

The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to end a Union member's employment. An arbitrator has been selected and we are in the process of selecting a hearing date.

LOCAL 18 v. BORDEN DAIRY CO. (ULP):

During negotiations for a new CBA, the employer utilized various dilatory and bad faith tactics. The Union filed a series of unfair labor practice charges with the NLRB challenging the employer's unlawful actions. The employer immediately ceased their unlawful behavior and the charges have been withdrawn provided the parties are able to reach a final agreement on a CBA.

LOCAL 18/Bernard Gray v. CUYAHOGA MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY:

The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to terminate a Union member's employment. We are in the process of selecting an arbitrator.

LOCAL 18 v. SOFIDEL AMERICA. (ULP):

During negotiations for a first CBA, the employer provided annual bonuses and benefits to all employees except Local 18 members. The Union has filed a charge with the NLRB alleging that the employer's actions are an attempt to discourage membership in the Union. The Board is currently investigating the matter.

District 1 — Cleveland



Tom Perevosnik



Jack Klopman II



Jacob Siesel



Robert Park, Jr.



**John Capek, Jr.,
Organizer**

District One is busy as the work season progresses, with many large projects keeping our members working.

In Cuyahoga County, north of I-480 and west of I-271, NES Corp is milling on East 65th St. in Cleveland and crushing asphalt on West 3rd St. in Cleveland. The Ruhlin Company is building a new pedestrian bridge in the North Coast Harbor and bridge repairs on I-90 at East 140th and East 152nd Streets. Baumann Enterprises has vacant structures demo on West 25th St. in Cleveland. Nerone is working on cleaning out the Doan Valley Brooke for the NEORSD and building a new pump station on Dille Rd. in Cleveland. Agworx and Hydracrete are working on the new Hebrew Academy on Warrensville Rd. in Warrensville Heights. Agworx also has some interior demolition for Brinks on Oakleaf Parkway in Valley View. Beaver Excavating, Midwest Equipment, and Gem are putting in a new iron ore conveyor system for the Port of Cleveland. ALL Crane is assembling a new Gantry for the Great Lakes Shipyard. Triad Engineering has storm sewer repairs on Castle Ave. in Cleveland. S.E.T. Inc. is replacing the storm sewer on Stearns Rd. in Cleveland.

Chieftain and Keller International are on Cloverleaf Parkway in Valley View, building the new Ferguson Distribution Center. Also, they are performing site work for the new Lincoln Apartments on Scranton Rd. in Cleveland with Keller International and Howards Concrete on site. Roberts Pipeline is performing anomaly digs on East 49th St. in Cleveland Heights. J. D. Williamson is making bridge repairs on Grayton Rd. over I-480 in Cleveland. Northeast Ohio Trenching has some sewer repairs at the University Heights Shaker campus. The Doan Valley Storage Tunnel is ongoing in University Circle and is being constructed by McNally/Kiewit DVT JV and Northstar Contracting. The Westerly Storage Tunnel has many members busy with Jay Dee Obayashi along with subcontractors Northstar Contracting, Maxim Crane, Marra Services, and Michels Foundation Corp. F. Buddie has some concrete repairs for Saint Christopher Church on Detroit Rd. in Rocky River.

Ronyak and Catts Construction are working on resurfacing West 14th St. in Cleveland. SiteTech Construction is demoing the Euclid Central Middle School and returning the property to the Cleveland Metroparks. Chagrin Valley Paving is making bridge repairs

Kokosing Construction continues work at the Euclid Wastewater Treatment Plant on the clarifier tanks. Kokosing Construction is also working on major repairs at the Lakewood Wastewater Treatment Plant and ongoing

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on the Scranton Rd. bridge over I-90. Independence Excavating is working on a new towpath to connect the Tremont Neighborhoods. It's being called the University Carter Towpath. Independence Excavating is also replacing the bridge over the railroad tracks on Memphis in Brooklyn.



BUILDING a new pedestrian bridge in the North Coast Harbor in Cleveland is Ruhlin.

District 2 — Toledo



Brett LaFaso



Kipton Siesel



Ismael Gutierrez, Jr.



Jerid Donley



**John Townes,
Organizer**

Ohio CAT, the authorized and exclusive Caterpillar Dealer in Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and South-eastern Indiana, has completed construction of its newest building project in Perrysburg, Ohio. Having successfully hit their target move-in date of March 29, 2021, the focus now changes to

District 2 has seen some major building projects, such as the \$800M expansion at the NorthStar Blue Scope Steel Plant in Delta. This project has provided many operating engineers with good work hours. Still, highway work is the staple of our industry that will provide consistent work hours far into the foreseeable future. Being proficient on equipment utilized on highway projects is a way to insulate yourselves from market instability like what we saw last year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Many building projects were either shut down, delayed, or scaled back to the point that operating engineers who've done mostly this type of work have seen one of the slowest years in recent memory. In contrast, highway work continued without so much as a slowdown. Attend your training sites to brush up on your current skills and attain new skills. May you have a safe and prosperous work season.

Here are some of the projects happening in District 2:

Degan Excavating is currently finishing up work on the O.B. Frails subdivision improvement project in Allen County. Several operating engineers kept busy these past handfuls of months installing over 18,000 feet of 12-, 15-, 18- and 24-inch storm sewer pipe. They also installed 68 new catch basins, 58-yard drains, cleaned approximately 1,300 LF of ditch, as well as 5,900 LF of storm sewer.

Shelly is currently finishing up work on the I-75 major reconstruction project in Beavertown. This project addressed two major issues: merging traffic onto I-75 southbound and tractor trailer rollover issues. To correct the merging issues from Beavertown onto I-75 southbound, ODOT increased the length of the merging lane onto I-75 southbound. This gives motorists more time to find an opening and merge more fluidly into traffic. To address the tractor trailer rollover issue, ODOT increased the superelevation, or banking, of the sweeping curve in both the north- and southbound sections of I-75 just south of Beavertown. This, along with a slight re-alignment of the curve, should greatly reduce the

number of roll-over incidents on this section of I-75.

M&B Asphalt is resurfacing U.S. Rt. 23 from Fostoria south past U.S. Rt. 224/U.S. Rt. 23 intersection, BCC-Ohio reworked some culverts, Ebony Construction performed the milling, Smith Paving & Excavating installed the curbs and ramps, Miller Cable installed signal loop and Lake Erie Construction will install the guardrail, raised pavement markers, and seeding. Once construction is completed, BOCA will install the rumble strips, and Dot Diamond will profile the roadway if needed. This project has a projected completion of late fall 2021.

getting unpacked and finding the best way to utilize the space. The nearly 40-acre property off of Eckel Junction Rd. in Perrysburg, consisting of The Ohio CAT Rental Store and Northern Ohio Peterbilt, all on one campus, lights up like an airport in the night sky. The complex consists of a 65,250 sq. ft. building including shop space, a parts warehouse, and office space for Ohio CAT's machine sales, rental, and administrative personnel. Other equipment-related work will be done in an impressive 8,300 sq. ft. wash building with its own office and breakroom and a 5,940 sq. ft. cold storage structure. Also, Northern Ohio

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PROVIDING crane and rigging support for the U.S. Coast Guard in Toledo is Capital City Crane.

District 3 — Columbus



Robert Hughes



Chad Creeks



Garold Baker



Brent McCarty



Frank Uhl II



**Jeremy Hinkle,
Organizer**

Despite the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, work being done by Operating Engineers in District 3 presses on. Kokosing Construction has several operators on their two ODOT projects in downtown Columbus. The first is the "2-E" project, where I-70 and I-71 intersect. It's a major reconstruction/realignment with cast in place and MSE retaining walls. There were multiple bridge demos with new, redesigned replacements, which include the flipping of Parsons Ave. from an overpass to an underpass. Subcontractors have included U.S. Utilities Contractor Co., Lake Erie Construction, Turn-Key Tunneling, Capital City Group Crane Rental, Danbert, KD Complete Clearing, Miller Cable, M P Dory Co., and Phenix Stabilization. The second project is the Broad St./I-71 Columbus Crossroads. This project includes reconstructing the Broad Street Bridge over I-71, the elimination of entrance and exit ramps, lane additions, and retaining walls. Subcontractors include M P Dory Co., Complete General Construction, Armstrong Steel, Paul Peterson Company, and West Fairfield Inc.

Shelly & Sands continues their work on I-71, south of I-70. This three-year project has gone well, keeping several Operating Engineers busy with day and night shifts. Work includes lane additions, interchange reconfigurations, and the reconstructing of fifteen bridges. Subcontractors include The Ruhlin Company, Complete General Construction, Lionel Construction, Lake Erie Construction, Capital City Group Crane Rental, and KD Complete Clearing. Finish paving continues, and the project should be completed this summer.

Work at The Ohio State University is absolutely booming with multiple major projects, including the expansion of the Wexner Medical Center main hospital, the new OSU/ Nationwide Children's Hospital Ambulatory Center, an animal research center, a large greenhouse, and an additional steam/power plant. It was announced that there are four to five additional projects slated to start this year. The George J. Igel & Co. has had several projects on the OSU campus this season. They also have the site work for the Hilton Hotel/

Columbus Convention Center expansion. When completed, this Hilton will be Columbus' first 1,000-room hotel. Donley Concrete, Maxim Crane, Goettle, and McDaniel's Construction are subcontractors.

At the new Columbus Crew Soccer Stadium, several contractors have multiple operators busy. They include George J. Igel Co., Goettle, Kokosing, McDaniel's Construction, *continued on page 25*



SETTING precast walls at Project Mustang in New Albany, Franklin County is ALL Crane.

District 4/5 — Franklin



Jeff Powell



Jason Baker



Justin Gabbard



Michael Young



Tony James



**Thomas Ross,
Organizer**

As the winter months got behind us and the warmer weather approached, work in the district picked up quickly. Several projects remained to be finished from last season that the winter weather had shut down late last year. This gave an early start to many of our members for district recalls and many new dispatches as well. Many new projects were awarded last year and in the first quarter of this year that gave many employment opportunities as well. The projects varied from water main and sanitary sewer replacement to upgrades to a furnace rebuild at the steel mill. Even in the ugly weather, we had several crews that were brave enough to work outside and managed to get time in between the snow and ice storms.

Northwestern Counties

The Shelly Company kicked off their 2021 asphalt paving with an overlay project at the Indian Lake State Park. Shelly milled over 1,000 sq. yards of existing asphalt and laid 5,900 tons of new asphalt to complete this project. The Shelly Company also has begun the asphalt resurfacing project in Celina. This project will consist of overlaying a mutable number of streets throughout the city. In Champaign County, A&B Asphalt has completed a project on Runkle and Heck Hill Rds. The existing shoulders were widened 2 feet and filled with base asphalt that allowed the surface asphalt to be laid, giving each lane of traffic more room in this rural area. The Shelly Company is working on State Routes 29 and 296 in Champaign County on an asphalt overlay project. J. Milling was on the project in May milling 9,000 sq. yds. of the old pavement. Upon completing the milling, The Shelly Company then placed over 19,000 tons of intermediate and surface asphalt. To the west in the City of Sidney, Barrett paving will start the 2021 asphalt resurfacing project. Welfle will be milling over 400,000 sq. yards for this job, and Blue Ridge Custom Sweeping will perform the sweeping of asphalt millings. After the streets are swept, Barrett Paving will lay 39,000 tons of surface asphalt. In Clark County, on S.R. 235 just

north of New Carlisle, Barrett Paving has laid over 7,500 tons of asphalt. Blue Ridge Custom Sweeping was on site in the spring to perform the power sweeping. Also, in Clark County, Kinnison Excavating is working for the City of Springfield on a water service replacement project. On this job, Kinnison will replace 320 existing lead pipe services with new 3/4-inch copper lines and will also upgrade the water meters. On I-75 in Springfield, John R. Jurgensen continues with an interstate widening project. Over the past few months, the company has moved 30,000 yards of dirt and installed six new MSE walls. John R. Jurgensen has installed a new sound barrier wall that consisted of 139 drilled shaft foundations, along with 400 panels that were set to complete this part of the project. Working for John R. Jurgensen, Double Z is rebuilding three bridges on this project. Throughout the spring, Capital City Crane has been on site setting the beams for Double Z on the bridges. In early spring, Mt. Carmel Stabili-

zation had cement stabilized the new road base, and then John R. Jurgensen had followed with the gravel base in preparation for the new asphalt. In July, John R. Jurgensen will be flipping traffic on this project to allow for the final phase of work to start. On I-75 in Miami County, Barrett Paving is working on an asphalt resurfacing project. BOCA will be milling the existing surface as a subcontractor, and Barrett Paving will lay the new asphalt. After the 7,200 tons of asphalt are laid, BOCA will return to mill in new rumble strips on this project. Great Lakes continues with the new Taxiway project at the Darke County Airport, and Donegal Construction, as a subcontractor, milled over 10,000 sq. yards of the existing asphalt early this spring. Great Lakes then laid stone for the new 4,500-foot taxiway, and Ebony Construction will be on site over the summer laying a total of 7,000 tons of asphalt. In Montgomery County, several contractors are busy with ODOT projects. In

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HDD DRILLING in Northern Kentucky is Aaron Enterprises.

District 6 — Akron



Joe Casto



Darrin Morgan



Preston Yuzwa



Thomas Larkins



Brad Marshall

In District 6, the first half of 2021 has shown a lot of promise. Highway Heavy work seems to be abundant and in full swing. After a slow 2020, we look forward to ODOT continuing to bid and award work to our contractors.

In **Ashland County**, Shelly & Sands has the minor widening project on U.S. Rt. 30 near Mifflin. Blackhorse Bridge Construction is busy replacing a bridge and culvert on S.R. 302. Trucco Construction is finishing up their portion of work at the new apartment complex in Ashland. Fechko Excavating is also busy with site work on another apartment complex in Ashland. Nick Kostecki Excavating has kept a few operators busy moving dirt at the new Hillsdale High School off U.S. Rt. 30.

In **Richland County**, Kokosing is busy with the 2021 City Streets Paving Program for Lexington, Shelby, and Mansfield. Beaver Excavating has the new cell construction at the Rumpke Landfill in Shiloh. Smith Paving and Excavating is busy with the Cook Rd. sidewalk program in Mansfield. Shelly & Sands has several operators continuing work on the U.S. Rt. 30 major reconstruction project in Mansfield. Sarver Paving is working all around the

county on township road resurfacing. Rising Son Excavating has the Hollywood Lane culvert replacement project. Elite Excavating is busy with storm sewer upgrades on Maple, Bennett, and Westwood Roads. Stein Inc. is keeping about 20 operators busy working the pits and processing slag at the AK Steel Plant in Mansfield.

In **Wayne County**, Stanley Miller Construction is keeping several operators busy at the West Salem Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project. Rising Son Excavating is continuing work on the Lincoln Street water line project in Wooster. Bogner Construction is busy all over Wooster with renovation projects at the College of Wooster and Wooster High School, as well as the intermediate school. Kokosing picked up the 2021 Wooster Streets Paving Program. Bogner Construction is wrapping up their portion of the Daisy Plant expansion. Stanley Miller Construction is at the Mt. Eaton Wastewater Treatment Plant working on processing upgrades.

In **Stark County**, the Shelly Company has the intersection reconstruction on S.R. 619 in

Hartville. Beaver Excavating is staying busy with the U.S. Rt. 30 major reconstruction project in Canton. Stein Inc. is keeping several operators busy processing slag and handling scrap at the Republic Steel mill in Canton. Wenger Excavating has Canton City sewer upgrade

projects all across the city. Beaver Constructors is busy building the new Canton South Intermediate School. Shelly is keeping several operators busy on the reconstruction of the Portage Street corridor in North Canton as well as the 2021 Canton City Streets resurfacing program.

Beaver Excavating has the site work at the Pro Football Hall of Fame with McTech and Perk Construction doing the concrete work. Stanley Miller Construction has the bridge remediation project on Faircrest St. in Canton. Shelly has the water line replacement project on Cleveland Ave. in Canton. Wenger Excavating is finishing up the site work at the new Loves truck stop on Shuffel Rd. in North Canton. Eclipse Excavating has picked up the slide repair on I-77 as well as the two-lane resurfacing on S.R. 687. Edw. C. Levy continues to keep several members working at the Timken Faircrest Plant hauling scrap and processing slag. Stanley Miller Construction is busy with the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades for the City of Louisville. Canton Erectors and Barnhart Crane both continue keeping many

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BUSY for Shelly & Sands on the U.S. Rt. 30 project in Mansfield is Rob Hammond.



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

About IUOE (taken from IUOE's website):

Founded in 1896, IUOE today has approximately 400,000 members in 123 local unions throughout the United States and Canada. IUOE is the 10th largest union in the AFL-CIO. Over 100 state-of-the-art training and apprenticeship programs ensure that IUOE members are the safest, most productive, and highly skilled craft workers.

Local 18's Mission (taken from Local 18's website):

Local 18's mission is to maintain and improve the employment opportunities and security of our members by providing state-of-the-art training, protecting and securing work, and providing quality healthcare, pension and other benefits, thereby *maintaining an unparalleled reputation of our membership in the workplace.*

The number of members and number of local unions is impressive, and each and every one of you, I'm sure, is proud to be a part of such a union and be members of Local 18 with their strong mission. If you ever wonder why the importance of drug and alcohol testing and Local 18's drug/alcohol rehabilitation



program, the two italicized portions of the sentences above make it quite clear why it is so important.

A drug-free workforce is bound to be

safer, more productive, and higher-skilled. It is written into our agreements that all workers on the job sites or work areas are subject to random or massive drug screening. Also, any worker involved in an on-the-job accident or whose behavior raises reasonable suspicion of drug and/or alcohol use while on the job will be required to test for drugs and/or alcohol.

***A drug-free workforce
is bound to be safer,
more productive,
and higher-skilled.***

If you aren't aware, any positive test, adulterated test, and/or refusal to test makes someone not eligible to register, train, and work within Local 18's jurisdiction until they have successfully completed Local 18's drug/alcohol rehabilitation program. Continuation of a problem on the job sites, any positive drug and/or alcohol test result after the second rehabilitation procedure, leaves workers permanently barred from registering on the Local 18 referral. Don't let that be you! Local 18 needs good operators.

New deal infrastructure projects changed America

Some observers have drawn historical parallels between major infrastructure projects done during President Franklin Roosevelt's 'New Deal' (designed to lift the U.S. out of the Great Depression) and the recent infrastructure plan proposed by President Biden (designed to help the U.S. rebound from the COVID-19 Pandemic). According to an article by Becky Little on the *history.com* website, many of the New Deal projects "remain part of the U.S. landscape"—and nine in particular "show how transformative the New Deal was for America."

1. Hoover Dam – Located in the Colorado River's Black Canyon, on the border between Nevada and Arizona, today it generates enough hydroelectric power per year to serve 1.3 million people.
2. Triborough Bridge – The finished bridge connects the boroughs of Manhattan, the Bronx and Queens.
3. San Antonio River Walk – The City of San Antonio built bridges and pathways that made the area more walkable and allowed businesses to move into the area. Today, the River Walk is a major commercial and tourist hub for the city.



4. LaGuardia Airport – The New Deal "Works Progress Administration (WPA) funded the construction or improvement of roughly 800 airports, and one of the biggest ones the WPA helped build was LaGuardia Airport in Queens, New York.
5. Chickamauga Dam – New Deal legislation created a public corporation to improve the Tennessee Valley. Before the dam's completion in 1940, the surrounding region frequently suffered from expensive

flood damage and mosquito-borne illnesses like malaria and yellow fever. By controlling the river's water levels, the dam has prevented billions of dollars in flood damage. It also helped reduce mosquito populations in order to fight the diseases they spread.

6. Lincoln Tunnel – This project allowed drivers to travel between New York and New Jersey under the Hudson River
7. New Orleans City Park – This construction likely provided work to tens of thousands of people during the Great Depression, and also benefited residents by providing them with an improved public space.
8. Bay Bridge – The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened in 1936 -- with its eight-mile span, the Bay Bridge was at that time the longest bridge in the world.
9. Arroyo Seco Parkway – The New Deal was also responsible for the first freeway, which connected Los Angeles to Pasadena. The freeway opened to traffic between 1938 and 1940, and reduced travel time between L.A. and Pasadena from 27 to 12 minutes.

Busy work season leads to a busy shop season

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ON THE JOB for Cummins Cleveland is Alex Marrer.



BUSY for Ohio CAT – Troy is Location Emergency Vehicle Technician Jeff Dietrich.



WORKING for United Rentals Perrysburg is Justin Carpenter.



KEEPING busy for W.W. Williams – Brunswick is Katherine Tatum.



ON THE JOB for Ohio CAT – Washington Court House, are (l-r) Seth Leasure, Monty Dittman, Jayson Lodwick and Shane St. John.



RISING to new heights with United Rentals Perrysburg is Joseph Burdge.



WORKING for Ohio CAT – Troy is Robert Hymes.

Offshore wind companies and labor unions could benefit from partnerships

According to a recent article by Margaret Jackson and Maria Castillo on *atlanticcouncil.org* – the website of the Atlantic Council, a nonpartisan organization that galvanizes U.S. leadership and engagement in the world, in partnership with allies and partners, to shape solutions to global challenges – President Biden’s plans to “jumpstart” the offshore wind industry in the United States could benefit the wind industry, organized labor, and the ‘green’ recovery.

“The White House just released a plan to ‘jumpstart’ the offshore wind industry in the United States, as one of the major catalysts to fulfill the campaign promise to boost the energy transition and create ten million clean energy jobs in the process. Within the first week of his presidency, President Biden issued an executive order that outlined jobs as a central pillar to developing clean energy. His administration is adamant that a sustainable energy transition and his ‘Build Back Better’ plan must support job creation and specifically, union labor,” wrote Jackson and Castillo.

“Offshore wind is especially well-positioned to fit this mission for reasons beyond its growth potential and role in decarbonization. Due to offshore wind’s labor-intensive manufacturing, transport, and operation, abundant job opportunities exist across all wage levels and aspects of the offshore wind development and deployment value chain. As the United States faces an economic crisis that has cut employment in the national workforce at a devastating rate, especially for Black, Latino, and women workers, offshore wind expansion could provide job opportunities for those communities hit hardest by the pandemic and set the country on a path to economic recovery,” the authors wrote.

“Unions and offshore wind companies both derive respective benefits from working together and such a partnership could serve as an influential example in the development of other opportunities for union work across the clean energy sector, which has received skepticism from labor groups due to lower wages and unionization rates. As the offshore wind industry matures in the United States, the benefits will extend as far as steel manufacturers in Kentucky to ship builders in the Gulf of Mexico,” wrote Jackson and Castillo.

“As companies in sectors across the country establish and embrace clean energy goals, an important trend is developing: unions are moving forward with union-company agreements for the first time. Such partnerships can ensure opportunities for union labor, provide necessary skills train-



“...offshore wind expansion could provide job opportunities for those communities hit hardest by the pandemic and set the country on a path to economic recovery.”

ing, set high safety standards, and promote a more diverse workforce,” the article continued – citing as one example, the Labor Energy Partnership, chaired by Ernest Moniz, former Secretary of Energy and current President of the Energy Futures Initiative, and Richard Trumka, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), which is working to create a pipeline for union workers to enter the offshore wind sector and ensure they earn a just and living wage. According to the article, other union labor and offshore

wind company partnerships at different stages of the supply chain are already showing signs of success – such as a partnership in Virginia with Dominion Energy and three labor unions—the Virginia State Building and Construction Trades Council, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and the Laborers International Union of North America Mid-Atlantic Region.

“For these partnerships between offshore wind companies and labor unions to move forward and bring more economic and employment opportunities to local communities, governmental entities must create pathways through ambitious legislation and regulation. Many offshore wind companies currently are stuck in the permitting process and eager to get their projects started along the coastal states. Serious momentum to grow renewable energy, and especially offshore wind capacity, is building at the federal, state, and local levels. Labor unions and offshore wind companies are ready to propel the country to meet its clean energy goals while providing well-paid work to Americans along the way,” concluded the authors.

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OPERATING an excavator for DRS Enterprises at Bradstreet's Landing in Rocky River is Joe Salvatore.



OPERATING a concrete pump truck for Cleveland Cement on Lake Rd. in Bay Village is Casey Riley.

tank work and upgrades at the Nottingham Wastewater Treatment Plant.

KMU Trucking and Excavating is performing site work for new condos along Lake Rd. in Rocky River and replacing a pump station on East 72nd St. in Cleveland. DRS Enterprises and Huffman Equipment and Contracting are performing site work for the new Bradstreet's Landing fishing pier on Lake Rd. in Rocky River. Marous Brothers Construction, Donley's, and Keller North America are performing site work for the new Waterford Bluffs apartment complex on West 20th St. in Cleveland. Marous Brothers Construction also has site work for new condos along Franklin Ave. in Cleveland and

West 20th St. in Cleveland.

Kokosing Construction is working on Phase 3 of the Opportunity Corridor in conjunction with Independence Excavating. Kokosing Construction is also widening out Mastick Rd. in Fairview Park. Kokosing has various plant upgrades at the Lakewood Wastewater Treatment Plant on Big Creek Parkway in Lakewood, the Nottingham Wastewater Treatment Plant on Chardon Rd. in Cleveland, and the Euclid Wastewater Treatment Plant on Euclid Ave. in Euclid.

Great Lakes Construction has the new pump station for the Westerly Storage Tunnel. Great Lakes Construction, with help from ALL Crane, is also working on the Wendy

Park Connector, which connects River Rd. over to Whiskey Island Drive. Great Lakes Construction also has bridge deck repairs on West 44th St. over I-90 in Cleveland.

Terrace Construction is working on valve and hydrant repairs throughout the City of Cleveland, sewer work on Harborview in Cleveland, and Almar Drive in Shaker Heights, and the water line on Avalon Drive in Rocky River and Shannon Rd. in Cleveland Heights.

Walsh Construction is getting ready to pour deck on the I-480 Union Workers Memorial Bridge on the eastbound side. Once that is complete, they will move on to re-decking the westbound side. Shelly & Sands is making bridge repairs on Valley Parkway in Cleveland at Lorain Rd., I-90 and I-480. Miller Cable is replacing electrical conduit on North Marginal in Cleveland.

Delta Railroad, Railwork's, and Cook are making track repairs for RTA under Tower City in Cleveland. Cook Construction is performing site work for the new Cleveland Community Center on East 66th St. in Cleveland.

Marra Services is making various plant upgrades at the Westerly Sewage Plant. Amroc Construction has water line repairs on Prospect Ave. in Cleveland. Sitetech is working on an addition to the City of Rocky River Municipal Building on Hilliard Blvd. with International Resource Group working on the concrete.

At West 25th St. and Lorain, ALL Crane, Chieftain, Cleveland Cement, Howards Concrete, Hydracrete Concrete Pumping, Berkshire Construction, Precision Engineering and Contracting, Perk Construction, and

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PERFORMING various plant operations for Allied/Stoneco on West 3rd St. in Cleveland is George Hatcher.



WORKING for Smith Paving doing road repairs on U.S. Rt. 20 in Monroeville are Sean McFadden on the skid steer and Al Roeder on the excavator.

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Michels Foundation Corp. are performing site work for a new nine-story wood frame apartment/condo complex with shops along the lower level.

Fabrizi Trucking & Paving is working on the Burke Brooke Interceptor on East 49th St. in Newburgh Heights and replacing the water main along Broadway Rd. in Garfield Heights. Catts Construction is replacing storm sewer along West 70th St. in Cleveland. Schirmer is building a new pad for Mulberry's on Mulberry Ave. in Cleveland. Don Wartko Construction, ASW Pipeline LLC., 1127 Construction, JAC Drilling, Vallejo Company, SJS & Sons, H. M. Miller, and InfraSource are busy with distribution and maintenance gas line projects throughout Cuyahoga County. Work at Arcelor Mittal is keeping our members busy working for Stein, Matt Construction, Kelley Steel Erectors, Bulk Transport, and KT-Grant.

Work in southern Cuyahoga County continues with ongoing projects. Karvo has the Pearl Rd. reconstruction in Parma Heights and Parma, working on the last phase of the project. Terrace has the water line replacement on Brookdale, Grovewood, and Fortune Avenues in Parma. Fabrizi has the box culvert on Royalton Rd. in Strongsville. Independence Excavating has the electrical tower demolition on Hillside Rd. in Independence. Miller Pipeline has the gas line replacement on Park, Center, and Stanfield Drives in Parma. Sitetech has the demolition of the old North Royalton High School. Union Industrial Contractors is replacing two culverts on Briar Hill Drive in Solon.

In western Cuyahoga County, Mike Coates Construction is building a new senior center



DIGGING up water services on Foster Ave. in Elyria for Speer Brothers is Kenny Craig.

at the Westlake Recreation Center in Westlake. InfraSource is replacing gas main on Center Ridge Rd. in Westlake. Cioffi Construction has the gas line restoration work on Crocker Rd. in Westlake. Donley's is constructing a retirement home addition on John Rd. in Olmsted Township. Allsite Construction has the site work for a storage building on Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted.

Great Lakes Construction has the building project at the Ashtabula Aqua Water Treatment Plant, and they also have a building project at the Willoughby Wastewater Treatment Plant. ASW Pipeline is replacing gas main line with over 70 services at Geneva-on-the-Lake. DB Bentley has the sewer



OPERATING a rough terrain forklift for 21st Century Salvage on Sawmill Pkwy. in Huron is Lynette Fields.



DIGGING sewer for Fechko Excavating on Highland Dr. in Lodi are Guy Hansen on the excavator and Roger Kilgore on the loader.

project on Mentor Ave. in Mentor. They also have the water line project on Lake Ave. in Ashtabula. Ruhlin has the bridge project on U.S. Rt. 422 over the Cuyahoga River. Vallejo is replacing 12-inch gas main line on U.S. Rt. 20 in Conneaut. Chagrin Valley Paving has the road project on S.R. 84 from Mentor to Willoughby.

In Huron County, IPS is digging footers for a loading dock canopy at Johns Manville in Norwalk. Miller Pipeline is locating utilities on Pleasant St. and upgrading gas services on Newton St. in Norwalk. Mosser Construction is repairing bridges on the U.S. Rt. 20 bypass in Norwalk. Smith Paving has the road repairs

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on U.S. Rt. 20 in Monroeville. InfraSource is upgrading gas main and services on Howard St. in Willard. Independence Excavating is matting the power line right-of-way on Fitchville River Rd. in Fitchville.

In Erie County, Underground Utilities is digging sewer on U.S. Rt. 6 in Huron. Nerone & Sons has the site work for a house on Mirheath Drive in Huron. Rudolph Libbe is rehabilitating a factory on Sawmill Parkway in Huron. Xtreme Excavating has the site and underground work for Mucci Farms Phase 2 on Bogart Rd. in Huron. Speer Brothers is replacing water and sewer lines on Venice Rd. in Sandusky. Mosser Construction is building an elementary school on Hancock St. in Sandusky. Erie Construction Group is resurfacing Cedar Point Rd. in Sandusky. Great Lakes Demolition is replacing a culvert on Wahl Rd. in Vickery.

In Lorain County, DiGioia Suburban has the site work for a subdivision on Whitewing Way in Columbia Station. Hydracrete is pumping concrete for house foundations on Redfern Rd. in Columbia Station. Fechko Excavating has the site and underground work for a subdivision on Boone Rd. in Columbia Station. B&B Wrecking is demolishing a building on Washington Ave. in Elyria. Miller Cable is replacing light poles on U.S. Rt. 20 in Elyria. Shook Construction is building a new library on 2nd St. in Elyria. Precision Engineering & Contracting has the site and underground work for the new Eastern Heights Middle School in Elyria.

Phoenix Cement has the concrete work for an auditorium addition at the Avon High



OPERATING the power screed for Tri Mor at Petitti's in Avon is Brandon Mandich.

School. Xtreme Elements has the concrete work, and Prodigal Construction is digging for the electricians at the new Bendix Factory in Avon. Sitetech has the site work for the Slim Chickens restaurant on Middleton Rd. in Avon. Shook Construction is building a medical office at the University Hospital in Avon. KMU has the site work for upcoming retail and restaurant buildings on Chester Rd. in Avon. Tri Mor is replacing the parking lot at Petitti's in Avon.

D&M Earthmoving has the site work for a development on Portman Rd. in Amherst. Mosser Construction is digging footers and Mein Corp. and has the masonry work for the

new Firelands High School on Vermilion Rd. in Amherst. Sitetech has the site work for the Akron Children's Hospital on Cooper Foster Park Road West in Amherst. InfraSource is upgrading gas lines on East 35th St. in Lorain. Buckeye Excavating is replacing water line on Community Rd. in Sheffield Lake. Herk Excavating has the site work for the new elementary school on North Park St. in Oberlin.

In Medina County, Allsite Construction has the site work for Discount Tire on North Court St. in Medina. Precision Engineering and Contracting has the site work for a new school on Wilbur Rd. in Medina. Fechko Excavating is replacing water line and fire hydrants on State Rd. in Medina. InfraSource is replacing gas main on Medina Rd. in Medina. Shelly & Sands is widening Carpenter Rd. in Brunswick. DiGioia Suburban has the site and underground work for a subdivision on Vicky Rd. in Brunswick. Set In Stone Contracting is replacing catch basins on Laurel Rd. in Brunswick. DiPietro Excavating has the site work for a school on Ridge Rd. in Hinkley. InfraSource is replacing gas main on Lake Rd. in Chippewa Lake.

Independence Excavating has the site work for the cemetery expansion at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville. Precision Engineering and Contracting is digging sewer for the new Sharon Elementary School on S.R. 94 in Sharon Center. Tri Mor has the concrete road repairs on Baker Drive in Wadsworth. InfraSource is upgrading gas main and services on Janice St. in Lodi. Fechko Excavating has the site and underground work for a subdivision on Highland Drive in Lodi.

Thank you to the Executive and Advisory Boards for their continued support.



MAKING bridge repairs for Shelly & Sands on Valley Pkwy. in Rocky River are (l-r) Jennifer Pompey, Gene Galloway and Kayla Westover.

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Peterbilt, the company's on-highway truck dealership, is housed in a new 68,000 sq. ft. building with 26 service bays and a 7,400 sq. ft. cold storage structure. The company hopes to have this be a 24-hour shop. The facility's close proximity to the highway should help with that.

Work continues on Napoleon's new bridge linking Industrial Drive at Riverview Ave. to S.R. 110. The construction of this bridge has been awarded to Vernon Nagel Incorporated. The subcontractors list includes Ebony Construction, FET Construction, Lake Erie Construction, Oglesby Construction, Gerken Paving, Toledo Caisson, and Jeffers Crane, to name a few. Crossing the Maumee River, with a completion date of June 2022, the new bridge will provide a closer river crossing to Henry County's only hospital, reduce truck



OPERATING a water truck for E.S. Wagner on the I-75 project in Toledo is Apprentice Benjamin Wise.



SLIPPING curb & gutter on Foxbury Lane in Findlay for Smith Paving is Dave Brown.

traffic congestion in downtown Napoleon, and increase the longevity of the current infrastructure utilized by commercial trucks. The newly constructed bridge will also link two separate areas into one large industrial region. The Campbell Soup Plant will have access to highway and rail infrastructure, and nearly 44% of Henry County workers, whose jobs are located within 1 mile of the new bridge, will have a more efficient route to work.

Roughly \$700 million have been financed to fund the North Star Blue Scope Steel Plant

expansion in Delta. However, the price tag has since grown to above \$800 million. Rudolph Libbe is overseeing the project and performing the site work. The project will add a furnace and a slab caster to production. Jeffers Crane Service, Capital City, Don Fruchey Inc, Dunbar Mechanical LLC, Gurtzweiler, and GEM have been brought in as subcontractors. The addition of the Melt Shop is expected to be operational by July of 2021 and will add 950,000 metric tons of steel to the 2.3 million metric tons North Star already produces

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LOADING customer trucks for Stoneco at Auglaize Quarry is Robert Amstutz.



MILLING asphalt on U.S. Rt. 23 in Seneca County, south of Fostoria, for Welfle is Raul Hinojosa.

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annually, an increase of about 40%. Separately, IPS has also picked up a substantial amount of work at North Star that will keep our members busy.

Just off of S.R. 109 and the Ohio Turnpike, Mosser has completed the site drainage and prep work on the \$70-million construction of Nova Tube and Steel's new facility in Delta. Signatory contractor, Ten Mile Creek has been brought in to perform stabilization at the site, and Foundation Steel has been awarded the structural steel. Nova Tube and Steel is a Canadian-based company that processes and distributes carbon steel, stainless steel, and aluminum products and operates as an intermediary between primary metal producers and manufacturers. The plant will be 250,000 sq. ft. and will utilize the latest advanced manufacturing technology with an Ohio workforce to support growing demand in the North American market.

In Edon, Beaver Excavating Company has been awarded an eight-mile stretch of roadway reconstruction of the right two lanes and shoulder in both directions between mile marker 0 and 8.2 of the Ohio Turnpike. The work includes widening the inside lanes to the median with an additional lane and shoulder in both directions. Beaver will employ fifteen to twenty operators on this job. This project is expected to take three years, with a toll booth being added in the final phase, which has not yet been awarded.



LOADING 50-ton quarry trucks at Sunny Farms Landfill for Beaver Excavating are Daryl Wilson in the loader and Amanda Bowser in the truck.

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



WORKING for InfraSource in Toledo is Roy Howell IV.

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



PERFORMING trench repairs in Forest for Bucyrus Road Materials are Joe Straub on the paver Bryan Lohr on the screed.

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



WORKING on a gas service for InfraSource in Toledo is Robert Velasquez.

Miller Brothers Construction continues working on a major project of widening of about three miles of I-475/U.S. Rt. 23 in western Toledo and Springfield Township, which started in 2019. The project will add a third lane to Toledo's western beltway in both directions between Central Ave. and Airport Highway. Crews continue working on drainage, water line, and roundabouts on Dorr

between Holland-Sylvania Rd. and McCord Rd. Overall construction is expected to be completed by late 2022. ODOT divided I-475 widening plan into three separate projects:

- Project A – Miller Brothers Construction widened five main line bridges and 1.2 miles of I-475, finishing the project in 2017.
- Project B – Miller Brothers Construction started construction in November 2019 and is on schedule to open the new interchange and roadway to traffic in late 2021.
- Project C – A separate planned project to add an interchange at U.S. Rt. 20A and widen four miles of I-475 is scheduled to start in 2022.

In the spring of 2020, Toledoans got to see the first stage of the Summit Street Beautification Project between Lafayette and Jackson Streets. Construction started with replacement of a water main below, along with old trolley tracks beneath the street. The tracks were embedded in a layer of concrete thick enough to lead city officials decades ago to believe that it would be cheaper and easier to just pave the street thicker over them rather than remove them.

Contractor Crestline Paving of Toledo has returned to complete the project. Summit's reconstruction will provide wider sidewalks, more curbside parking, and a median that will be wide enough between Madison Ave. and Adams St. to accommodate an area with a raised deck, decorative lighting, and public artwork. Summit St. is currently closed and will open again when construction is complete this fall.

Also, in Fremont in 2020, Mosser Construction completed Phase One of a roadway



MAKING trench repairs in McComb for Geddis Paving is Michael Perkins.

reconstruction project to a major entryway into the City of Fremont. In Phase One, Mosser started at North St. and worked towards Miller Street. Phase Two has begun and will continue from Miller St. to State St. Improvements will include water line, sewer, and storm line replacement along with resurfacing and curb to extend the full length of the project with median islands.

Great Lakes Construction has started working on a new stretch of noise wall in

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REPLACING a bridge on S.R. 19 in Seneca County for Great Lakes Demolition Company is Matt Zilles in the hoe.



ASSEMBLING a Manitowoc 180 Crane on I-75 in Toledo for Kokosing are mechanics Chad Schumacher and Grant Goodson.

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Sylvania. Preliminary work included drilling the shafts for the wall foundations. While many of the noise walls are associated with roadway widening, this project's purpose is to mitigate the sound of roadway traffic solely. This project has an expected August 2021 completion.

Vernon Nagel is currently working on a three-month closure of the Fallen Timbers Lane Bridge over U.S. Rt. 24 in Maumee. The closure is for bridge rehabilitation, including bridge deck replacement, substructure rehabilitation, raising the vertical profile, and all bridge approach adjustments. The bridge is expected to open by Memorial Day.

In Sandusky County, there will be improvements to the Ohio Turnpike ramp over S.R. 53, Fangboner Rd., and the ramp over Exit 91.

Kokosing Construction began work in early April that involves removing the Ohio Turnpike Bridge over S.R. 53, replacing the ramp bridge and the S.R. 53 interchange with a roundabout. Also included is deck replacement of the Fangboner Road Bridge. This project has an estimated completion date of October 31, 2021.

The sidewalk behind ProMedica's headquarters at the former steam plant near downtown Promenade Park has been closed



BACKFILLING a storm sewer trench in McComb for Stone Creek Excavating are Damon Cervantes in the hoe Scott Weickert with the water hose.

for nearly two years due to structural issues. Miller Brothers Construction and the George Gradel Company are currently rebuilding the retaining wall and sidewalk next to the Maumee River. After construction is complete, the Toledo Metroparks will start planning for a pedestrian bridge project to connect the city on both sides of the river.

With what looks like a lot of good work this year in District 2, the operating engineers will be ready to get back out in the field and do what we do best. Be the hardest working, most highly trained, and skilled workforce we can provide to our signatory contractors, all while doing it safely. Good luck and may this work season be a fruitful one.

DETAILS ON OHIO'S NEW TRANSPORTATION BUDGET: Billions committed for road and bridge work and related employment

It's true that IUOE Local 18 members are working on various transportation projects across the state. A look at Ohio's latest biennial transportation budget, however, can provide a clearer and more comprehensive picture of what type of work is being prioritized, where new work will likely come from, and how both will contribute to union employment.

The state is investing more than \$5 billion into road and bridge projects that will help provide jobs for union members, tradesmen and tradeswomen.

Included in the \$8.3 billion transportation budget:

- \$318 million for highway safety projects

- \$2.6 billion for other state-maintained roadway improvements
- \$2.4 billion for local roadway improvements
- \$116 million for the Public Works Commission, including \$14 million for emergency road-slip repair

Additional features:

- \$74 million earmarked for public transit projects
- \$8 million in grants from the federal EPA for electric vehicle charging stations throughout the state

Big picture thinking:

Besides committing funding for transportation projects, the biennial budget also includes a number of other provisions that may boost construction.

- The budget calls for a dramatic increase to the financial limits on when local road and bridge projects must go through competitive bidding. This figure has not changed since 2003, even though construction costs have increased considerably.
- Also included is a spending plan for hundreds of millions of dollars in federal stimulus money, including some to help local governments and transit systems.

As the state says, the transportation budget is not only meant to improve Ohio's road, bridge and related infrastructures — but it is also designed to help strengthen related transportation construction employment.

Source: Cleveland Building & Construction Trade Council [<https://www.cbctc.org/blog/dewine-signs-biennial-transportation-budget>].

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Columbus Steel Erectors, ALL Crane of Columbus, Capital City Group Crane Rental, Ben-Hur, and Danbert Inc. Opening day is slated for July 3rd of this year. More infrastructure work will accompany the stadium in the way of roads, hotels, restaurants, and a parking garage. This project also includes work at the existing soccer stadium to make it the Crew's practice facility and a recreation facility for the public.

Distribution and Maintenance work is keeping RLA Utilities, Miller Pipeline, and Northern Pipeline busy with 40 to 50 crews. The many municipalities around Columbus have been busy with street reconstruction, paving, water line replacements, and sewer upgrades.

Work outside of I-270 in Franklin County



WORKING for Strawser Paving in Franklin County is Dennis Moniz.



WIDENING Cherry St. in Delaware, Delaware County is Columbus Asphalt.

has many operators busy. In Dublin, Complete General is replacing a bridge on Brand Rd., and Strawser Paving has several curb and sidewalk replacements. In Hilliard, Decker Paving will be milling and paving multiple city streets. Trucco crews are working on making road improvements to Scioto Darby Rd. and Walcott Rd. G&G Cement crews are repairing patches of Roberts Rd. in Hilliard.

In Westerville, Strawser Paving is back on the Central College Road widening project, and Kokosing is working on the Hoover Res-

ervoir spillway. Strawser Paving will be in the City of Westerville this season. In New Albany, Complete General Construction has operators installing a new 42" sanitary sewer trunk line. It is more than 4,400 linear feet and an average depth of 40 feet. Capitol Tunneling has a 660 foot bore under S.R. 161 as part of this project. Project Mustang has Keller North America working on micro piles for building three. George J. Igel & Co. is digging the footers and has Operating Engineers

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MECHANIC with Strawser Paving is Anthony Brinson.



ON THE JOB for Capital City Crane on I-70 in Springfield are (l-r) Jeremy Slack, Andrew Klingelhafer, Darrin Snyder, Ben Sheets, Darrin Tuinstra and Billy Carr.

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WORKING with Kokosing on a pedestrian bridge in Columbus, Franklin County is Buckeye Concrete Pumping.



BUSY for J. D. Williamson, Marion County is Layla Hemsoth.

spread out across dirt and pipe crews on this long-term project. Shelly & Sands has operators busy on a North Hamilton Road widening. R.B. Jergens is building a new cell at the SWACO Landfill in Grove City. They have also built a new leach aid pond and rerouted the piping for the leach aid. This project is due to be completed in 2022. Kokosing Construction has members working on the I-71 and S.R. 62 project in Grove City, part of the I-71

widening to six lanes.

Mr. Excavator is finishing site work on Building 3 at the Amazon Data Center in New Albany. ALL Crane and George J. Igel & Co. are working on Building 5 at Project Turnstile. They are digging footers for electric conduit in the building, forming roads, and installing sanitary and storm sewers. Shelly & Sands has operators working in Granville on the bridge replacement and new entry/exit ramps at the



INSTALLING a water line in Bexley, Franklin County for Digioia Suburban is Mark Musselman.



WORKING with Capital Tunneling in New Albany, Franklin County is Capital City Crane.

intersection of S.R. 16 and S.R. 37. Fabrizi Trucking has two projects in Newark. The first is on 4th St. and includes new sanitary and storm pipe, combined with new water line services in a much-needed upgrade. The second is on 40th St., featuring main line water, storm and sanitary sewers.

Our members in the Local 18 shops have been working hard this spring. A steady workflow continues in the equipment shops of Columbus Equipment, Ohio CAT, RECO Equipment, Southeastern Equipment, and McLean. Our highway heavy contractors have had longer work seasons because of good weather, and the equipment shops have had room for growth. The highway shops of Cummins and W.W. Williams have had a steady

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stream of work coming in from semi-trucks and city buses. W.W. Williams cold members have been nonstop with orders for new refrigeration units on food hauling trailers.

In Franklin County, Kenmore Construction is working on two vent shaft air-purifying sites for the City of Columbus. Miller Brothers is installing pipe and building pads in Lockbourne for two warehouses. Contract Dewatering is on site to control groundwater. Working on a new factory for Dupont in Circleville, Pioneer Pipe, Early Construction, and Stevens have had members busy all winter.

In Gallia County, Allard Excavating has been reconstructing S.R. 7 and replacing a box culvert on Township Road 169. Gavin Power Plant has several operators working for Gallia Fuels treating the coal with Enerfab doing the maintenance. Beaver Excavating is working on the landfill expansion and hauling the ash at the Kyger Creek Power Plant. ODOT has awarded Amaazz Construction the paving of county and township roads as well as S.R. 32 in Jackson County.

Shelly Company is paving State Routes 243 and 378 along with U.S. Rt. 33, north of Pomeroy. Ruhlin has a bridge repair on U.S. Rt. 52 in Ironton. Shelly & Sands is paving S.R. 32 in Pike County, and Axis Civil has a culvert to replace on S.R. 335. Multiple contractors are working at the Piketon A-Plant on landfill cells and demolition.

In Ross County, Axis Civil has a culvert replacement. Shelly & Sands has been awarded the county road paving package. Distel Construction is building a bike path in Portsmouth. Fluor and Ison Excavating are both working on maintenance at the coke plant in Franklin Furnace.

In the town of Sunbury, Helms & Sons has Phase One of a new sewer line at Walnut



WORKING in Franklin County is Decker Construction.



KEEPING busy for Trucco at The Ohio State University, Franklin County is Jason Corder.

Creek underway. Columbus Asphalt is working on the U.S. Rt. 36 road widening. Decker Paving has the Delaware Countywide curb and sidewalk improvement package. Trucco is working on the Lyra Rd. extension in Po-

laris as well Wilson Rd. improvements. Strawser Paving crews have started on phase two of the E. Powell Rd. widening in Polaris. Park Enterprise and Trucco both have residential

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WORKING for George J. Igel & Company on the new lodge at Old Man's Cave, Hocking County is Jeffrey Brown.



ON THE JOB for Strawser Leasing, Franklin County is Phil Cadle.



BUSY for Newcomer Concrete in Pickerington, Fairfield County is Kyle Watson.



WORKING for Trucco in Delaware, Delaware County is Keith Scowden

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OPERATING for Miller Brothers in New Albany, Franklin County is Shawn Edwards.



WORKING for Trucco at The Ohio State University, Franklin County is Steve Hoskinson.



ON THE JOB for Decker in Westerville, Franklin County are (l-r) Mike Skinner, Jr., Jason Grant, Tim James and Bob Frost.

site work in Delaware County's emerging housing market. George J. Igel & Co. has two pipe crews at the Jerome Village housing development installing several miles of water and sewer line.

In Marion County, on U.S. Rt. 23, J. D. Williamson has started a bridge rehab in Waldo. Shelly & Sands will be paving U.S. Rt. 23 and S.R. 309 in Marion. In the town of Larue, R.A. Bores will be replacing water lines and fire hydrants. Columbus Asphalt has paving on various Marysville city streets. Kokosing will be repairing multiple bridges on U.S. Rt. 33 in Union County. Miller Pipeline crews have been scattered throughout Union and Delaware Counties installing new lines for Columbia Gas. Kokosing has the Wyandot County 2021 paving package. Lake Erie Construction has both Wyandot and Crawford County guardrail replacement packages.

In Muskingum County, Complete General Construction is finishing the Philo Bridge in Duncan Falls. At the Eastpointe Business Park,

Stevens Engineers & Constructors have members installing water, storm and sanitary lines, setting steel and furnace components at the AMG Vanadium project. George J. Igel & Co. is on site driving piling. Mascaro Construction has operators setting steel and digging footers. Capital City Crane and ALL Crane have members working on new stadium seating and press boxes at Muskingum College in New Concord.

In Athens County, Rock River Construction is hard at work on a new sanitary sewer mainline in Nelsonville. Trucco Construction has operators installing new water lines, storm and sanitary on the Stimson Ave. rebuild in Athens. Complete General is providing new on site lighting. Fields Excavating has two phases of the U.S. Rt. 50 sanitary project that goes from Albany to Athens. Alan Stone is working on a slide repair on Coolville Ridge Road. Allard Excavating is working on a bike path and hillside erosion control along Altamonte Drive in Athens.

Special thanks to our members and retirees for their continued support. We look forward to a safe, busy, and successful year.



WIDENING a ramp on U.S. Rt. 42 in Union County is Shelly & Sands.



OPERATING a skid steer for Shelly & Sands in Granville, Licking County is Tess Hendricks.



OPERATING an asphalt mill for Kokosing Construction on U.S. Rt. 40 in Rynoldsburg, Franklin County is Trevor Hudson.



WORKING for Kokosing Construction on I-71 in Grove City, Franklin County is Jeffrey Hettinger.



BUSY for Trucco at The Ohio State University, Franklin County is Willie Keeton.

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Clayton, on I-70, Barrett Paving has completed a mill and fill project with BOCA Construction, milling over 230,000 sq. yards of existing asphalt, and Barrett Paving laid 13,000 tons of asphalt. On U.S. Rt. 40, In Vandalia, R.B. Jergens had moved 40,000 yards of dirt and installed 3,000 feet of 16-inch ductile water main that allows for two additional traffic lanes to be added to help ease traffic congestion to the industrial park. In April, R.B. Jergens completed the cement Stabilization of 62,000 sq. yards of dirt for the new gravel base, and John R. Jurgensen will be laying the new asphalt for the 1st phase of this project. Located at the cross-roads of America on I-70 and I-75 in Dayton, Chagrin Valley Paving just finished up a concrete replacement project with removing 600 yards of existing concrete along with the demolition of a 4-ft. parapet wall, which was replaced with a new 7.5-ft. high parapet wall to comply with new safety standards.

Eagle Bridge is working on two bridge replacements on S.R. 235. The first bridge is located over S.R. 4, and in late winter, the existing bridge deck and I-Beams were removed. The bridge abutments and piers were raised 30-inches to allow for new highway height requirements. Armstrong Steel Erectors has set new galvanized steel beams, and A&B Asphalt will be laying the pavement in early summer to complete this project. The 2nd bridge replacement is just south of S.R. 4 over Mud Run Creek. The existing deteriorated concrete box beams were removed and replaced with new ones. There are several subcontractors on site; KD Complete Clearing had worked throughout the winter to clear trees throughout the work zone, and Cuyahoga Fence will install the guardrail and fence for this project over the



OPERATING an excavator for Premier Energy in New Carlisle is Aaron Ellis.

summer. CG Construction and Utilities finished a water main replacement on Gettysburg Ave. in Dayton. The company installed 6,000 feet of 10-inch ductile iron water main and replaced nine fire hydrants. W.C. Jones was on this site replacing the asphalt. The Ruhlin Company started back to work on a bridge replacement project on I-75 over the Great Miami River for ODOT. In late April, State-Wide Concrete Pumping placed 1,200 yards of concrete for the new bridge deck. Ruhlin then slipped formed 1,000 feet of 42-inch parapet wall along the outside

edge of the bridge. John R. Jurgensen will be on this project over the summer to tie in the existing roadway to the new bridge with asphalt. After completing the new asphalt, Ruhlin will be flipping traffic for Phase 3 that will allow for the removal of the inside two lanes of I-75 South. On 3rd St. over the Great Miami River, Eagle Bridge has completed the new bridge deck. In March, Buckeye Concrete Pumping was on site placing the concrete for the 2,400-yard pour. Eagle Bridge will continue to work on the

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BUSY for Maxim in Hamilton County is Charles Birch.



STAYING busy for Baker Concrete in Cincinnati is Mark Korb.



MECHANIC for Columbus Equipment in Cincinnati is Travis McRoberts.



OPERATING a roller for Shelley at Indian Lake State Park is Lloyd Weaver.

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WORKING for Rack & Ballauer on the Kugler Mill, Sycamore Township waterline project are (l-r) Craig Brunner, Andy Ashcraft and Chris Steiner.

overlooks and pour new parapet walls and sidewalk along the bridge. In late summer, Ebony Construction will be on site milling and replacing the existing asphalt. Barrett Paving is working on U.S. Rt. 35 East of Smithville Rd. on a roadway widening project. Over the winter, Donald May Construction laid a new storm drainpipe on the east side of the project. In early spring, A&A Safety installed over 20,000 feet of temporary traffic control barrier wall. This allowed Barrett Paving a safe access to the center grass median that will be excavated to add a 3rd lane to accommodate east- and westbound traffic. Phoenix Stabilization was on site in April, stabilizing 54,000

sq. yards of sub-base material with cement. Barrett Paving will then lay a new gravel base and finish paving with asphalt.

Distribution & Maintenance

Gas line replacement work is busy throughout the Northwestern Counties. National Pipeline has laid over 12,000 feet of 2-inch through 8-inch plastic gas main in Urbana on Court and Church St. The company also installed 340 new services along with meters to the residential homes as a part of the project. Miller Pipeline is busy in Versailles on a gas main upgrade. The company will be installing 4,300 feet of a new larger diame-



30-year member Jeffery Tischbein.

ter plastic gas main that will feed the western side of the town to accommodate the higher demand for gas in the winter months. After completing this project, Miller Pipeline started laying 5,000 feet of 2-inch plastic main on Center Street in Versailles and is currently installing 103 residential services. Premier Energy Services is working on East 4th St. in Dayton. The company laid 5,000 feet of 4-inch plastic gas main and will be replacing 80 residential services. Just down the street on Woodley Rd. in Dayton, Premier Energy is installing 3,500 feet of 2-inch plastic gas and has 60 existing residential services to upgrade. KS Energy is working off Edwin C. Moses Blvd. in Dayton, installing 3,000 feet of 2-inch plastic gas main and will be upgrading services to 68 existing homes. Miller Pipeline is working on Grand Ave. in West Dayton, replacing 3,500 feet of 6-inch plastic gas main, and 30 residential services will be replaced. Miller Pipeline Restoration crews are working all over the Northern Counties. The restoration crews will be replacing the asphalt and concrete that was removed during the gas line installation work.

Shops

At Columbus Equipment shop in Huber Heights, the mechanics have been busy over the spring getting their customers' machines serviced and ready for the 2021 work season. At Ohio CAT in Troy, the shop mechanics have been working on a complete undercarriage replacement on a D-9 Bulldozer. The field service mechanics have been busy with onsite repairs of various equipment.

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REPAIRING a 60" water main break on Riverside Dr. in Cincinnati is F.A. Newmann.

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Southwestern Counties

In Butler County, Barrett Paving continues to install a roundabout in the old intersection of S.R. 73 and Jacksonburg Rd. Some of the subcontractors are Phoenix Stabilization doing the subbase stabilization, Elex Electrical is installing the signalization and the electric for the streetlights. Oglesby Construction will be pouring the concrete for the new curbs and center island, and Landview Services will be spreading the topsoil and reseed-ing as part of the restoration and clean-up. Great Lakes Construction is currently working on a bridge repair project for ODOT on the S.R. 4 and S.R. 63 overpass. The company will self-perform the overlay, and STI Construction will slip form the new concrete



REMOVING a bridge deck for Eagle Bridge in Montgomery County is excavator operator Mike Ziegler.

parapet walls. Some of the subcontractors are Barrett Paving doing the asphalt paving, K&R Landscaping doing the grass seed and restoration, and Lake Erie Construction is installing new guardrails and signs. Adleta Excavating continues to lay the new water main and installing services in the neighborhood of Highland for the City of Hamilton. Jackson Construction is active with work in West Chester Township removing and replacing the concrete curbs and sidewalks. Ford Development is in the same area working on replacing a water main for the Butler County Water and Sewer Department. R.B. Jergens



OPERATING a bulldozer on U.S. Rt. 40 in Vandalia for R.B. Jergens is Dustin Moody.

is getting ready to start work on Butler Warren Rd. and Barret Rd. in the City of Mason, replacing the intersection with a new roundabout with curbs, gutters and upgrading the storm drains. A new sidewalk will be added, and the old culvert will be replaced. Rack & Ballauer is working on Kings Mill Rd. and S.R. 741 in Mason on an intersection improvement project to help with the flow of traffic by widening from three lanes to five lanes. The lanes are being reconfigured to create a more positive flow of traffic for S.R. 741 and Kings Mill Rd. to ease traffic congestion in this area. Some of the subcontractors on this project are Oglesby Construction installing the concrete curbs and sidewalk and Elex Electric installing all the electrical for the new signals and lighting.

In Preble County, John R. Jurgensen is working from the Indiana state line to the Montgomery County line on I-70. The company will be milling and repaving both east- and westbound lanes. As subcontractors, Bansal Construction will be upgrading the electrical for the overhead lights and the artemis system as well. M P Dory Co. has the installation of guardrails, and A & A Safety is doing the traffic safety control.

Distribution & Maintenance

RLA is working in Butler County on the replacement of 4,000 feet of 12-inch natural gas main and replacing 37 residential and commercial services on Main St. in Trenton.

Main Line Pipeline

Henkels and McCoy is in Butler County on Princeton Rd. removing an old metering

station and replacing it with a new modern technology one. This project is scheduled for a late June completion date.

Shops

Southeastern Equipment is active with continuing repairs and services on various types of equipment for the municipalities and our contractors.

RECO Equipment is active with the prepping of new equipment for customers and repairs to their rental equipment, as well as servicing their customers in the scrap metal industry. Currently, the mechanics in the shops are working on several machines that are being completely rebuilt for several

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OPERATING an asphalt mill in Dayton for John R. Jurgensen is Vic Conley.

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customers. This work includes everything from driveline and engines to hydraulics.

McClellan Company is keeping busy with service and repairs to asphalt paving and milling equipment. This will aid our union asphalt and milling contractors to tackle the busy 2021 asphalt paving season.

Hamilton County

In Hamilton County, work is continuing with several long-term projects due to be completed this year. John R. Jurgenson will continue paving on Phase 1 and 2 of the I-75 through the Valley project. The project began in the summer of 2017 and is scheduled to be completed this Spring. Walsh Construction is working further south on the I-75 Mill Creek Expressway. Security Fence, McCrite Milling,



WORKING on a new roundabout project at S.R. 73 and Jacksonburg Rd. for Barrett Paving is Robert Gibbs.

and Cracker Demolition are subcontractors on the project. The project consists of widening I-75 to connect the improvements from the Hopple St and Mitchell Ave. widenings recently completed. Kokosing Construction is completing final improvements on the MSD Lick Run project. The grand opening of the project is expected in May of 2021. Great Lakes Construction is busy repairing the road slippage on the I-74 ramp from Colerain. Keller Group also assisted in shoring up the failing hillside. Barrett Paving was awarded

the 2020 Hamilton County resurfacing program Phase II. Barrett is also performing the Steffen Ave. and Matthew Drive improvements in Lincoln Heights.

Water and sewer projects are keeping many of our contractors and members busy in Hamilton county. Rack & Ballauer is currently working on the Kugler Mill storm sewer and water main replacement project. The project also includes 110 service connections. F. A. Nemann completed the 60-inch water main repair on Riverside Drive in Cincinnati. Howell Contractors is working in OTR on the Pleasant St. and Republic St. water main replacement. Schweitzer Construction is also busy in various neighborhoods in the Cincinnati area performing sewer and drainage repairs. Ford Development is busy wrapping up the reservoir outlet water main on Mangham Drive. Lykins Contracting out of Sunman, Indiana, has begun the Upper Muddy Creek Interceptor Project in Green Township.

Also in Hamilton County, Ford Development continues the installation of new various sized water lines, along with new water services on numerous streets in the Hyde Park and Oakley communities of Cincinnati. John R. Jurgensen is almost finished with the Montgomery Rd. and S.R. 126 major reconstruction project. This project consisted of the demolition of the existing Montgomery Rd. Bridge and the creation of new entrance and exit ramps from S.R. 126 to Montgomery Road. Premier Energy assisted with the natural gas pipeline relocation for this project.

Northern Kentucky

John R. Jurgenson is busy in Northern Kentucky doing the Richwood Rd. interchange improvements by installing a double crossover diamond exchange. The job will also include a roundabout at the intersection of Richwood Rd. and Triple Crown Blvd. The job will eliminate two railroad crossings by constructing an overpass railroad bridge. Spartan Construction, Hayes Drilling, and KS Energy are also working on the project with an estimated cost of \$100 million. Kokosing is wrapping up the major excavation at the Amazon Air Hub at CVG airport in Northern Kentucky. Bansal Electric, Spartan Construction, and Harper Construction are all working as subcontractors on the project. The Nelson Stark Company is busy working at various commercial building sites in Northern Kentucky.

Pipeline

InfraSource is moving right along on the Duke Corridor Pipeline Project in Blue Ash. The job consists of laying 68,000 ft. of 20-inch pipe and restoration. The Corridor Pipeline



BUSY on the Kuger Mill project in Sycamore Township is Jeff Bosse.

project also has many subcontractors working on the project. Aarons Enterprises is performing the road boring along with the HDD work on this project. Andis LLC performed the clearing. Mid America Services and Badger Daylighting provided the hydro excavating. Ohio CAT is performing the maintenance of the equipment, and Queen City Blacktop is doing the milling and paving. InfraSource is also performing a maintenance project in various locations around the Greater Cincinnati area. Badger Daylighting is handling the hydro excavating on this project as well. Michels is at the CVG Airport installing 2.5 miles of 20-inch pipe. Contractors assisting on the project will be Right Away Clearing and Michels Boring. Michels is also busy on Colerain Ave in Mt. Airy doing a 6-inch Directional Drill Boring job for BP pipeline. The job is expected to last until the end of April.

Shops

Ohio CAT - West and Richwood mechanics are busy preparing both trucks and heavy equipment for the current work season. Columbus equipment mechanics are working hard to repair and assemble equipment for area contractors. RECO Equipment-Florence mechanics are also busy traveling to various locations to repair machinery used in the scrap and demolition industries. Southwestern Equipment continues to supply and repair equipment for the local municipalities. Maxim

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Mechanics is taking full advantage of their new shop to repair and service the various crane models they operate. It has been a fast start to the year for all the shops in our area, with no slowdown in sight.

Distribution and Maintenance

RLA Investments is currently relocating a 12-inch gas main for Duke energy on Sharon Rd. in Sharonville. The gas line is being relocated for the expansion of Sharon Rd. to allow for the addition of extra turn lanes from I-75.

Eastern Counties

In Highland County, newly signed Castle Contracting has started work on the 300-Megawatt 2,000 acre Highland County Solar Farm. Castle Contracting will be doing the site clearing, dirt-moving, and trenching for underground electrical lines for this project. Also in Highland County, Distel Construction has completed a new storm water project on Fifth St. in the town of Greenfield. This project consisted of the removal and installation of eight new catch basins and five new manholes, along with 500 feet of new 36- and 16-inch storm piping. Oglesby Construction assisted by installing 1,600 feet of new curb and gutter for the project.

In Brown County, Brown County Asphalt is busy with the S.R. 125 resurfacing project. This project consists of 100,000 square yards of milling and 4,100 cubic yards of new asphalt replacement. Brown County Asphalt is also working on the Brown County Asphalt Program, which consists of milling 1,300 cubic yards for widening purposes and replacing it with 1,300 yards of new asphalt base. They will also be paving various county roads with 3,000 cubic yards of new asphalt.

In Greene County, John R Jurgensen continues to work on the U.S. Rt. 35 Super Street project. John R Jurgensen will be doing a major widening of both the east- and west-bound lanes of U.S. Rt. 35 from Factory Rd. to Trebein Rd. The project consists of excavating the existing highway on both the east- and westbound lanes, along with the installation of 5,000 feet of new 12- to 42-inch storm piping. Shelly & Sands is doing the reconstruction of the bridge structures. Mt. Carmel Stabilization will be completing the soil stabilization, and Bansal Construction will be doing the electrical work for the project, which has a completion date of summer 2022. John R. Jurgensen continues work on Phase 1 of the four-lane resurfacing and bridge reconstruction of I-675. John R. Jurgensen will be milling and repaving 15 miles of new asphalt. Complete General Construction is assisting with the bridge reconstruction,



KEEPING busy with the work at I-75 and I-74 is Walsh.

tion, working on bridge overlays and new reflection wall on 18 bridges.

Also in Greene County, R.B. Jergens is about to finish the Kemp Rd. widening project in Beavercreek. This project consists of installing 3,000 feet of new 12- to 36-inch storm piping and two miles of new concrete curb and sidewalk, along with a mile of new asphalt. John R. Jurgensen will assist in the asphalt paving. In Fairborn, CG Construction has completed work on the Maple Street improvement project. CG Construction installed 3,700 feet of new 8-inch water line and 1,200 feet of various sizes of new storm piping. John R. Jurgensen completed a full depth street restoration by putting down 8,500 tons of new asphalt, along with one mile of new bike path. Oglesby Construction installed 8,000 feet of new curb and gutter.

In Clermont County, Rack & Ballauer continues working on the major widening of Old State Route 74 in Eastgate. Local 18 members are moving the dirt, installing new curb and gutter along with 6,000 feet of new storm piping, manholes and catch basins. RLA Utilities moved the natural gas pipeline, and Barrett Paving Materials is assisting with the paving for this project. Also in Clermont County, MCM Management is 90 percent complete with the demo project at the old Beckjord Power Plant in New Richmond. The eleven Local 18 members working on this project have safely removed 1,000 tons of various types of metal and over 100,000 yards of crushed concrete.

Distribution and Maintenance

Premier Energy Services is working on a pipeline relocation project in Xenia. This relocation project is being done in preparation for a new road project on Columbus St.

Miller Pipeline is busy installing 14,000 feet of 4- and 8-inch natural gas pipeline on Maple St. in Fairborn. Miller also has numerous business and residential services to connect.

Mainline Pipeline

Minnesota Limited is busy with 30,000 feet of 20-inch lift and lay natural gas pipeline in Greene County. This project is keeping eight of our members busy.

Shops

Ohio CAT AG - Washington Court House continues repairs and services to various types of farm machinery to help farmers with the busy farming year.

John R. Jurgensen Shop is keeping Local 18 members busy with repairs and services to numerous pieces of equipment to help them have a successful work season.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the membership for all that they do to keep Local 18 strong. I also thank our Advisory Board and Executive Board for their time and commitment to our organization. Most of all, I thank our Business Manager and our President for the tough decisions that have to be made to keep us on track. Please be careful, and we wish you a very prosperous and safe work season.

Ohio infrastructure gets 'C-' grade from federal government

The Buckeye State's infrastructure has suffered from a "systemic lack of investment."

Ohio infrastructure is in need of repair and investment, according to a federal report. Ohio infrastructure has "suffered from a systemic lack of investment," according to a new report from the federal government.

President Joe Biden's White House staff released a state-by-state infrastructure analysis. In the report, the Buckeye State received an overall infrastructure grade of "C-."

The report was released as Biden's team tries to garner more support for its \$2.3 trillion infrastructure package. Most states received a letter grade on their infrastructure. West Virginia earned a D. So did Biden's home state of Delaware. The highest grade went to Utah, which notched a "C+." The lowest grade, "D-" went to the territory of Puerto Rico.

The Ohio analysis starts by noting that 1,377 bridges and 4,925 miles of highway in Ohio are in poor condition. Since 2011, Ohio drivers have seen their commute times increase by 5.7 percent. Each Ohio driver pays \$506 annually due to driving on roads in disrepair.

Ohioans spend an extra 75.9 percent of their time commuting when they use public transportation, the report found. Non-white



households are 6.2 times more likely to rely on public transit. Additionally, 16 percent of trains and other public transit vehicles are past their useful life.

Ohio infrastructure is failing in these other ways, the report said:

- 29 extreme weather events have cost Ohio \$10 billion in infrastructure repairs.
- Water infrastructure will require an additional \$13.4 billion in funding for repairs and replacements.
- 681,000 Ohioans spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent.
- 6.8 percent of Ohioans live in areas with no broadband access.
- 58.2 percent of Ohioans live in areas with only one broadband internet provider.
- Low-income Ohioans spend between 8 and 10 percent of their income on energy costs.

Republican lawmakers object to funding the package by increasing the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28% and increasing the global minimum tax, among other tax changes, including stepped-up IRS enforcement being proposed by the Biden administration.

The federal analysis of Ohio infrastructure aligns with the 2021 Report Card for Ohio Infrastructure from the Ohio Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. That society also gave Ohio infrastructure a "C-" grade.

Here's how Ohio performed on that report card:

- Bridges: C+
- Dams: C-
- Drinking water: D+
- Energy: C
- Hazardous waste: D+
- Inland waterways: D+

- Levees: D
- Parks: C-
- Ports: C
- Rail: B
- Roads: D
- Schools: C+
- Solid waste: B-
- Stormwater: D+
- Transit: D
- Wastewater: C-

That report noted the extensive cuts to transit funding over nearly two decades, with the state slashing funding from \$42.3 million in 2000 to \$6.6 million in 2018. The state has since reinvested in transit, though COVID-19 hampered those efforts.

"For years, America's infrastructure was the envy of the world. But for too long now, we have failed to invest the necessary resources in our nation's roads, bridges, schools, and technology," U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown said during a February meeting held with the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Source: Patch.com and Reporting from the Associated Press were used in this article.

This Month in Labor History

International Ladies Garment Workers Union Formed in June 1900

Founded on June 3, 1900 in New York City by seven local unions, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) became one of one of the largest labor unions in the United States with a peak membership of 450,000 in 1969. The ILGWU was one of the first U.S. unions to have a primarily female membership, and was also a key player in the labor history of the 1920s and 1930s. The ILGWU merged with the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union in 1995, to form UNITE – and in 2004, that organization merged with the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union to form UNITE HERE.

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.

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operators busy with crane rentals throughout the area.

In **Holmes County**, Eclipse Excavating is working on a slip repair on S.R. 39.

In Tuscarawas County, D.L. Smith has the Lakeview sidewalk program in New Philadelphia. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating picked up the slip repair on S.R. 800. Red Hill Crane continues to keep a few operators busy with crane rental throughout the area. Northstar Asphalt has the 2-lane resurfacing of S.R. 250. DRS Enterprises is busy at the Mohawk Dam with dewatering and structural upgrades. B.O.G Construction has the bridge redecking project on S.R. 416. The Shelly Company is busy working on the Canal Park path in Dover as well as the reconstruction of S.R. 800. Shelly & Sands has the 2-lane resurfacing of S.R. 516. Ruhlin is busy with the U.S. Rt. 250 bridge repairs. DRS Enterprises also has the dewatering and structural upgrades project at the Zoar Levee.

In **Coshocton County**, The Shelly Company is busy with the four-lane resurfacing of



WORKING on the U.S. Rt. 30 project in Canton is Beaver Excavating.



OPERATING a dozer for Bogner Construction at Wooster Wastewater Treatment Plant is Matt Phillips.



WORKING on a 20" new lay for Antero in Monroe County is Integrity Kokosing Pipeline Services.

U.S. Rt. 36. Capital City Crane continues to keep several operators busy with crane rentals throughout the area.

In **Summit County**, Kenmore Construction is working on ramp construction at S.R. 303/Graham Rd. on the S.R. 8 project. Shelly & Sands is in the final phase of ramp, overpass construction, sewer work, and pavement construction at the central interchange project in Akron. Beaver Constructors is working at the Hudson Middle School construction project. Badger Daylighting is locating broken fiber-optic lines for the City of Stow. Karvo continues storm sewer improvements as well as curb and pavement construction at the roundabout project in Green.

Lockhart Construction is installing water lines on Greenwich Rd. Nicholson Construction is starting the Drilling Stabilization at the ODNR Portage Lakes Phase II Dam Project, and Beaver Construction has the site and utilities work on the project. Work on the four-year S.R. 8/I-76 reconstruction should start in mid-June with Shelly & Sands and Ruhlin.

Great Lakes Construction has started Phase 2 foundation work for the I-271 sound barrier wall in Twinsburg. Fechko Excavating has excavation site work at the Liberty Road Estates. DTJ Enterprises has pond reclamation work on S.R. 303 in Richfield. Kenmore Construction continues sewer line reclamation work at the Headworks Project in Akron at the Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant. DTJ Enterprises is installing upgrades at the Richfield

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OPERATING a roller for Northstar Asphalt off of Caston Rd. in Manchester is Bruce Smith.



LIFE member Joseph Johnson operating a skid steer for Charps Pipeline in Monroe County.



ON THE JOB for Shelly Company in the Canton shop are (l-r) Jack Haines and John Haines.

Pump Station. Cioffi Construction has water line work on Middleton Rd. in Norton.

Kenmore Construction continues the S.R. 8 complete pavement reconstruction project from Boston Heights to Cuyahoga Falls. Great Lakes Construction continues moving material and tank construction at the Akron Peninsula Treatment Plant BioCEPT project. Kenmore Construction has plant improvements at the Tuscarawas Wastewater Treatment Plant in Akron.

Cioffi Construction has the S.R. 91 widening project in Hudson and relocation of utilities on the northbound lane. Lockhart Concrete is working on site reclamation at the Hampton Ridge Road project. Frank Lucio has hoisting work at the Cleveland Clinic project in Stow. Fechko Excavating has subdivision work at Steels Corner in Stow. Great Lakes also has pump station upgrades for AQUA at the N. Boyden Rd. site in Sagamore Hills. 1127 Construction has water line replacement in Stow at Steels Corner Rd./S.R. 8.

In **Portage County**, KMI Materials is doing plant repairs and maintenance improvements

at Shalersville Asphalt Plant. Platform Cement has the concrete package at the Streetsboro Fire Dept. building project. Karvo has sanitary and storm sewer reconstruction in Kent on S. Main St. VMI has the concrete work at the Hammer Company building addition project. Fabrizi Construction has the site work and utilities at Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers in Streetsboro.

In **Carroll County**, Miller Pipeline has about 15,000 feet of gas line to install for Columbia Gas, as well as connecting all the homes to the new line in Magnolia. Apex Landfill is ramping up again to accommodate the increasing trash deliveries. Lindy Paving is also working at the landfill with the long-overdue paving of roadways inside the landfill.

In **Jefferson County**, S.E.T. has a crew doing sewer work on various streets in Mingo. Shelly & Sands is resurfacing S.R. 7 on the Jefferson and Columbiana County lines. Flatiron Construction, Triton Construction, and Richard Goettle Inc. are busy working on the new bridge project from Brilliant to Well-

sburg, WV. James White Construction has operators working at the new Indian Creek High School in Wintersville. Songer Services has members doing maintenance work in the JSW Steel mill in Mingo Junction. A.P. O'Horo has crews doing bridge replacements on S.R. 164 in Bergholz. NPL has members staying busy with gas distribution on S.R. 43 in Wintersville.

At the Cardinal Plant, Skanska and Brand Scaffolding have operators performing maintenance work inside the plant. Cross Creek Builders has several members working on the fly ash removal at the plant. At the W.H. Sammis Plant in Stratton, Enerfab and Brand Scaffolding continue to keep up with the maintenance work in the plant. Duke & Duke Energy has two shifts treating the coal for inside the plant, and Great Lakes Construction is working on re-lining the ash ponds in the plant.

In **Harrison County**, Songer Services has operators doing maintenance work on Fractionator 5 inside the MarkWest Plant in

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BUSY at the Lexington School Project is Anthony DiPietro of DiPietro Landscaping.



OPERATING a dozer for Lockhart Concrete on Greenwich Rd. in Norton is Tim George.



WORKING for Antero on 20" in Monroe County is Integrity Kokosing Pipeline Services.

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Hopedale. NPL has a crew replacing distribution lines in Cadiz.

In **Washington County**, inside the Eramet Plant, AECOM has a few members busy doing outage work. The Ruhlin Company has members working on a rehab project for Lock #4 Dam on Muskingum River in Beverly. Worley Engineering has an operator staying busy assisting with maintenance work inside the Krayton Plant in Belpre.

Parks Drilling has members drilling caissons for new transmission lines for AEP throughout the county. Danbert Inc. has operators installing new conduit for AEP on Mills run Rd. in Marietta. Tri-state Concrete pumping has members working in the shop in Belpre and throughout various counties in the state. Kirk Bros. and Mustang Aerial are working on a rehab project at the Marietta water treatment plant.

In **Monroe County**, Kiewit is working two shifts constructing the new Long Ridge Energy Facility in Hannibal. Alan Stone Company has a small slip repair on S.R. 78 outside of Lewisville.

In **Belmont County**, Swank Construction has members working on the I-70 bridge replacement project going from Bridgeport to the Pennsylvania line. NPL has several crews throughout Bellaire replacing gas distribution lines. Amaazz Construction is working on a slip project on S.R. 148 outside of Powhatan Point. Goettle and JD&E are doing site work for a new water treatment plant for Belmont County in Bellaire. The APEX transfer station operators are busy keeping trucks moving outside of St. Clairsville.

In **Guernsey County**, Kirk Brothers has a couple operators working at the Byesville Wastewater Treatment Plant doing rehabilitation work. Beaver Excavating, Baker Concrete, Maxim Crane, McCarls, Stevens, Murphy Consolidated, and Grae-Con are all working at the new Guernsey County Powerhouse south of Byesville. Ammaazz Construction is doing road projects in Cambridge and Byesville.

As always, stay safe out there and continue to watch out for each other.



OPERATING the locator for Miller Pipeline in Magnolia is Kyle Smith. Jeff Smith is operating the drill.



MAKING 36" integrity digs for Enbridge on the Charps Pipeline in Monroe County.



WORKING for Integrity Kokosing Pipeline Services in Monroe County is Fred Whitely.



WORKING for NDK at the Lexington School Project is Jonny Packard.



WORKING for Beaver at the Lexington school Project is Darren Lindh.



ON THE JOB for Skanska at the Cardinal plant in Brilliant is Ken Brannan.



OPERATING a directional drill for Miller Pipeline in Magnolia is Mitchell Rambo.

The secret weapon to work site safety and success is a skill we all have

When it comes to safety on the construction job site, we often talk about OSHA guidelines, improved equipment, better technologies and more. But according to a study by the Project Management Institute (PMI), there is one secret weapon that is the most powerful in helping ensure worker safety and project success.

**It's a weapon we all have:
the ability and willingness to
focus on communicating
with one another.**

Why is communication so important? The construction industry is a high-risk work environment. In the U.S., more than 200,000 non-fatal construction injuries are reported each year. Communication that is properly executed on the job can fix most of these challenges. Conversely, lack of communication in construction can be a problem.

What we all can do on the safety front

Here are some simple strategies to improve on-the-job communication and safety levels:

- Make sure everyone is familiar with the terminology used for safety training.
- Foster a culture that encourages everyone to speak freely when a hazard is discovered.
- Make safety communications a positive experience. Report not only bad situations but highlight safety actions that are working.
- Keep messaging simple and to the point.
- Tailor your messages to the recipient's level of knowledge.
- Report through the proper channels and to the right person.
- Try to avoid jargon and terminology that might not be understood.
- For important or policy-related communications, augment spoken words with a written document.

The effects of poor communication on construction success

According to the Project Management Institute, one-third of all projects are unsuccessful due to poor communication among workers and leaders. Even if the project isn't a total failure, the effects of poor communication can still take its toll.



**More than half of all project
budget risk is due to ineffective
communications and improper
time management of project
communications.**

— Project Management Institute
(PMI)

In projects with minimally effective communications:

- only 37% were completed on time
- only 48% were completed within budget
- just 52% met their original goals

A difference maker

Effective job site communication can be the difference between a profitable and safe project and an unsuccessful one.

Of projects that had highly effective communication:

- 71% were finished on time
- 76% were completed within budget
- 80% met their original goals

When everyone is communicating and on the same page, mistakes and accidents can often be avoided, employee morale rises, a greater sense of camaraderie is created — and everyone feels more valued.

Source: eSub Construction [<https://esub.com/blog/dont-let-poor-communication-bulldoze-your-project/>].

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His dedication and hard work have kept Local 18 at the top and heading in the right direction for the future. I wish Rick a long and healthy retirement. He deserves nothing less!

We will continue down the path that Rick has laid out for us, working towards the betterment of this organization's membership, improving its standards, and moving this Union forward in the coming years. Our Health & Welfare Fund remains strong. We will keep a close eye on rising medical costs and make decisions needed to maintain a strong Health & Welfare Fund for the active and retired members. Our pension is second to none, and we will continue to make whatever changes are necessary to maintain the fund's status. Our forefathers had the vision to create this pension for everyone to enjoy and reap its benefits, and this administration will make sure the plan is well funded for our sons and daughters and their children. The Local 18 Apprenticeship and Training Program continues to produce some of the best operators in the entire IUOE. We appreciate the entire apprenticeship staff for their efforts and will continue to lead the way in training our members.

At the time of this writing, we should be wrapping up our negotiations with the OCA and AGC for the Highway Heavy and Building Agreements. After extending the agreements for one year to get past complications the COVID-19 pandemic created, we are happy to negotiate a long-term agreement. We will keep you updated on the results of our negotiations with these groups in the next *Buckeye Engineer* and at your monthly membership meetings. The ODOT funding remains solid, which should translate to a productive work year for the membership, along with the numerous energy projects proposed for all of our districts.

We are looking forward to the future and a busy work year for the dedicated members of this organization.

From my first day as an apprentice to graduating from the apprenticeship program as a journeyman, being hired onto the staff of Local 18, and then working my way up as an officer, not a single day has gone by that I have not thought about how proud I am to be a member of this great organization. I will never forget where I came from or how I got here as Business Manager of Local 18. It is truly an honor to have made it this far. I can genuinely say that I started at the bottom, and now that I am here as Business Manager, the confidence you have placed in me will always be remembered as we move ahead.

I look forward to the coming months and years working for the membership of this incredible Union, Local 18.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Jerome Luster (D-1)	April 26, 2020
Rodney Colson (D-4/5)	August 19, 2020
LM Merlin David Rodgers (D-1)	March 16
LM Anthony Sedlak, Sr. (D-1)	March 31
LM Daryl Veits (D-6)	March 31
LM Bill Baker (D-6)	April 3
George Strachan (D-6)	April 5
LM Clifford Longenette (D-3)	April 6
LM James Harris (D-3)	April 8
LM James Brogan (D-6)	April 16
LM Jeffrey Dowdle (D-6)	April 17
Noah Purtee (D-4/5)	April 22
LM Douglas Reer (D-3)	April 22
Wilbur Spade (D-6)	April 25
LM Larry Williams (D-3)	April 25
LM Terry Wilmot (D-6)	April 28
LM Daniel Zapotochny (D-1)	April 30

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Gerald "Jerry" Kurtz, District 6

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Thomas Zumbro, District 3

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

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

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