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Local 18 CALENDAR

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- 8** All Districts – Membership mtgs.
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- 7** District 6 Steward Training Class – District Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 12** All Districts – Membership mtgs.

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REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

Joe Biden was sworn into office as the 46th President of the United States of America on January 20, 2021. It didn't take him long to start undoing some of the Trump big business appointees. On his first day in office, he fired Peter Robb, General Counsel at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), and a day later, Robb's deputy, Alice Stock, was terminated. Both people were management representatives stacking the deck at the NLRB against workers' rights to organize. President Biden has so far been picking pro-union people as his appointees, including Marty Walsh for Labor Secretary.

Along with the good, there is some bad; Biden is against pipeline work and has stopped the Keystone XL Pipeline, which will affect thousands of Operating Engineers' jobs. Biden is an environmentalist and wants renewable energy, such as windmills and solar farms, not fossil fuel. It is expected that President Biden will try to get a massive infrastructure program going, which is Local 18's bread and butter. We will have to see which direction our construction programs go under President Biden and his administration.

By the time you read this article, you should be able to pay your dues via the Local 18 app. If you have not downloaded the phone app, please do so. To pay your dues on the app, open the app, click on *My Profile*, then *My Member Tools*, and then *Dues Information*, and follow the steps. It has taken a bit of time to get credit card payments in place, but we had to make sure the bank security was



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proper before the membership utilized it. The bank and the app developer have assured us that all security protocols have been met.

2020 was a challenging year, to say the least, but you can be sure that Local 18 is financially secure. In 2020 we reduced the members' dues, had a COVID-19 pandemic, finished paying for the District 2 office, had a lower workload than expected, and through all this, the Local finished the year in the black. All unnecessary spending was curtailed by the administration last year. Now, hopefully, the worst is behind us, and we can start to recover in 2021.

You should be noticing new billboard designs across the state promoting Local 18 and Union Labor. The people on the billboards are Local 18 members. This advertising campaign is meant to inform the general public of the value of Union Labor. Our messages will evolve

as the year goes forward. Right-To-Work has been quiet in Ohio, and our prevailing wage laws are intact. Now is the time to explain to the public what we are all about.

Check your certifications and make sure they are current. The regional Apprenticeship Training Centers are open and ready to assist. Now is the time to update and not after the work season has begun, forcing you to miss work. If you have not been to the Logan Training Center in a while, stop in and check out the new mechanic shop and expanded indoor training center.

We wish all retirees good health during this pandemic. Stay safe, wear your masks, and continue to practice social distancing.

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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
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Local 18B \$66.75 per quarter
+2.5% Administrative Dues*

Local 18C \$51.75 per quarter (Shops)
+1.5% Administrative Dues*
only when working for Dealer/Rental
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Local 18C \$57.75 per quarter (Stone
Quarries, Material Yards, etc.)

Local 18D \$24.50 per month

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rate per month to be paid quarterly

Local 18RA \$66.75 per quarter
+2.5% Administrative Dues*

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

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\$150.75 per quarter

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

District 6 looking forward to 2021

We look forward to 2021. It looks like it will present us with plenty of highway work. Hopefully, the COVID-19 vaccine will get out to the masses and help to release some of the private money funding the building work we've been preparing for.

In **Ashland County**, Trucco Construction is installing water and sewer lines for a new apartment building project in Ashland. Sarver Paving is busy with maintenance work at their asphalt plant in Ashland. Blackhorse Bridge has the bridge replacement on S.R. 302.

In **Richland County**, Shelly & Sands is working on the U.S. Rt. 30 major reconstruction project in Mansfield. Page Excavating has the demolition of the old Shelby Power Plant. Stein continues to process slag at AK Steel in Mansfield. Beaver Excavating is at the Rumpke Landfill with cell work, as well as site work and underground work at Lexington Schools.

In **Wayne County**, Bogner Construction is installing a 4.7-million-gallon sludge tank at the Wooster Waste Water Treatment Plant. Stanley Miller Construction has the West Salem Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades. Bogner Construction and Beaver Excavating are both working on the Daisy Plant expansion project in Wooster. Bogner Construction is also working on the College of Wooster expansion project.

In **Stark County**, Wenger Excavating is installing water and sewer lines at the new Loves Truck Stop in Canton. Beaver Excavating



WORKING on a new Lexington school project in Richland County is Beaver Excavating.

continues work on the I-77/ U.S. Rt. 30 bridge replacement project. Central Allied is working on the Jefferson Ave. sewer replacement project in Canton. Wenger Excavating has sewer replacements in multiple locations

across Canton. Edw. C. Levy continues performing steel mill services at Timken Steel.

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

In **Holmes County**, Bogner Construction is working at Alpine Cheese Company in Winesburg on plant upgrades.

In **Tuscarawas County**, The Shelly Company has major reconstruction work on S.R. 212/800. DRS Enterprises has the internal erosion interceptor trench project at the Zoar Levee.

In **Coshocton County**, Capital City Crane kept 20 to 25 operators busy in the region on various projects. Shelly has the four-lane resurfacing of U.S. Rt. 36 in Coshocton. DRS Enterprises is busy moving dirt at the Six Mile Dam project in Warsaw.

In **Summit County**, Shelly & Sands is in the final phase of ramp and 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. H.M. Miller has storm sewer improvements in Akron at Kelly Ave. Badger Daylighting is

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BUSY at the City of Wooster Wastewater Treatment Plant is Bogner.

POLITICAL ACTION

Legislative Report

by Mark Totman, Legislative Representative

As this brief update is being written in early February, Governor DeWine has proposed a one-time spending of \$1 billion in the state's budget package for COVID-19 recovery.

The relief package consists of \$450 million for small business, \$200 million for local infrastructure, \$250 million for broadband Internet expansion, \$70 million for job re-training, and \$50 million for an ad campaign to get people to move to Ohio.



The additional \$200 million for local infrastructure, along with the ODOT budget that is to be released soon, will help keep Local 18 members employed.

As reported to you in the February *Buckeye*, we believe with the additional CARES Act money to be added to the upcoming ODOT Budget, that it will bring this year's budget in line with previous ODOT budgets. We believe 2021 will be another good year for Local 18 members.

We will update you when we have more information after the release of the budget.

Thanks to everyone who supports our PEP PAC program and for your continued support of Local 18.

Unions are democratically organized, not corporations

According to a Center for American Progress issue brief comparing leadership elections of unions and corporations, "In establishing the rules that govern engagement with the democratic process—including laws related to elections, campaign finance, and lobbying—unions and corporations are often lumped together under the incorrect assumption that these two types of organizations are roughly equivalent and thus should be subject to similar rules. Unions and corporations are fundamentally different organizations and operate in distinct ways."

"Labor unions, whose express purpose is to provide more favorable workplace conditions for their members, are generally governed by the democratic ideal of free and fair elections

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The Whitehouse moves to reshape the NLRB and strengthen its mission to protect workers

Earlier this year, the Whitehouse took steps to reshape the composition and tenor of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). The objective was to solidify the impartiality of the board, which has recently been deemed to be aligned with corporate America and much too business-friendly in its rulings.

Specifically, the administration replaced the NLRB's general legal counsel and named a Democratic member to head the board.

For years, employment groups and several national unions — including the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the Communications Workers of America (CWA), the AFL-CIO, and others — have campaigned for systemic change of the NLRB. Now, it is coming to fruition. This is surely welcome news to rank-and-file workers and the labor movement.



types of cases the agency does or doesn't pursue. The current counsel's term was slated to last until this coming November, but the Whitehouse decided to replace him immediately to begin reorienting the agency toward protecting workers.

- In its other move, the new presidential administration named a Democratic NLRB member to head the board, taking over from the previous head who presided over numerous, major business-friendly decisions during his time.

For employees and unions, this remaking of the NLRB provides confidence that the Biden presidency will live up to its pledge to fully support labor. Look for the NLRB to strengthen its commitment to workers even more after August of this year. This is when Democrats gain majority leadership of the board.

Sources: Bloomberg Law [<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/daily-labor-report/biden-moves-to-oust-top-labor-board-attorney-robb>].

The specifics

- The NLRB office of general counsel has sweeping authority to determine which

for leadership. In contrast, public corporations, whose primary purpose is to maximize profits for shareholders, deviate from democratic norms in their leadership elections," the issue brief said.

"In practice," the document continued, "corporate processes tend to favor those with more wealth and power and discourage all but the most influential shareholders from participating in elections and decision-making processes. Due to unequal voting rights, many individual shareholders lack meaningful opportunities to exercise their voice or hold leadership accountable. The inherent inequality of corporate elections is compounded by the fact that workers, who are directly affected by corporate decision-making, are usually entirely absent from voting processes."

"When constructing the rules that shape democratic engagement by these entities, policymakers should be cognizant of the organizational and operational differences between unions and corporations. In order to strengthen political democracy in the United States, policymakers should better support the creation of, and engagement by, democratically organized groups," concluded the document.

New transportation secretary Buttigieg inheriting crumbling infrastructure

Improving America's infrastructure has been declared a top priority of the new Biden administration, and leading the charge in that regard will be Pete Buttigieg, the new Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT).

"Pete Buttigieg is taking office at a time when both state and local officials are deeply frustrated that not enough is being done to maintain and improve the country's transportation networks. But nobody seems to be able to solve the problem," according to a recent story by Daniel C. Vock on the

Pennsylvania Capital-Star website. "Transportation advocates are cheered, though, because although Buttigieg did not come from the transportation world, as mayor of South Bend, IN, he had experience with some of the nuts-and-bolts annoyances that professionals in the field encounter every day."

According to Vock, "difficulties in getting congressional approval for new infrastructure initiatives pre-date Trump's time in office, and they're likely to make life difficult for Buttigieg and the Biden administration as well. The obstacles include a funding mech-

anism for roads and bridges that no longer works, growing partisanship in transportation policy, the lack of a national strategy to deal with climate change, and tensions between states and local governments about who should decide how best to spend federal money."

Biden's infrastructure initiatives would seem to be in good hands, according to Vock, if past signals from Buttigieg's past are any indication.

"Buttigieg has described himself as a transportation nerd," Vock wrote. "As mayor of South Bend, Buttigieg oversaw a rollout of a 'Complete Streets' plan that slowed vehicle speeds downtown, eliminated one-way streets, and according to Buttigieg, helped with the area's economic revival. Buttigieg also helped fill potholes with a public works crew and fielded complaints from residents about frequent horn blasts from freight trains that started seemingly without warning. Beth Osborne, a top USDOT official during the Obama administration, remembered Buttigieg 'set the agency on fire' when he visited the office as mayor. What set Buttigieg apart from other public officials, she said, is that he spent his time asking agency employees questions about how the department worked, rather than making demands about what he wanted them to do for him."

"When Buttigieg ran for president, he said USDOT should come up with a way to move from fuel taxes to mileage fees. Biden, on the other hand, did not specify how he would

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Biden, AFL-CIO labor agendas in sync

There seems to be good news on the horizon for labor with President Biden and the AFL-CIO appearing to definitely be on the same page when it comes to possible upcoming pro-labor workplace changes, according to a recent article by Mark Gruenberg on the *People's World* website.

Gruenberg's story reported that AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka "considered Biden the most pro-worker president in decades" for many reasons, but in particular for two key items of pro-worker legislation at the top of both Biden's and Trumka's agenda.

"The first is more and more immediate aid to workers and their families battling the coronavirus pandemic and the economic depression needed closures to curb it caused.

The second and the one with potentially longer impact is congressional passage of the Protect the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, the most pro-worker comprehensive labor law since the original National Labor Relations Act of 1935," Gruenberg wrote.

According to Gruenberg, "The PRO Act and the stimulus aren't the only priorities where Biden's and labor's agendas agree. After that, both say, comes revitalizing and rebuilding U.S. infrastructure.

That doesn't mean just roads, airports, and railroads, but buses, subways, and broadband – and other sections of the so-called 'green' economy, such as massive retrofitting of buildings, sewer and water systems, and power lines. Biden says all these projects, including

'green' growth, should be done by union labor. That cheered Trumka, who put spending \$1.5 trillion on infrastructure in the second section of pro-worker legislation unions will push."

One other plus so far in Biden's pro-labor agenda, Gruenberg wrote, was the nomination of Boston Mayor, Marty Walsh – a member of Laborers Local 223 and a former chief of the Boston Building and Construction Trades – as Labor Secretary. Gruenberg quoted Trumka as saying, "Walsh carried the tools and he knows union membership is essential for building back better. And he has the ear of the White House. Because he's a rank-and-file union member...it says to workers 'you matter' and that a worker will be at the Cabinet table every time."

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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.

Great Lakes Construction started Phase 2 foundation work for the I-271 sound barrier wall in Twinsburg. Tri Mor 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 the Akron Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant. DTJ Enterprises is installing upgrades at the Richfield pump station. Cioffi Construction has water line work on Newport Rd. in Norton. Cioffi Construction is installing water lines on the Hudson Road Project.

Kenmore Construction continues the S.R. 8 complete reconstruction project from Boston Heights to Cuyahoga Falls, including new ramp and overpass construction at Graham Rd. as well as preparations for lane widening in both directions. Great Lakes Construction



WORKING for Kiewit at the Long Ridge Energy project in Monroe County is Jason Waterman.



ON THE JOB for Kenmore on Main St. Akron is Chris Fetzer.



INSTALLING water line in Barberton is Kenmore 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.

In preparation for Phase 2, Cioffi Construction has the S.R. 91 widening project in Hudson and relocation of utilities on the southbound lane. Lockhart Concrete is working on site reclamation at the Hampton Ridge Road Project. Kelly Steel 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 gas distribution on Market St. in Fairlawn.

In **Portage County**, Spano Brothers Construction is installing water lines on S.R. 14 in Streetsboro. KMI Materials is doing plant repairs and maintenance improvements at Shalersville Asphalt Plant. Platform Cement is grading for the interior concrete package at the Streetsboro Fire Department Building project. Karvo has sanitary and storm sewer reconstruction in Kent on S. Main Street. VMI has the concrete work at the Hammer Company building addition project. Capital City Crane has the hoisting work at the Spec warehouse building project on S.R. 43 in Aurora.

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

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WORKING for Frank Lucco Co. in Akron are (l-r) Matthew Addis and Nate Collage.

Landfill is keeping about 80 members busy processing a variety of waste.

In **Jefferson County**, Flatiron Construction, Triton Construction, and Richard Geotile Inc. are busy working on the new bridge project spanning across the Ohio River from Brilliant to Wellsburg, WV. Cast & Baker still has operators in Brilliant doing rehab work loading out stone from the S.R. 7 slip project. James White Construction has operators working at the new Indian Creek High School in Wintersville. Songer Services has members

working on relining the electric arc furnace in JSW Steel Mill in Mingo. A.P. O'Horo has crews doing bridge replacements on S.R. 164 in Bergholz.

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

In **Harrison County**, Songer Services has operators doing maintenance work on Fractionation V inside the MarkWest Plant in Hopedale.

In **Washington County**, inside the Eramet Plant, AECOM has a few members busy doing outage work. 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 pumping concrete.

In **Monroe County**, Kiewit is working two shifts constructing the new Long Ridge Energy Facility in Hannibal. Grae-Con has operators staying busy doing site work for a new



OPERATING an excavator for Grae-Con at the Guernsey County Powerhouse Plant is Jeff Leasure.

Urgent Care in Woodsfield. Alan Stone Company has a small slip repair on S.R. 78 outside of Lewisville.

In **Belmont County**, Swank Construction

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WORKING for 41 years on the same site and on his last day is (l-r) Jim Williams and co-worker Rob Dailey.



BUSY for Grae-Con at the Guernsey County Powerhouse project is Olivia Bays.

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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.

In **Guernsey County**, Kirk Brothers have a couple operators working at the Bylesville 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 Bylesville. Ammazz Construction is doing a road project on Clark Street in Cambridge.

Pipeline

Snelson is working for Duke Energy; they have five anomaly digs on existing 16-inch pipeline in the Cincinnati area.

Otis Eastern is working for Sunoco to stream exposure repairs on 12-inch pipe in Franklin County.

Minnesota Limited is working for Trans-Canada on 1,200 feet of 6-inch in Richland County of installation work.



TEARING down building at the City of Shelby's Powerhouse is Page Excavating.



OPERATING a hydro excavator for Miller Pipeline in Beach City is James Swords.

InfraSource is working for Duke Energy on 68,000 feet of 20-inch steel in Hamilton County, Aaron Enterprises will do three HDD bores.

Hinkle & McCoy is doing station work in Butler County, and Badger Daylighting will be doing hydro-excavating on the project.

Charps is working for Enbridge on maintenance and integrity digs on various different pipes across the state of Ohio, and parts of Kentucky/Indiana. Job duration will be about a year.

UPI continues work in Belmont County on Colerain compressor station for Enbridge.

Roberts Pipeline is doing work for Trans-Canada on 540 feet of 16-inch near Lancaster.

Cogar Right-of-Way is clearing for Trans-Canada near Richland County and Elyria on 1,500 feet of 8-inch.

Otis Eastern is working for Enbridge on maintenance and integrity digs across the southern part of Local 18.

Hopefully, everyone has used their time off to recertify and upgrade their skills, it only leads to more opportunities for every member of Local 18. Stay safe and watch over your Brothers and Sisters. Here is to a safe and prosperous 2021!



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

SAFETY REPORT



by **Brett LaFaso**, Safety Director

I regret to say that I reported on far too many accidents resulting in fatalities that have occurred within our jurisdiction in 2020. I have researched national sources to find fatal accidents that are tragic yet preventable. I did this in an effort to educate our members on the devastating and life-changing consequences of a fatal accident. The most informative and complete sources for this information is *Mine Safety and Health Administration* website (MSHA.gov). With the goal of reaching the public with this information, MSHA has developed the "Fatalgram." With its rather morbid name, it leaves no doubt as to the subject matter it discusses. I have three such reports I wish to share with the Brothers and Sisters of Local 18.

On February 27, 2020, at a non-union quarry in Allegan, MI, a miner died when an unsecured 20'x8'x1" steel plate standing

on edge, weighing over 6,500 lbs., fell and struck him. The steel plate was being used to cover the end of a feeder to allow an equipment operator to build an earthen ramp to the feeder.

To prevent an accident of this type, require all workers to stay out of the fall path of heavy objects/materials that have the potential of becoming off-balance while in a raised position.

On June 13, 2020, at a non-union sandpit in Maricopa, AZ, a dragline was found submerged in 25 feet of water where a miner had been using it to remove material from a pond. Divers attempted to locate the dragline operator, and after two days, the dragline was extricated from the pond. The victim was recovered from the engine compartment behind the operator's cab. The investigation of the recovered dragline showed that the drag drum air actuated control was in the "engaged" position while the crawler travel locks were in the "no restraint" position.

To prevent an accident of this type, always set travel locks before beginning cycle duty work with a dragline.

On October 9, 2020, at a non-union surface coal mine in Fonde, KY, a contractor was changing the nozzle on a hydroseeder and accidentally engaged the hydroseeder's clutch while the nozzle was pointing towards him. The material sprayed from the nozzle and struck him, causing him to fall backward and strike his neck on the hydroseeder handrail, fatally injuring him.

To prevent an accident of this type, stay out of the line of fire while the equipment is running and also, the contractor could have shut off the pump motor during the nozzle change-out, thereby de-energizing the pressure.

I hope that these reports on fatal accidents will give us pause to think about our task at hand and how to do it as safely as possible. The livelihood of our families and our union depend upon it.

St. Patrick's Day: How and why this 'unofficial' holiday came to be ubiquitous in America

Despite what most people think, St. Patrick's Day is not a U.S. federal holiday. Businesses, schools, banks, and other organizations are open as usual. So, why is St. Patrick's day so popular across the country, especially since its origins lie elsewhere?

The legend

According to popular myth, St. Patrick rid Ireland of snakes. However, it is believed that snakes have not been in Ireland since the last ice age. The "snakes" St. Patrick banished from Ireland may refer to the druids or pagans who worshiped snake and serpent gods.

The date

St. Patrick's Day started as a religious celebration in the 17th century. This "Feast Day" always takes place on the anniversary of

Patrick's death, which is believed to be March 17th, 461 AD.

Why a U.S. holiday?

It was immigrants to America who arrived in the 18th century who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a national celebration. Large numbers of Irish immigrants often wielded political power in major cities, and they decided to hold extensive celebrations to honor Ireland's patron saint. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762.

Sources: Britannica [<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Saint-Patricks-Day>] • Lifehacker [<https://lifehacker.com/the-real-history-of-st-patrick-s-day-1793354674>] • Time and Date [<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/>].

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RETIREE CALENDAR

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APRIL

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

March and April training schedule appears on page 22.



District 1 busy throughout the area



WORKING for General Crane on the new riverfront restaurant on the east bank of the flats is crane operator John Martin.



EXCAVATOR operator Chad Price working for Fabrizio Construction on the Burke Brooke Open Channel Improvement project in Cleveland.



ON THE JOB for Cook on Prospect Ave. in front of the District 1 office is excavator operator Ken Peters.



OPERATING a Rough Terrain Forklift at the Nottingham Wastewater Treatment Plant in Cleveland is William Coble.



BUSY for Kokosing Construction at the Euclid Wastewater Treatment Plant is excavator operator Brian Chandley.



KEEPING busy for B & B Wrecking & Excavating on Harvard Rd. in Newburgh Hts. is excavator operator Mike Lowery.

District 2 anticipating a busy year



HYDRO excavating for Badger in Toledo is Michael Henderson.



WORKING on the I-75 project in Toledo is E. S. Wagner.



BACKFILLING on a demolition project for Great Lakes Demolition in Fremont is Gene Rex.



STRIPPING overburden at the Bloomville quarry for Hanson Aggregates Midwest are Tyler Dearth on ramp and Cal Miller on rock.



KEEPING busy for Sunbelt Rentals in Findlay is Kurt Gehring.



BUSY on a waterline project for R.A. Bores in Bellevue is Clayton Braden.



OPERATING a Link-Belt 108 on the I-75 reconstruction project is Shane Gaghen.



WORKING for Nagel in Napoleon is Andrew Dirr.

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BOOM truck crane operator for IPS at Heinz in Fremont is Ian Lewis.



REPLACING traffic signals on Blanchard St. in Findlay for Miller Cable is Chad Whitman.



OPERATING a dozer for Vernon Nagel at a dump site in Monclova is Zachary Irick.



ON THE JOB for Hite Concrete on the Maumee River Crossing project in Napoleon is Freedom Cavinder.



WORKING in Tiffin for Prince Pipeline is Brandon Winterstein.



BUSY at Area Aggregates Quarry in Woodville operating a loader is Steward Ryan Schmidt.

District 3 members getting the job done



PLACING RCC in Pataskala, Licking County is Complete General.



WORKING at Kenyon College, Knox County is ALL Crane.



SETTING water lines in Union County for Trucco is Chris Hobbs.



KEEPING busy for George J. Igel & Company at the Facebook project in New Albany, Licking County is Clayton Delp.



WORKING for George J. Igel & Company at the Facebook project in New Albany, Licking County is Dalton Evans.



BUSY for Danbert, Franklin County is Shawn Peters.

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RETIREES CLUB



by **Gary Siesel**,
President

Greetings Brothers
and Sisters,

Can't wait till this
Pandemic (COVID-
19) is over, in the
past, and never to
return!

In anticipation
and hope that we could possibly start Re-
tiree meetings soon, our District Retiree
Chairpersons have been putting together

their schedules for Retiree meetings for
2021. This doesn't mean that those meet-
ings won't be canceled, but the hope is that
when we are able to get back to a some-
what normal, the meetings can resume with
dates already set.

Watch for news in the *Buckeye Engineer*
and Local 18's website.

We have also tentatively set up a State Re-
tirees' Picnic Planning Committee meeting for
Wednesday, May 12, 2021, depending on if
we can safely meet. And again, if everything
begins to get back to normal and it is safe to
have the State Retirees' Picnic, it is scheduled

to be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021,
at the District 3 Union Hall.

I have been and will continue to travel to
District Membership Meetings around the
state in an effort to make sure our Retirees
are not forgotten. I know it's hard staying
away from friends and just generally getting
out to socialize, but it is the safe thing to do
for ourselves and the people around us. With
that being said, if any Retirees would like to
speak to me, contact your District Office, and
in turn, they will forward your phone number
to me for a return phone call.

In solidarity, and please stay safe.

A more substantial infrastructure spending bill for America may be close at hand

For the last few years, there has been ongoing political discussion about proposing and enacting an infrastructure spending bill. Now, the reality of meaningful infrastructure investment may be closer than ever.

In one of its first acts, the incoming presidential administration is proposing \$2 trillion for various infrastructure projects during its first year in office, including \$50 billion specifically set aside for road and bridge repairs.

The American public and the country's elected officials overwhelmingly support the idea of repairing bridges, reducing traffic congestion, and fixing other broken infrastructure in their communities. But discussions in Washington D.C. about the details have historically proven problematic, usually ending in political stalemate and inaction. That may change this time around.

With both the House and Senate in Democratic control, it's more likely that legislation for substantial infrastructure investment will pass and move forward.

- "I think we go big or go home," says Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA), vice-chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. "This is a chance to put forth a real comprehensive bill that will invest in our infrastructure and create jobs."
- Elizabeth Gore, senior vice president for political affairs at the Environmental Defense Fund and a former Democratic Senate aide, says policymakers will get "...whatever they can get done in a bipartisan way. If that fails, they're going to use reconciliation. I think there's not going to be a lot of patience for long negotiations..."



The details have historically proven problematic...
that may change this time around.

The earliest test of the new administration's resolve will likely come when it makes its first budget request. Expected to be presented this Spring, the request will signal what level of commitment the federal government is willing to make. The expectation is the dollar amount will be sizeable enough to renew the country's transportation infrastructure, boost the US economy and create thousands of new union jobs.

Sources: For construction Pros [<https://www.forconstructionpros.com/infrastructure/news/21232959/new-sources-of-infrastructure-funding-are-imperative>] • Politico [<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/01/19/biden-infrastructure-plan-460448>].

New transportation secretary Buttigieg inheriting crumbling infrastructure

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come up with the money for his infrastructure improvement plan. Still, Buttigieg will be a key figure in negotiating what comes next, whether it's a deal to keep the current system limping along with money scraped together from other federal departments or a revolutionary new way of funding infrastructure," concluded Vock's article.

Right-to-Work[⚠] does not create a right to work!

Despite the misleading title, Right-to-Work[⚠] laws do not create a right to work, nor do they protect workers from being fired for unjust reasons.

What Right-to-Work[⚠] laws actually do is allow workers in union shops to accept the benefits of unionizing without paying their share of the costs. The National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) requires unions to represent all employees in the bargaining unit.

All workers in the unit receive the increased wages and benefits negotiated by the union. All workers receive protection from unjust discharge under the collective bargaining agreement and representation in arbitration challenging unjust terminations at no charge. It is only fair that all workers who receive these benefits share the costs. That is what the NLRA provides.

State Right-to-Work[⚠] laws, which are permitted by the NLRA, change this arrangement. Under such laws, workers are permitted to receive the benefits of the collective bargaining agreements without paying their share of the costs. This forces fellow employees to pay more than their fair share to make up the loss.

Right-to-Work[⚠] laws also weaken unions by forcing them to provide services to workers without being reimbursed for their costs.

This is exactly what proponents of Right-to-Work[⚠] want. The champions of Right-to-Work[⚠] are not supporters of workers' rights. The National Right-to-Work[⚠] committee was founded in 1954 by a group of ultra-conservative businessmen, including Whitford Blakeney, one of the best known anti-labor lawyers of his time, whose career included representing the J.P. Stevens textile company, whose campaign against unionization was found by the National Labor Relations Board to include "excessive and egregious labor practices."

(The movie "Norma Rae" is based on that strike. Sally Field's role, which won her an Oscar, was based on Crystal Lee Sutton who was fired at a Stevens plant for trying to organize the employees.)

To this day, the NRTWC functions as an arm of organized business. It did not support civil rights laws protecting workers from racial and gender discrimination. It does not support increasing protection against retaliation for workers who try to organize. It does not support protecting workers' lives by improving enforcement of occupational safety and health laws.

In fact, the committee's leadership works closely with those who oppose improving the rights of workers.



Advocates of Right-to-Work[⚠] laws claim that such laws protect workers' right to freedom of association by preventing them from being forced to join unions against their will. This is not true.

Workers already have this right under the National Labor Relations Act. Section 7 of the Act prohibits discrimination against any employee because he or she has chosen to join or not join a union. No new state law is needed to protect workers in this area.

Right-to-Work[⚠] laws allow workers to accept the benefits of union membership without sharing the cost. This is a right no one should have – the right to get something for nothing and make others pay the bill.

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.

Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager



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WORKING on the new Hyatts Road project in Delaware County for Complete General is Chris Morgan.



BUSY in Delaware County is Complete General.



INSTALLING ductile iron pipe for a sludge line for the City of Columbus on Morse Rd., Franklin County is Complete General.



KEEPING busy at OSU's new Proton Therapy Ambulatory Center in Franklin County is The Boldt Company.



ON THE JOB in Columbus, Franklin County, working on a pedestrian bridge is Toledo Caisson.



KEEPING busy for Complete General in Delaware County is Larry Izer.

District 4/5 busy with many projects



OPERATING a hydro excavator for AHE in Versailles is Mitch Gibson.



WORKING on a pedestrian bridge in Dayton is R.B. Jergens.



CROSSING Liberty St. in Cincinnati to get to the stadium project is Louis "Buddy" Moser.



OPERATING a skid steer is Dustin Moody.



WORKING for InfraSource, operating a directional drill in St. Mary's is Sam Allen.



LAYING sanitary sewer line in Russia is Kinnison Excavating.



ON THE JOB for Associated Excavating in Springfield, operating skid steer is Zach Vanzant.

30-year life members recognized

New 30-year life members are recognized below. We honor the following men and women for 30 years of commitment, dedication and membership in IUOE Local 18:

District 1

Kurt Baumgardner, John W. Berberick, Christopher M. Berkesch, Rebecca S. Butler, Larry D. Coursey, Jay J. Curtis, Nick DiPlacito, Raymond D. Fisher, William L. Garn, Keith A. Gemberling, David H. Gollon, George J. Gorup, Ronald L. Hannon, Jessie Harter, John F. Hasman II, Audrey Hodolic, Ronald T. Kaser, David A. Lang, Patrick A. Lowe, Thomas Ludrosky, Sandra McMurray, William T. Meder, Jeff Moehlman, Jeffrey G. Nickschinski, Shawn Patrick, Mario Rossi, James P. Sebek, Robert S. Seidel, Ronald C. Waid, Jeff T. Walters, Kevin D. Whynott, Michael S. Workman

District 2

Clifford Badenhop, Jeffrey L. Deisler, Eric Eckman, Thomas C. Gray, Raymond J. Heintschel, William B. Hilyard, Jr., Bruce A. Karhoff, Rex McKee II, Daniel T. Michalski, Daniel K. Newton, Charles E. Proch, Jr., Richard L. Reese, Dave C. Rewoldt, William M. Sheets, Philip Shipman, Albert R. Taylor, Timothy L. Traver

District 3

Gary E. Ackers, Karl E. Atkins, Donald M. Bickford, Gregory L. Blackford, Todd R. Bridwell, Roger C. Bush, Ronald R. Campbell, Jon D. Carnahan, Ricky L. Clary, Sr., William H. Cox, Sr., Carolyn D. Fearn, Erick T. Graham, Victor M. Harris, Joseph B. Holdren, James K. Jordan, Kenneth L. Lighthizer, Wendell F. McCafferty, Dan McIntire, Maurice E. McMillin, Doug Metcalf, Gary W. Park, Galen Peck, Carl R. Quick, Robert J. Rentas, William F. Rogers, Kelly E. Snell, Max C. Stumbo, Michael D. Testa, John Tigyer, Jr., Randall J. Totman, Dennis L. Wells, Rodney W. Woodward

District 4/5

Dennis E. Alfrey, Michael D. Black, Don Callahan, Jr., William H. Croft, Tim Cropper, Timothy A. Emrick, Timothy B. Grant, Richard G. Hardy, Todd W. Hines, Barry E. Holtkamp, Carl A. Kinsel, Mark R. Korb, Robert J. Lisle, Robert W. Lotton, Gareld McCann, Darrell M. McKinley, Joseph C. McKinney, Charles Nelson, Johnny W. O'Bryan, Bobby G. Oney, Dave Pierce, Jonathon R. Pool, Randy F. Ralston, Norman Richardson, Douglas R. Rowe, William H. Slauter, Jr., Larry K. Thomas, Jeffry A. Tischbein, Daniel Williams

District 6

Hugh F. Atkinson, Joseph W. Casto, Jeffery A. Chapanar, Dwayne Dunn, Roger L. Eagleson, Diana L. Elliott, Curtis A. Ferguson, Terry A. Gradisher, Jeffrey C. Harris, Jeffrey A. Hershberger, Rosa M. Jinks, James D. Kelly, Patricia A. Kohl, Gregory Lambert, Ronnie Lloyd, Donald H. Losh, Dennis R. Marsh, Bradley A. Maurer, Richard T. Paumier, Leonard A. Roberts, Dale R. Rogers, Allen W. Smith, Mickey Stanley, Robert J. Walker, Jeffrey A. Work, Donald P. Young



Kurt Baumgardner, D-1



Ronald T. Kaser, D-1



David A. Lang, D-1



Robert S. Seidel, D-1



William T. Meder, D-1



John Hasman II, D-1



Larry D. Coursey, D-1



Charles E. Proch, Jr., D-2

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Daniel T. Michalski, D-2



Daniel K. Newton, D-2



Dave C. Rewoldt, D-2



Eric Eckman, D-2



Bruce A. Karhoff, D-2



Philip Shipman, D-2



Rex McKee II, D-2



Richard L. Reese, D-2



Thomas C. Gray, D-2



William B. Hilyard, Jr., D-2



William M. Sheets, D-2



William H. Cox, Sr., D-3



Carl R. Quick, D-3



Dennis L. Wells, D-3



Erick T. Graham, D-3



Galen Peck, D-3

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Joseph B. Holdren, D-3



Ricky L. Clary, Sr., D-3



Roger C. Bush, D-3



Ronald R. Campbell, D-3



Bobby G. Oney, D-4/5



Charles Nelson, D-4/5



Darrell M. McKinley, D-4/5



Douglas R. Rowe, D-4/5



Michael D. Black, D-4/5 with future operating engineer, son Austin.



Norman Richardson, D-4/5



Timothy B. Grant, D-4/5



Bradley A. Maurer, D-6



Curtis A. Ferguson, D-6



Dale R. Rogers, D-6



Dennis R. Marsh, D-6

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Donald H. Losh, D-6



Donald P. Young, D-6



Dwayne Dunn, D-6



Jeffrey A. Hershberger, D-6



Jeffery A. Work, D-6



James D. Kelly, D-6



Robert "Bob" J. Walker, D-6



Roger L. Eagleson, D-6, with his wife Rochelle.



Ronnie Lloyd, D-6



Terry A. Gradisher, D-6



Joseph W. Casto, Jr. receiving his 30 year life membership award with son, Joe Casto III and grandson, Joseph Casto IV.

**Thank you
for your
years of
dedicated
service!**

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WE'VE TEAMED UP WITH
LINKEDUNION TO BRING YOU THE
IUOE18 APP!



March and April Local 18 Training Schedule

Richfield (800) 842-9419

March 1-5	40-Hour Crane II	March 23-26	32-Hour Tower Crane
March 2-3	16-Hour Trench Safety	March 24	8-Hour Steward Refresher - District 1
March 4-5	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	March 27,	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each CCO Refresher
March 8-12	40-Hour Utility Support Equipment	April 3	(2 Saturdays)
March 13	8-Hour Forklift Combination	March 29-31	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
March 13	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	April 1-3	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
March 13	8-Hour Signal Person	April 5-7	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
March 15-18	32-Hour Tower Crane	April 7	8-Hour Steward Refresher - District 6
March 15-19	40-Hour Grader	April 10	8-Hour CCO Exam
March 18-19	16-Hour Trench Safety	April 12-16	40-Hour Drones in Construction
March 22-26	40-Hour Grader	April 19-23	40-Hour Drones in Construction
March 22-26	40-Hour Crane II		

Cygnnet (888) 634-6880

March 1-5	40-Hour Crane I	March 29-April 2	40-Hour Drones in Construction
March 1-5	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew	March 29-April 2	40-Hour Pipeline Distribution/Maintenance
March 6,	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP	March 31	8-Hour Steward Refresher - District 2
March 13	(2 Saturdays)	April 3	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
March 8-11	32-Hour Asphalt Milling	April 5-6	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment
March 13	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	April 5-9	40-Hour Utility Support Equipment
March 15-18	32-Hour Asphalt	April 7-8	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment
March 15-19	40-Hour Crane II	April 13-16	32-Hour OSHA 30/STP
March 20	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	April 17	8-Hour Load Securement
March 22-26	40-Hour Directional Drill	April 19-23	40-Hour Crane I
March 27	8-Hour Signal Person	April 19-23	40-Hour Plan Reading

Logan (888) 385-2567

March 1-4	32-Hour Asphalt Milling	March 15-19	40-Hour Crane II
March 1-12	80-Hour: Intermediate Pipeline (Local 18)	March 15- 19	40-Hour Pipeline Distribution/Maintenance
	2 Weeks (Monday-Friday)	March 20	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation
March 6	8-Hour Labor History - District 3	March 22-24	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
March 8-11	32-Hour Asphalt	March 22-26	40-Hour Drones in Construction
March 8-12	40-Hour Crane II	March 23	8-Hour Forklift Combination
March 8-12	40-Hour Vac-U-Worx (Local 18)	March 24-25	16-Hour Crane Rigging
March 10-12	24-Hour MSHA	March 25-27	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
March 13,	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each CCO Refresher	March 26	8-Hour Signal Person
March 20	(2 Saturdays)	March 27	8-Hour CCO Exam
March 13	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	April 14	8-Hour Steward Refresher - District 3

Miamisburg (800) 635-4928

March 1-5	40-Hour Crane II	March 20	8-Hour Signal Person
March 1-5	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew	March 22-26	40-Hour Articulated Boom Crane
March 6	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 25-26	16-Hour Trench Safety
March 8-12	40-Hour Welding	March 27	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher
March 8-12	40-Hour Drones in Construction	March 29-31	24-Hour MSHA
March 8-12	40-Hour Pipeline Distribution/Maintenance	April 3,	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP
March 9-11	24-Hour Skidsteer	April 10	(2 Saturdays)
March 12	8-Hour Load Securement	April 3,	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each Trench Safety
March 13	8-Hour Forklift Combination	April 10	(2 Saturdays)
March 13	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	April 5-8	32-Hour Pile Driving
March 15-17	24-Hour GPS Grade Control	April 10	8-Hour MSHA Refresher
March 16-20	40-Hour HAZWOPER	April 12-16	40-Hour Utility Support Equipment
March 17	8-Hour Steward Refresher - District 4/5	April 17	8-Hour Forklift Combination
March 18-19	16-Hour Crane Rigging	April 19-23	40-Hour Grader

18S members on the job



WORKING for CBRE in Columbus is Operating Engineer Andrew Glazier.



OPERATING Engineer Anthony Unger, working for CBRE in Columbus.



WORKING for AQUA Ohio – Tiffin is Mechanic-Relief Operator Brandon Steinmetz.



UTILITY Operator working with AQUA Ohio – Franklin County is Brandon Stoltz.



LEAD Engineer J. Chris Papson, working for CBRE in Columbus.



UTILITY Operator Jeff Ward, working for AQUA Ohio – Franklin County.



LEAD Plant Operator Richard Fisher, Jr. working for AQUA Ohio – Tiffin.



FIELD Service Representative Jonathan Hall, working for AQUA Ohio – Tiffin.



MECHANIC-Relief Operator Joe Hoover, working for AQUA Ohio – Tiffin.

ORGANIZING REPORT



by **Scott Stevenson**, *Director of Organizing*

I would like to thank you and the rest of Local 18 for all that you do to assist the Organizing Department, especially through the trying times in 2020. Your steadfastness and perseverance on

the job, as well as your efforts to keep us updated on projects in your communities

and providing tips on non-signatory contractors, is without a doubt the strength of Local 18's Organizing Department and the greatest asset we have. Contractors sign our agreements for the sole purpose of being able to utilize your skills and professionalism.

With that in mind, I am happy to report that 2020 was another very productive year for the Organizing Department. Together, we have signed 63 new contractors to one of our agreements that had never been signed before. This enables us to continue to create new job opportunities for the members of Local 18. Our main focus is to continue to organize every day in order to continue to create more jobs for the members.

Although 2020 was a year that we all want to put behind us, we did pass a threshold that I am extremely proud of as a member of Local 18. Since the Organizing Department was established in 2005, together we have signed over 1,000 new contractors. In fact, as of the end of 2020, we have signed 1,024 new contractors. None of this could have been

accomplished without you and the Local 18 members who preceded us.

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

- Mel-Kay Electric, Inc.
- N&W Excavating, LLC
- National Lime and Stone – Chesterville
- Skyworks – Brooklyn
- Sterling Quality Concrete
- Doetsch Environmental Service
- LoJac, LLC
- Alta Heavy Equipment Services, LLC
- Prime Resource Services, Inc.
- PNC Bank
- Infinity Design and Construction Group, Inc.
- JAC Construction of Ohio, LLC

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

Apprentice Application Period March 2021

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

Region 1 Training Center

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

Region 2 Training Center

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

Region 3 Training Center

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

Region 4/5 Training Center

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

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

Local 18/state are committed to helping veterans

In its ongoing program to help veterans become re-employed in civilian life, Local 18 has created a group of veteran services representatives throughout its jurisdiction. They are listed below.

For information about how to become a member of Local 18, just call the representative closest to your county. If you are a current Local 18 member and are aware of any veterans seeking employment, please refer them to one of the representatives listed.

John Capek, Jr. (D-1)

(216) 432-3131 or toll free (800) 452-1526
Counties Served: *Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain and Medina*

Brett LaFaso (D-2)

(419) 865-0221 or toll free (800) 952-5960
Counties Served: *Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams and Wood*

Robert Hughes (D-3)

(614) 486-5281 or toll free (800) 762-4070
Counties Served: *Athens, Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Marion, Meigs, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Union, Vinton and Wyandot*

Michael Young (D-4/5)

(937) 806-0406 or toll free (800) 452-1528
Counties Served: *Adams, Auglaize, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Warren. (In Kentucky) Boone, Campbell, Kenton and Pendleton*

Preston Yuzwa (D-6)

(330) 784-5461 or toll free (800) 452-1529
Counties Served: *Ashland, Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Monroe, Noble, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Washington and Wayne*

For additional information, and a direct link to the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, go to http://dvs.ohio.gov/veterans_homes/job_ops.aspx.



Shop members ready to go



BUSY for Ohio CAT – Perrysburg is Daniel J. Zirkle.



ON THE JOB for Ohio CAT Ag – Liberty Center is Kyle Ford.



KEEPING busy for Sunbelt Rentals, Findlay is Nick Teegardin.



WORKING for Columbus Equipment, Perrysburg is Mark Swiczkoski.



HARD AT WORK for Ohio CAT – Troy is Ryan Harris.



Resolution

Resolution Regarding Local 18's Promotion of Recruiting Armed Forces Veterans into the Membership
Passed October 26, 2013

WHEREAS, Governor John R. Kasich, Executive Order #2013-05K, encourages training and employment of Armed Forces Veterans; and
WHEREAS, Local 18 has and desires to continue to support the Armed Forces Veterans as this order defines; and
WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, more than 75,000 Ohioans have served in our Armed Forces, supporting combat operations in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the skills learned, certifications earned and the discipline to follow instructions which has been instituted in every veteran that knocks on the door of our industry, is an asset;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Local 18, through its Apprenticeship and Training Program, will continue giving extra credit to all veterans who apply to the Apprenticeship Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Local 18 will, pursuant to Executive Order #2013-05K, continue its policy of giving credit for training and skills acquired in the service of the Armed Forces that are relevant to the skill set of an Operating Engineer and that such application procedure to acquire full membership be expedited as is legally possible.

We're almost at the end, but not quite: How to sustain your mental well-being amid the pandemic

There is light at the end of the pandemic tunnel with the current distribution of vaccines. But we'll probably have to wait a bit longer before society returns to something that resembles 'normal.' In the meantime, here are some mental health strategies and tips to help you get through these last lingering months.

Realize whatever you are feeling is valid

Surveys show a major increase in the number of U.S. adults who report symptoms of stress and anxiety during the pandemic. This is to be expected. Whatever feelings you are experiencing are real — and that's OK.

A regular routine can help you feel better

Maintaining some predictability and control over your daily life can improve mental health. Try to stick to your regular routines for bedtimes, meals, bathing, getting dressed, work, study, and exercise.

Make and sustain personal connections

Social distancing has become a way of life for most of us. This shouldn't preclude you from enjoying personal connections. Phone calls are a good thing. Video chats are even better; seeing a person's face and reactions help strengthen our human bonds.

Put social media in its place

We like to stay in touch through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other platforms. But using social media comes with caveats. Well-meaning friends may spread information that is false or misleading. Seek out credible sources for pandemic information.

Reach out to professionals if needed

Don't hesitate to call your primary physician or mental health professional for appointment options to talk about your anxieties. Contact organizations such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) or the Substance Abuse



and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for help and guidance.

Take breaks for self-care

Regularly setting aside time for yourself — even a few minutes — can help quiet your mind. Many people benefit from deep breathing, tai chi, yoga, or meditation. Soak in a bubble bath, listen to music, or read a book.

Sources: CDC [<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html>] • The Mayo Clinic [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/mental-health-covid-19/art-20482731>] • Conway Medical Center [<https://www.conwaymedicalcenter.com/news/mental-health-during-covid-19/>].

Disclaimer: If you believe you are showing signs of a more acute mental condition, clinical depression for example, it is best to consult your physician or other mental health professional.

2021 Labor History classes scheduled

Date	Location	Instructor
March 6, 2021	District 3 – Columbus Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
March 20, 2021	District 4/5 – Middletown Union Hall Rescheduled from January 9, 2021	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker

Classes are limited in size due to COVID-19.

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

Publications Available

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

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

2021 Steward Training classes scheduled

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

Classes are limited in size due to COVID-19.

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

IN MEMORIAM

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

LM Jack Copeland, Sr. (D-1)	Nov. 10
William Stine (D-6)	Dec. 02
LM Robert Pittman (D-4/5)	Dec. 11
LM Ronald Westfall (D-1)	Dec. 16
LM James Rex Cassidy (D-1)	Dec. 24
LM Elmer Reed (D-4/5)	Dec. 28
LM Roscoe Fickel (D-2)	Dec. 31
LM Raymond Oakford (D-1)	Jan. 01
LM Richard Lumbatis (D-6)	Jan. 02
LM Leroy Wellman (D-3)	Jan. 02
LM Kenneth Young (D-3)	Jan. 03
LM Richard Decker (D-2)	Jan. 04
LM Mike Predragovich (D-6)	Jan. 06
LM Ronald Grosswiler (D-1)	Jan. 07
LM Donald Yoder (D-6)	Jan. 09
LM Danny Price (D-4/5)	Jan. 11
LM Norman Foos (D-2)	Jan. 12
Douglas Banker (D-4/5)	Jan. 13
LM Luigi Presot (D-1)	Jan. 15
LM Don Stanley (D-6)	Jan. 16
LM Russell Waid (D-1)	Jan. 17
LM Albert Bessey (D-1)	Jan. 18
Fred Beers, Jr. (D-6)	Jan. 19
LM Ronald Swartz (D-2)	Jan. 19
Douglas Boos (D-2)	Jan. 20
LM Wilbert Jenkins (D-6)	Jan. 20
LM Donald Radabaugh (D-1)	Jan. 21
LM Robert Haas (D-1)	Jan. 24
LM Selden Burtch (D-1)	Jan. 27
LM Jerome Liptak (D-1)	Jan. 27

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Scholarship Period

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

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

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

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

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

This Month in Labor History

Department of Labor Created in March 1913

A half-century campaign by organized labor for a 'voice in the cabinet,' coupled with the growth of the Progressive Movement in the United States, resulted in the establishment of the U.S. Department of Labor on March 4, 1913. According to the legislation, the Department was created "to foster, promote and develop the welfare of working people, to improve their working conditions, and to enhance their opportunities for profitable employment."

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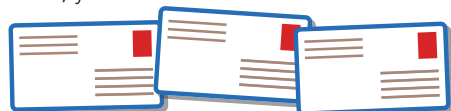
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District 2

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