

Buckeye Engineer



Local 18 CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 2 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 7 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (1 of 2) – Richfield Training Center
- 9 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 11 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 14 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (2 of 2) – Richfield Training Center
- 16 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 16-20 40-Hour – Lift Director – Richfield Training Center
- 18 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 21 8-Hour CCO Exam – Richfield Training Center
- 29 District 3 Labor Day Picnic – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Logan Training Center

SEPTEMBER

- 4 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (1 of 2) – Miamisburg Training Center
- 6 Labor Day
- 6 District 2 participation in Labor Day parades – Fremont and Toledo (more information on page 23)
- 6 District 2 Labor Day Picnic – Cygnet Training Center 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 7 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 11 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (2 of 2) – Miamisburg Training Center
- 13 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 13-17 40-Hour – Lift Director – Miamisburg Training Center
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REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Michael R. Bertolone, Business Manager

On behalf of your negotiating committees, I would like to thank the membership for the overwhelming support and approval of the OCA Highway Heavy Agreement and the AGC of Ohio Building Agreements. The Local 18 Election Committee held the vote count on Saturday, June 5th at the District 3 Union Hall. When all was said and done, the membership had voted in favor of both of these agreements with a 96% approval rating. We appreciate the members who took the time to review the summaries, ask questions, and then vote. Thank you to the members who also contacted your district representative or business representatives with questions on the summaries before voting. We recommend that you contact the staff of Local 18 with these types of

questions along with any other union-related questions. We do not recommend you turn to social media or the internet unless it is being put out there and posted by Local 18's official website or social media accounts.

I want to thank the Local 18 Negotiating Committee, The Contractor Associations Negotiating Committee, and the Local 18 Election Committee for their efforts to get these three-year agreements into place. There was a lot of preparation before and after the negotiations, which required a group effort. At Local 18, you have the best team in place representing you to their fullest capacity, and I appreciate their efforts on this.

Moving forward into the second half of 2021, we will continue returning things to normal, as I stated in the past issues of the *Buckeye Engineer*. This past June, we were



Work continues
to be on the
increase for
this year.

able to have our Semi-Annual State Membership Meeting and get back to awarding our 50-year and 60-year membership recognition in person. We were also able to resume the 70-year awards to all members who hit this incredible milestone at our monthly membership meetings. It is a tremendous honor to meet these members and thank them for creating such a great organization.

Our first set of monthly retiree meetings in the districts were held in July, and it was great to see everyone who attended. We are excited to have our statewide retiree luncheon at the District 3 Columbus Union Hall on August 11th.

We have received numerous questions regarding whether we will have the family picnics and if Local 18 will participate

in the Labor Day parades in 2021. We are pleased to announce that we will have family picnics this year in every district at the training facilities. We will also be participating in parades for the District 2 and District 6 areas.

The family picnics are always a great time, and we could not be happier to get them back up and running again for the membership in 2021. We want to thank the training centers in advance for hosting these events across the state for each of our districts. Your district offices and your staff put together these picnics. We enjoy the opportunity to spend the day with the membership and their families while showing off our training facility to all who come out.

Local 18's participation in community parades has evolved over the years. At this time,
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The quarterly and monthly dues schedule for Local 18 and its Branches and Owner/Operator members is as follows:

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

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

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

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+1.5% Administrative Dues*
only when working for Dealer/Rental
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rate per month to be paid quarterly

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+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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Joseph W. Casto III
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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 3 handling various projects

The beginning of summer brings plenty of new work to District 3, continuing a strong year for our members. 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. Utility Contractors 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, Lionel Construction, Lake Erie Construction, M P Dory Co., Capital City Group Crane Rental, and KD



OPERATING an excavator for Kokosing in Grove City on I-71, Franklin County is **Shawn Peters**.



ON THE JOB for Mr. Excavator in Dublin, Franklin County is **William McGonnel**.

Complete Clearing. Finish paving continues, and the project should be completed later 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. Additionally, Nationwide Children's Hospital announced that a second tower will be added to its main hospital. This will be a four-year project at the cost of an estimated \$3.3 billion.

At the new Columbus Crew Soccer Stadium, several contractors have multiple operators busy. They include George J. Igel & Co., Goettle, Kokosing, McDaniel's Construction, Columbus Steel Erectors, ALL Crane of

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Columbus, Capital City Group Crane Rental, Ben-Hur, and Danbert Inc. Opening Day was 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 Columbus Crew's practice facility and a recreation facility for the public. Shelly &



ERECTING a tower crane in East Columbus, Franklin County is ALL Crane.

Sands is busy on a reconstruction project on South Hamilton Rd. This job goes south from I-70 to Refugee Rd. and includes widening, new sidewalks, box culverts, and storm sewer additions with over 700 structures to be installed.

Distribution and Maintenance work is keeping RLA Utilities, Miller Pipeline, and Northern Pipeline busy with about 50 crews. Columbia Gas announced it would be nearly doubling its workload, which will increase the



PICKING up 90 ft. long, 96,000 lb. bridge beams in Franklin County is Capital City Group.

need for more operators in the Distribution and Maintenance field. The municipalities around Columbus have been busy with street reconstruction, paving, water line replacements, and sewer upgrades. 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.

Work outside of I-270 in Franklin County has many operators busy. In Westerville, Strawser Paving is back on the Central College Road widening project, and Kokosing is working on the Hoover Reservoir 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. 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 spread out across dirt and pipe crews on this long-term project. Operators with Capital City Crane, ALL Crane, and PKX are also working at Project Mustang. 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

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MOVING dirt on a new road project in Pickaway County is Miller Brothers.

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pipng for the leach aid. This project is due to be completed in 2022. Kokosing Construction has members working on the I-71 and U.S. Rt. 62 project in Grove City. This is part of the I-71 widening to six lanes.

Paving crews with Kokosing are resurfacing U.S. Rt. 40 in Reynoldsburg. Shelly & Sands is completing a bridge replacement on Lehman Rd. in Canal Winchester. Miller Brothers Construction has operators busy in Groveport on Saltzgaber Rd. working on the second phase of a warehouse project. Also working in Groveport, Columbus Asphalt Paving is working on street improvement for the city, and Shelly & Sands is starting work on Toy Rd. Shelly & Sands has operators working 12-hour days at Rickenbacker International Airport on runway improvements. Also working at Rickenbacker Airport, Elite Excavating is installing new 36" sanitary sewer. Danbert Construction has operators working on Zuber Rd. in Grove City installing new underground conduit for AEP. Shelly & Sands has operators working on the Columbus Street extension in Grove City.

In Licking County, Complete General Construction is working on S.R. 37 in Johnstown doing a bridge replacement. Kokosing Construction has multiple operators busy working on the U.S. Rt. 40 rebuild from Etna to Kirkersville. Mr. Excavator is finishing site work on Building 3 at the Amazon Data Center in New Albany. ALL Crane, PSC, 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 intersection of S.R. 16 and



PERFORMING site work at the new Upper Arlington High School Project for Mr. Excavator is Tom Hyme, Jr., operating the dozer.

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. The Shelly Company has paving crews working in Granville on street improvements. Columbus Asphalt Paving has operators working on building a new roundabout on Country Club Drive and Sharon Valley Rd. in Newark. Miller Brothers has operators working on dirt and pipe crews on Keller Rd. on a warehouse project site in Heath. Fields Excavating is installing new water line along S.R. 310 in Pataskala.

Our members in the Local 18 shops have

been working hard this year. 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 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. Meanwhile,

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OPERATING a mill for BOCA in Circleville, Pickaway County is Cody Davis.



BUSY for Piqua Steel at Crew Stadium, Franklin County is Mike Fink.



WORKING for Ohio Trenching in Blacklick, Franklin County is Michael Weimer.

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in Pickaway County, Kenmore Construction, along with Miller Brothers, is getting started on building a new road near Commercial Point; the new road will go from S.R. 762 to S.R. 104, about a mile north of S.R. 762. 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, Early Construction and Stevens have had members busy all spring in Pickaway County. Amaazz Construction has



REMOVING barrier wall for Amaazz Construction on S.R. 32, Pike County is Mark Clemmons.



PERFORMING patch work for Shelly & Sands in North Columbus, Franklin County is operator Brady Young.

operators busy working in Ashville on storm sewer and sidewalk improvements. Shelly has paving crews busy resurfacing various roads throughout Pickaway County, including resurfacing Main St. in Circleville alongside operators with BOCA.

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 and AMS are working on the landfill

expansion and hauling the ash at the Kyger Creek Power Plant. Operators with Amaazz Construction are working on paving county and township roads and S.R. 32 in Jackson County for ODOT. Axis Civil is busy replacing culverts on S.R. 243 and S.R. 378. Additionally, The Shelly Company is paving S.R. 243 and S.R. 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 is replacing a culvert

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MILLING asphalt for Shelly & Sands on I-71 in Columbus, Franklin County is BOCA.

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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 is busy working on county road paving. In Scioto County, 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. Axis Civil will be replacing a culvert on S.R. 677 in Vinton County.

In the town of Sunbury, Helms & Sons has phase one of a new sewer line at Walnut Creek. Columbus Asphalt is working on the U.S. Rt. 36 road widening. Decker Paving has the Delaware County curb and sidewalk improvement package. Trucco is working on the Lyra Rd. extension in Polaris, as well Wilson Rd. improvements. Strawser Paving crews are working hard on phase two of the E. Powell Rd. widening in Polaris. Park Enterprise and Trucco both have residential 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 lines.

In Marion County, on U.S. Rt. 23, J. D. Williamson has started a bridge rehab in Waldo. Shelly & Sands is busy paving U.S. Rt. 23 in Marion. Operators with Kokosing are working on the Marion Wastewater Treatment Plant. 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



WORKING for Mr. Excavator in Dublin, Franklin County is Scott Denney.

Pipeline crews have been scattered throughout Union and Delaware Counties installing new lines for Columbia Gas. Kokosing has the Wyandot County 2021 paving package, keeping up with the demand for asphalt



PLACING a box culvert on S.R. 141 for Allard Excavating, Gallia County is Capital City Crane.

since members successfully voted in the new three-year contract. Eagle Bridge is working on replacing a bridge on S.R. 199 in upper Sandusky. Lake Erie Construction has both Wyandot and Crawford County guardrail replacement packages.

In Fairfield County, Decker Construction has operators busy working in Pickerington on street improvements and resurfacing projects. The Shelly Company has operators working on street improvements for the City of Lancaster. Trucco Construction has operators working on dirt and pipe crews on a site project on North Columbus St. in Lancaster for a new retirement community. Kokosing Construction is starting the Lawrence Street Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion in Lancaster; this is an \$18 million, two-year project. Buds Incorporated is getting ready to start a bridge replacement on Bader Rd. near Baltimore. In Perry County, Newcomer Concrete Services is replacing sidewalk in Crooksville on China Street. Shelly was awarded the street improvement contract for New Lexington, as well as the road resurfacing contract for Perry County.

Shelly & Sands has paving crews working on the S.R. 376 resurfacing project in Morgan County. Field Excavating has operators working on a pipe crew installing new

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REPLACING a culvert for Axis Civil on S.R. 13 in Jackson County is David Tipton.

District 1 working on a variety of projects



OPERATING an excavator for Independence Excavating for an addition at Tremco on Miles Rd. in Warrensville Heights is Roger Reinert.



BUSY for Independence Excavating working on a site work addition for Tremco on Miles Rd. in Warrensville Heights is dozer operator Keith Kister.



ON THE JOB for Terrace Construction on Roseland Ave. in Euclid is excavator operator Kevin Hofstetter.



MAKING runway improvements at Cleveland Hopkins Airport is Shelly Company.



STANDING in front of ALL Crane's 770-ton Liebherr are (l-r) 52-year member (retired) Jerry Carr, John Belu, Mike Paolone and 52-year member (retired) Ron Francesangelo.



OPERATING an excavator for Monte Construction in Lyndhurst is Dino Montoni.
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SETTING new air units for the VA Hospital in Cleveland using a 770-ton Liebherr with 285-foot of jib for ALL Crane is operator John Belu.



ON THE JOB for Fabrizi Trucking & Paving in Chardon are (l-r) Mike DeFranco and life member Tim Kovacic.



BUSY for Fabrizi Trucking & Paving in Chardon are (l-r) apprentice Frank Slapnick and operator Mike DeFranco.



SETTING iron for Kelley Steel Erectors for the new Tremco addition on Miles Rd. in Warrensville Heights is Matt Krause.



WORKING for Great Lakes Construction in Ashtabula are (l-r) Rob Harris and Matt Kuboff.

District 2 on multiple job sites



BUSY for RECO in Toledo is Anthony Metzger.



BUILDING lagoons in Kunkle, Ohio is Vernon Nagel.



WORKING at Spartan Chemical in Maumee are Dan Conley setting precast for Jeffers Crane Service and Kirk Shank setting steel for Gurtzweiler.



OPERATING a mill at Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers in Fremont for BOCA Construction is John Pate.

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LOADING Trevor Koeberlein is Nick Jones, with Robert Neuenschwander waiting his turn.



SETTING a modular home for Capital City Crane in Fremont is Jacob Upright.



BUSY for Miller Brothers on Dorr St. in Toledo are Steve Drewes operating a mill and Taylor Blausey on the skid steer.



OPERATING a mill for Gerken Paving at Ottawa Hills School in Toledo is Russell Davies.



WORKING on a slope repair on U.S. Rt. 20 in Fremont are Todd Ciesinski operating an excavator and Kyle Baker on the dozer.



POURING concrete on the Howard St. bridge in Findlay is Matt Zilles working for Great Lakes Demolition Company.

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MILLING on U.S. Rt. 23 in Seneca County for Ebony Construction are Mike Johnson on the mill and Zachary Kramer walking next to the mill.



OPERATING an asphalt mill for Miller Brothers Construction in Toledo is Jim Hobson.



ON THE JOB for Vernon Nagel Inc. in Northwood is Randall Hesterman.



BUSY for RECO in Toledo is Gage Shaffer.



WORKING for Vernon Nagel Inc. in Northwood is John Panches.



KEEPING busy on the Ohio Turnpike in Swanton is Kokosing.



BUSY for Rudolph Libbe at Mobis North America in Toledo is Jon Nutter operating a dozer.

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sanitary sewer in Chesterhill. Complete General is getting started on a bridge replacement on S.R. 266 near Stockport. ALL Crane, PSC, and George J. Igel & Company have operators working in Hocking County on the construction of the new lodge and hotel at Old Man's Cave at Hocking Hills State Park. Shelly & Sands has paving crews busy resurfacing various state routes throughout Hocking County. Parker Corporation is working on a culvert replacement on S.R. 56 in Coonville.

In Muskingum County, Complete General Construction is finishing the Philo Bridge in Duncan Falls. Meanwhile, Shelly & Sands is getting started on rebuilding and widening S.R. 60; this two-year project starts at Duncan Falls and finishes at the Morgan County line. In Zanesville, at the Eastpointe Business Park, Barton Malow and Stevens Engineers & Constructors have members installing water, storm, and sanitary lines, as well as setting steel and furnace components at the AMG Vanadium project, which is due to be completed in early 2022. 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 University 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, storm,



REPLACING a bridge for Complete General on Moonville Tunnel Walking Trail in Zaleski State Park, Vinton County is Pat Uhl.



DRIVING piling for bridge replacement in Granville on S.R. 37, Franklin County is Shelly & Sands.

and sanitary lines for the Stimson Ave. rebuild in Athens. Complete General Construction is providing new on-site lighting. Fields Excavating has two pipe crews busy working on the U.S. Rt. 50 sanitary project that goes from Albany to Athens. This is a two-year project installing gravity and force main, with Fields Excavating subcontracting Precise Boring to install the force main. Alan Stone is working on a slide repair on Coolville Ridge Road. Al-lard Excavating is working on a bike path and hillside erosion control along Altamonte Drive in Athens. Kirk Brothers has operators working on improvements to the Athens Wastewater Treatment Plant. Kirk Brothers is also getting started on building the new wastewater treatment plant for the City of Nelsonville. Shelly & Sands has operators working on resurfacing S.R. 682 in The Plains. Lastly, Shelly has paving crews working on resurfacing S.R. 329 in Athens County.

Thank you to all our members and retirees for your good work and dedication to this union. We look forward to a safe and successful work season.



BUSY for Kokosing Construction in Grove City on I-71 in Franklin County, operating a stone box is Elliott Grigsby.

Longevity recognized at June's semi-annual meeting

New 70-, 60-, and 50-year members were recognized at the Local 18 semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 27, held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. We honor the following men and women for their years of commitment, dedication, and membership in IUOE Local 18:

70-YEAR

District 1

Eugene Coteleur, Ronald A. Harvot.

District 3

John E. Shell.

District 4/5

Clifford J. Wagner, Sr.

District 6

Glenn Zimmerman.

60-YEAR

District 1

Emanuel Ciarcia, Anthony Dinero, Kenneth J. Kosmerl, Terry Mandell, Mark Ventura.

District 2

Albert C. Kwader.

District 3

William H. Cornette, Ryland P. Kemmerling, Jr., Clata O. Luburgh, Paul V. Mount, David L. Spriggs, Benjamin L. Truchon.

District 4/5

Ronald B. Barnett, Perry D. Calliccoat, Roger L. Miller, Jr., Calvin R. Roberts, Fred Swigart, Edward C. Zillig.

District 6

Larry J. Dolvin, Frank H. Easterling, Gerald R. Kurtz, Leslie E. Lightfoot, Richard E. Walton.

50-YEAR

District 1

James A. Alfieri, Jr., Fernando G. Barba, Robert G. Bosma, Dan Cengic, Wayne Clemmons, George Dewey, Jr., Robert J. Digeronimo, Robert L. Dudinsky, Robert C. Ebsch, Jr., Alan N. Ewing, Robert M. Jones, Yalmer Lundstrom, Jr., Antonio Melaragno, Stephen Minich, John E. Moore, Dave E. Nedolast, Joe Phelps, John Queener, Jr., Steve Simecek, Tony Velotta.

District 2

Willis H. Boss, Thomas A. Briggs, Thomas W. Eberle, Thomas E. Linder, Kenneth E. Nisch, Frederick D. Patton, Joseph L. Ranker, Alfred E. Reiter, Vincent P. Reiter, Jody C. Storer, Michael J. Wagener, Lewis J. Wagner.

District 3

Charles R. Browning, Jerry L. Carrel, James S. Cloud, Jack J. Cruikshank, Jr., Stephen J. Evans, Stephen C. Fetch, Ronnie J. Fitzpatrick, Sven T. Hardesty, Joseph L. Heindl, Edward W. Hoskinson, James D. Matthews, Donald E. Neymeyer, Allen L. Olney, Clyde W. Park, Michael A. Randall, Giovanni Ratliff, David P. Starkey.

District 4/5

Jerome D. Blades, William D. Bogan, Dennis L. Burns, G. B. Colvin, Martin Cooke, Tom W. Edgington, Charles D. Finley, Charles I. Forsee, Michael L. Jansen, Al Johnson, Thank L. Jones, Roger K. Kinnett, Richard P. Knott, Lloyd O. Nickell, John E. Patton, Don L. Philpot, Joseph W. Pride, Rocky R. Shamblin, John K. Singer, David Smith, Walter E. Stark, Lynn R. Street, James D. Webb, Carson Whitt, Jack L. Wood, Dan L. Worthington.

District 6

Terrence E. Bowen, Edward H. Boylan IV, Gene C. Brown, Lawrence W. Chrislip, Perry W. Cole, Bruce G. Forney, Thomas J. Gager, Joey C. Ginther, David L. Gordon, Martin D. Grimm, Lloyd W. Hutchison, David M. Jamison, Gary Klamut, David H. Kline, Gerald R. Kuthy, Richard Lockhart, Frank N. Lockhart, Jr., Bruce A. Nussbaum, William P. Ossler, William H. Roby, William C. Saunders, Frederick Sturtz, Edward P. Thompson.



70-year life member from District 1, Gene Coteleur.

Recognizing 60- and 50-year members



*60-year member from District 1,
Emanuel Ciarcia.*



*60-year member from District 1,
Kenneth Kosmerl.*



*60-year member from District 4/5,
Perry Callicoat.*



*60-year member from District 2,
Albert Kwader, along with Business
Manager Michael R. Bertolone.*



*60-year member from District 3,
Benjamin Truchon, along with Business
Manager Michael R. Bertolone.*



*50-year member from District 1,
Robert Bosma.*



*50-year member from District 1,
Robert Jones with wife Doreen.*

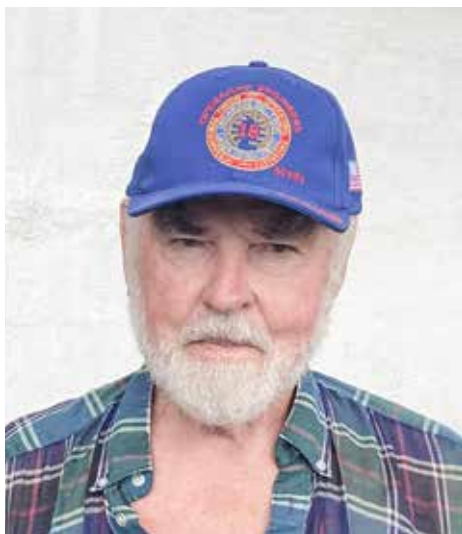


*50-year member from District 1,
Alan Ewing.*



*50-year member from District 1,
John Queener, Jr.*

Recognizing 50-year members



50-year member from District 1, John Moore.



50-year member from District 1, Dan Cengic.



50-year member from District 4/5, Dan Worthington with his 1969 Shelby GT 350.



50-year member from District 2, Alfred Reiter, along with Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



50-year member from District 3, Jack Cruikshank, Jr., along with Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



50-year member from District 6, Frederick Sturtz, along with Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



50-year member from District 3, Stephen Fetch, along with Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



Son of 50-year member from District 3, James D. Matthews (who passed on 5/31/21), along with Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone..



50-year member from District 3, Michael Randall, along with Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.

Recognizing 50-year members



50-year member from District 4/5, Charles Finley, along with Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



50-year member from District 6, Gary Klamut, along with Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



50-year member from District 6, William Roby, along with Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



50-year member from District 1, George Dewey, Jr., along with Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



Newly elected Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone addresses attendees at the Semi-Annual State Meeting on Sunday, June 27, 2021.

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District 6 busy on many sites



BUSY for ALL Crane on the Summa Health Building Project is (l-r) Dean C. Feiler, Alex Feiler and Joe Mokos.



INSTALLING water line in Kent is Brian Everett on the excavator.



REMOVING the deck on Faircrest Bridge in Canton South is Stanley Miller.



WORKING for Shelly & Sands on I-76 exit ramp construction in Brimfield is operator Greg Shinaberry.



STEWARDED for Precision in Massillon is Kim McKnight.



BUSY for Shelly on the I-76 exit ramp construction in Brimfield is operator Jessica Woodcock.



OPERATING an 80-ton Kobelco for ALL Crane at the Summa Building Project in Akron is Dean C. Feiler.

Shops working through a busy summer



WORKING at the McLean Company in Hudson are (l-r) Guido Joe Romano and new member Antonio Romano.



KEEPING busy for Zanesville Metropolitan Housing Authority in Cooper Hill Manor are Maintenance Operators (l-r) Roger Stevens and Jason Haren.



BUSY for Towlift at the rodeo in Columbus is Gerald Lovelace.



WORKING for Columbus Equipment in Perrysburg is Allen Miller.



IN TRAINING for Towlift at the rodeo in Columbus is Steve Cannode.



ON THE JOB for Ohio CAT in Perrysburg is Ben Souders.

ORGANIZING REPORT



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

With the work season well underway and COVID-19 in our rearview mirror, Local 18's organizing efforts continue to move forward steadily. With your support, we are continuing to sign new

contractors in every district, creating new job opportunities for you and other Local 18 members, and bringing in new members to keep us ahead of our attrition rates and gaining market share in all areas of Local 18's scope of work.

I am pleased to report that currently, Local 18's Organizing Department has signed over 25 new contractors to one of our agreements that had never been signed before. We are

also in the process of negotiating several satellite agreements throughout Local 18's jurisdiction. These negotiations are progressively moving ahead, and we anticipate that they will be finalized within the next few months. We will keep you updated on their progress as we move forward.

We are also tracking numerous renewable energy projects in our jurisdiction. Currently, there are 7 wind farm and 41 solar farm projects on the books. As the oil and gas work recedes to normal levels, these projects will provide many needed jobs for Local 18 members. We are building relationships with the project owners and have already signed several companies working on these projects, which now have Local 18 members steadily employed.

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

- Superior Construction
- Russo Corporation
- Widenmeyer Excavating LLC
- Independence Cement LLC
- Blue Stone Hand Clearing LLC
- Castle Contracting LLC
- Westwood Services Ltd
- Royal Roofing Co. 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.

Report to the members

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we have committed to the Cities of Barberton, Toledo, and Fremont, Ohio, for their community parades.

Take a look at the Local 18 calendar for the Labor Day parade and picnic listing inside this issue for the details. You can also reach out to your district office for the information.

Work continues to be on the increase for this year, and members who may not have worked much or even at all last season were finally sent out. As you know, the heavy highway industry is the source that provides the majority of the job opportunities for our members, and that has continued this year. Local 18's district offices have major highway projects that will continue to employ the women and men of Local 18.

Columbus has retained most of the building work for Local 18 the past couple of years and counting. If you travel through Columbus and our entire District 3 area, it is hard not to notice the numerous crane booms in the air from work at the Columbus Crew Soccer Stadium, The Ohio State University, hospital projects, and the numerous private building projects that seem to be on every corner. It really is an awesome sight and thought of all the great jobs all the crane booms provide.

The oil and gas industry has remained steady, with numerous projects still being proposed, such as the PTT Global Ethane Cracker Plant in Belmont County. Believe it or not, this project was proposed back in

2015, and we are still anticipating it being built. PTT Global has teased a "final investment decision" (FID) to move forward and begin construction so many times over the years that it has made it difficult to believe there is any possibility it would not get built. PTT has already spent over \$100 million buying the property, planning the project, and performing some initial site work for the \$10 billion-plus project (yes billion with a "B"). We will continue to work with Jobs Ohio, PTT Global, and the oil & gas industry to make this project a reality for the State of Ohio and the members of Local 18.

We hope everyone has gotten off to a good start this year now that we are past the halfway point of the work season. Journey-men and journeymen, be on the lookout for the apprentices on your job sites and help show them the ropes. One of the numerous requirements of completing the apprenticeship is obtaining on-the-job training hours. This is where a large portion of the construction experience and education come into place for our apprentices. I know firsthand what it is like to have a good group of journey people take you under their wing and help you out. The apprentices are our future, and we all are in this to be the best operators possible. Be safe and look out for one another on the job sites. I hope to see everyone at a future meeting or picnic. Until then, thank you for your continued support and dedication to Local 18.

Local 18 Calendar

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- 15** District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 15** District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 18** 8-Hour – CCO Exam – Miamisburg Training Center
- 20** District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 20-24** 40-Hour – Crane I – Cygnet Training Center
- 25** Districts 1 & 6 participation in Labor Day parade – Barberton
- 25** Districts 1 & 6 Labor Day Picnics – Richfield Training Center 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

RETIREE CALENDAR

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AUGUST

- 11** Statewide Retiree Picnic, D-3 Union Hall, 11:45 a.m. (more information on page 14)
- 26** District 1 mtg.

SEPTEMBER

- 16** District 2 mtg.
- 22** District 6 Board mtg., D-6 Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- 23** District 1 mtg.

18S members getting the job done



BUSY for Zanesville Metropolitan Authority at Race Circle is Maintenance Operator Andy Yerian.



HARD AT WORK for Meigs County EMS in Pomeroy is EMT Shawn Hawley.



WORKING as a Paramedic Meigs County EMS in Pomeroy is Derek Rhodes.



ON THE JOB for Zanesville Metropolitan Housing Authority is Maintenance Operator Terry Pletcher.



KEEPING busy for Meigs County EMS in Pomeroy is Paramedic Cassandra Smith.

Special scholarships awarded to five recipients

These 2021 scholarship award recipients are dependents of Local 18 members and are pursuing careers in the construction industry. They were selected by the trustees of Local 18's Education and Safety Fund to receive special \$5,000 scholarships based upon an essay they wrote explaining why they are pursuing careers in the construction industry.



Christopher Giancola son of District 1 member Christopher C. Giancola along with Fringe Benefit Administrator Carol Wilson and Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



Nathan Nickles son of District 2 member Steven Nickles along with Fringe Benefit Administrator Carol Wilson and Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



Josey Smith daughter of District 3 member Webster Smith along with Fringe Benefit Administrator Carol Wilson and Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



Jason Mahaffey son of District 4/5 member James Mahaffey along with Fringe Benefit Administrator Carol Wilson and Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.



Brian Barnhart son of District 6 member Edward Barnhart, Jr. along with his mom and Fringe Benefit Administrator Carol Wilson and Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone.

IN MEMORIAM

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

LM Don Philpot (D-4/5)	January 12, 2019
LM Ralph Hillier (D-1)	April 29
LM William Ricks (D-6)	May 12
LM Roscoe Farmer, Jr. (D-3)	May 24
LM Gale Lumbatis (D-6)	May 27
LM James Matthews (D-3)	May 31
LM Lemual Ferguson (D-4/5)	June 4
Brett Reid (D-3)	June 5
LM Timothy Rudisell (D-4/5)	June 5
LM Romie Holcomb, Jr. (D-6)	June 8
David Colvin (D-4/5)	June 11
LM Alan Cravener (D-1)	June 11
LM Jim Wills (D-4/5)	June 12
LM Richard Tipple (D-3)	June 21
Gary Waggoner (D-4/5)	June 21
Douglas Dennison (D-2)	June 23

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.

Labor Day/family picnic activities

District 1 and 6

Saturday, September 25, 2021. 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Richfield Training Center.

- Barberton Labor Day Parade on September 6, 2021, with the step-off at 10:00 a.m.

District 2

Monday, September 6, 2021. 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cygnet Training Center.

- Toledo Parade on Summit Street near the Washington Street intersection starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Fremont Parade at the intersection of Front Street and Knapp Street at 9:00 a.m.

District 3

Sunday, August 29, 2021. 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Logan Training Center.

District 4/5

Sunday, October 3, 2021. 12:00 noon at the Miamisburg Training Center.



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Survivor, pension benefits go to 25

District 1

Preston E. Ash and Timothy H. Clark, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements); Jeff R. Erman and Clyde D. Jones (normal retirements); Robert W. Petrus, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); and Timothy A. Picciano (early retirement).

District 2

William S. Corthell, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Marc A. Houts, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); John B. Marinis, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Alfredo Perez (normal retirement); and Ricky L. Pollard (early retirement).

District 3

David E. Hunter, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Ricky J. Packingham (normal retire-

ment); Thomas E. Phillips, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Rick A. Robinson (early retirement); and Michael A. Threath (early retirement).

District 4/5

Mark A. Baughman (normal retirement); Michael B. Borders, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); and Steven K. Reid (normal retirement).

District 6

Richard P. Blose, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Dale E. Carpenter, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Phillip A. Helms (normal retirement); Terry L. McElroy, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); and David G. Rutan and Barbara A. Vargo (normal retirements).