

# Buckeye Engineer



## Local 18 CALENDAR

### JULY

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

### 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

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## REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Michael R. Bertolone, Business Manager

July is here, and the 2021 construction season is shaping up to be a great one with numerous job opportunities for our members. Last season, the work was there for us; however, the pandemic caused numerous delays and even cancellations of many projects. The building trades side of things was hit the hardest due to the fact that they could not comply with social distancing guidelines and other mandates that were put into place. We could not be happier to see these restrictions and mandates expire and allow our work to return to normal. The referral decks have been moving steadily, getting our members back in the seats of the equipment and out to the job sites. Last season was not easy for many of our apprentices, journeymen, and journeywomen.

Some did not get called out to work at all because of the pandemic interruptions. As we monitor the work orders coming in and who is going out to our contractors, we have noticed that members who have not worked in some time are finally heading out once again. We want to commend our Apprenticeship and Training Program, which remained open to keep our members' certifications up to date and allowed our apprentices to get their required training hours while they were laid off. There is no such thing as virtual learning when it comes to training on heavy equipment, so we appreciate the efforts made to continue our regular training program.

At the time this issue of the Buckeye Engineer is being written, we are less than



We hope you are all off to a great start to the work season.

a week away from the vote count for the OCA, AGC, and Distribution and Maintenance Agreements. We hope everyone took the time to read the summaries, ask questions if necessary and vote for your agreement. I want to thank the negotiating committees for their time and efforts to get a tentative agreement on which to vote.

Earlier this year, a two-year transportation budget that provides money for roads, bridges, maintenance, and other transportation priorities was approved with bipartisan support in both the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate. House Bill 74 invests \$8.3 billion in our state's infrastructure, which means enhancing our economy, commerce, services, and most importantly, creating jobs for our members.

The energy work across the state is heavily stacked in favor of solar farm projects. We are currently tracking and staying in front of the 30 plus proposed solar projects in Ohio. There are solar projects proposed for each of Local 18's Districts, and we are excited to get started on them all.

The oil and gas industry continues to move along at a slow and steady pace. Duke Energy currently provides jobs to our men and women in District 4/5 on the Central Corridor project. Duke is also proposing the Bethel-Batavia Pipeline project in the District 4/5 jurisdiction, which would kick off next year if approved.

July will also mark the beginning of a return to normal around here at Local 18,

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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\*

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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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+2.5% Administrative Dues\*

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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.



## Highway projects picking up for District 2

District 2 has seen a slow start to the work season, but highway work is beginning to pick up speed with the weather starting to improve in late spring. Being proficient on equipment utilized on highway projects is a way to insulate yourselves from the market instability we saw last year due to COVID-19 restrictions. With restrictions in place preventing work traditionally performed "shoulder to shoulder" with other craftspersons, many building projects were either shut down, delayed, or scaled back so six-foot social distancing could be observed. Operating engineers who've done mostly this type of work have seen one of the slowest years in recent memory, all while highway work continued without so much as a slowdown. Attend your training centers soon to attain new skills or to brush up on your current skills.

Degan Excavating is currently in Lima reconstructing Buckeye Rd., which carries a large volume of commercial traffic and is the main artery for traffic traveling from I-75 to the refinery in Lima. New storm sewer, catch basins, and general widening of the roadway contribute to the bulk of the reconstruction. Completion should be by the end of August.

Degan Excavating is also replacing a storm sewer on Melrose Ave. in Lima.

Roose Pipeline Company has picked up a three-year blanket agreement with Dominion Gas to replace old, antiquated distribution gas lines in and around Lima. Roose is currently working in the Bluffton area.

Underground Utilities is nearing completion on the Jefferson Street reconstruction – Phase 2 – in Bluffton. This full-depth road reconstruction includes new storm sewer, catch basins, and curb and gutter. Oglesby Construction will perform all the concrete work, and Shelly will do the paving, which should be completed in mid-July.

Miller Cable Company is working in Allen, Defiance, Hancock, and Van Wert Counties upgrading numerous light poles in the District. Along with new poles, the company is also removing the old foundations and installing new ones.

Shelly is currently finishing up work on the I-75 major reconstruction project in Beaverdam. This project addressed two major issues: controlling the high volume of merging traffic onto southbound I-75 and the frequency of tractor trailer rollovers. To correct the merging issues from Beaverdam onto southbound I-75, ODOT increased the length of the merging lane significantly; this gives motorists more time to find an opening and merge more fluidly into traffic. To address the tractor trailer rollover issue, ODOT increased the



**SETTING a tower in Woodville for Midwest is crane operator Jon Rogers.**

superelevation, or banking, of the sweeping curve in both the north- and southbound sections of I-75 just south of Beaverdam. This, along with a slight re-alignment of the curve, should greatly reduce the number of rollover incidents in this section of I-75.

Helms & Sons is currently reconstructing S.R. 66 and S.R. 190 in Delphos. New catch basins, curb and gutter, sidewalk, signage, traffic lights, and new asphalt pavement are all part of this project. Oglesby Construction will be performing all concrete work, and FET Construction will install the new traffic

signals. This project should be completed by early fall.

Eagle Bridge has a bridge repair on U.S. Rt. 30 at mile marker 14.93 in Allen County. This project includes replacing a portion of the deck, replacing a portion of the fascia beam, heat straightening another beam, jacking and temporary support of the superstructure, and any related repairs due to unforeseen structure damage.

Smith Paving and Excavating is finishing up on the 2021 annual concrete resurfacing

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# U.S. infrastructure compared to the rest of the world

A *Washington Post* story by Ian Duncan recently summarized how the U.S. infrastructure measures up compared to the rest of the world.

"The White House has framed investments in infrastructure as a matter of ensuring the nation's global competitiveness, highlighting in its \$2.3 trillion American Jobs Plan how the nation's economy is the world's largest — and yet its infrastructure ranks No. 13," Duncan wrote.

According to Duncan's story, "The ranking often cited by the White House comes from a 2019 report by the World Economic Forum, a Swiss nonprofit, that sought to compare the competitiveness of 141 countries' economies, assigning scores based on measures of a dozen factors such as quality of government institutions, labor markets, health care, and infrastructure. Overall, the United States ranked second behind Singapore, but it falls somewhat behind when it comes to transportation and utility infrastructure."

"On transportation," Duncan wrote, "the forum's score takes into account eight measures, rating the United States No. 12 globally. Half the measures are designed to be objective, and half are based on a survey of business leaders. The United States was tops on two scores: Road and airport connectivity, which measure how readily people can get between different parts of a country. But the United States falls behind on the railroad score: The forum measured the number of miles of railroad track per square mile in each nation, rating the country at No. 48."

The story quoted Roberto Crotti, one of the lead authors of the report, as saying, "any measure is going to have drawbacks when trying to compare disparate economies . . .

**2019 report by the World Economic Forum, a Swiss nonprofit taking 141 economies and assigning scores through a variety of measures**

**Infrastructure overall ranks #13**

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**Transportation takes into account eight measures and ranks #12**

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**Water and Electricity utility infrastructure, the United States ranks #23**

- Access to safe drinking water
- Reliability of the electric grid

**Transition to renewable energy ranked the nation #24, in a separate study**

but European leaders have invested far more in their rail networks than the United States, seeing them as a way to provide low-emission travel over medium distances. While the U.S. population is much more spread out than in many other rich nations, like those in Europe, Biden's plan calls for a massive expansion of federal support for rail, proposing an investment of \$80 billion."

According to Duncan, "For water and electricity utility infrastructure, the United States ranks No. 23 in the forum's scores. But almost every rich nation achieved close to the maximum number of points, and Crotti said the measures — which include access to safe drinking water and the reliability of the electric grid — are more relevant to developing

countries. In future editions of the report, Crotti said the United States could come off looking worse as the forum incorporates measures of environmental sustainability. In a separate study, some of Crotti's colleagues ranked the nation No. 24 when it comes to the transition to renewable energy — another major focus of the Biden plan.

To read the entire story, go to: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/transportation/2021/04/30/us-infrastructure-ranking/>.

## 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.

## Local 18 Calendar

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### RETIREE CALENDAR

#### JULY

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

#### AUGUST

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



# Highway projects picking up for District 2

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program in Findlay. They replaced nearly 20,430 LF of curb/curb and gutter, 12,740 SF of curb ramp, and 1,165 SY of concrete drive along various streets. Helms & Sons will then follow up with the annual asphalt resurfacing program and mill and resurface nearly 2,490 CY on various streets in Findlay.

Underground Utilities is replacing sanitary sewer on Bittersweet Dr. and Bluestone Dr. in Findlay. This project consists of installing a new 8-inch sanitary sewer from Lilac Lane to Western Ave. on each of the respective streets. This project consists of 3,670 LF of 8-inch sanitary sewer excavated 5-10 ft. deep, 44 sewer service laterals, 14 sanitary manhole structures, 1,170 CY of rock excavation, driveway repair, and seeding/mulching.

M&B Asphalt is finishing up their Bright Road Reconstruction Phase 1 Project in Findlay. Smith Paving removed and installed 2,513 LF of curb/curb and gutters, Ebony Construction milled 42,187 SY asphalt and resurfaced 2,347 CY of new pavement. Completion is slated for late July 2021. The company will then tackle the county/township OPWC resurfacing project for 2021. This project will keep a crew busy for the next two and a half to three months, resurfacing various roads in Hancock County.

National Light & Power is replacing traffic signal poles on Main St. at three locations in Findlay. The three locations include the intersections of Main St. and Lincoln St., Main St. and Main Cross St., and Main St. and Sandusky St. All three locations, which are within a quarter-mile of each other, will receive four new poles and mast arms, as well as new signals.



**WORKING on a Rawson Ave. reconstruction for Mosser in Fremont are (l-r) Brandon Moser and Jeff Warnimont.**

Also in Findlay, Great Lakes Demolition Company is replacing a dilapidated bridge on Howard Street. This single-span bridge should be completed by mid to late July.

Kokosing is resurfacing nearly 10 miles of S.R. 37 between Kenton and Forest in Hardin County. Boca performed the milling, and Smith Paving and Excavating installed the new curb ramps.

Vernon Nagel Inc. is replacing four culverts on S.R. 114 at mile markers 1.50, 3.00, 5.01,

and 9.02 in Paulding County. Jeffers Crane Service will supply crane support, Hite Concrete Pumping will pump the concrete, Ebony Construction will resurface the road, and K&R Landscape will reseed these sites. Vernon Nagel is also scheduled to replace a bridge on Township Road 144 with a box culvert later this summer.

Helms & Sons is gearing up to start work on a minor reconstruction project on S.R. 49 in Paulding County, just south of Payne. The company will be reconstructing the edge of the roadway (shoulders) over several miles.

Eagle Bridge is currently replacing four bridges on S.R. 114 at mile markers 19.64, 19.88, 21.73, and 22.50 in Paulding County. This project includes a complete replacement of the three-span concrete slab bridge on two of the structures, replacing just the edge slab on one structure, and constructing a 10' x 5' box culvert section on the last. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

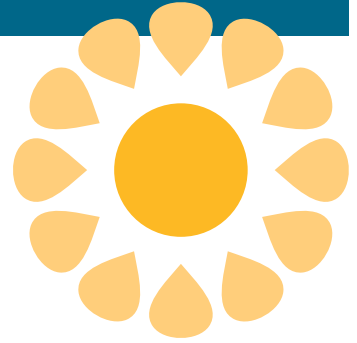
M&B Asphalt is resurfacing U.S. Rt. 23 from Fostoria south past the U.S. Rt. 224/U.S. Rt. 23 intersection. BCC-Ohio reworked some culverts, Ebony Construction performed the milling, Smith Paving & Excavating installed the curbs and ramps, Miller Cable installed signal loops, Lake Erie Construction will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

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**RESURFACING Bright Rd. in Findlay for M&B Asphalt is Joe Osborn.**

## Work and fun in the sun: Protecting skin and eyes while outside



The summer sun is one of the things that make lakes, trips to the beach, cookouts and other outdoor activities so special.

The downside: Exposure to the sun's ultra-violet rays can lead to skin damage, cancer and other health problems. Take extra care if you're near water and reflective surfaces, because they can reflect the sun's rays and burn your eyes. But by taking some simple steps, you can stay safe while enjoying your fun in the sun.

### SUNSCREEN

Invented nearly a century ago, sunscreen is key to helping you avoid health problems related to UV exposure such as melanoma – the deadliest form of skin cancer. When applied to your skin, sunscreen serves as a layer of protection against the sun's harmful UV rays.

#### How much do you need?

More than you probably think. The Food and Drug Administration says that "an average-sized adult or child needs at least one ounce of sunscreen (about the amount it takes to fill a shot glass) to evenly cover the body from head to toe 15 minutes before heading outside."

#### Go for water-resistant options:

You should reapply more often when you're sweating or exercising. That's because "water resistant" sunscreen isn't waterproof, according to the American Cancer Society. Reapply it every two hours, especially if you are sweating – even on cloudy days – or immediately after being in water and water-resistant sunscreen will stay on longer while you're sweating. If you are doing extensive outdoor activity, choose an SPF of 50 or higher to ensure you stay protected, recommends Henry W. Lim, M.D.

#### Look for broad spectrum on the label:

This ensures your SPF protects against both harmful UVA and UVB rays. (UVA rays prematurely age skin and UVB rays burn; both can cause skin cancer.) Our experts recommend choosing SPF 30 or higher. The ACS says, SPF 30 sunscreen will filter out around 97% of UVB rays. "No sunscreen protects you completely," says the ACS, which recommends you use products labeled "broad spectrum" to shield against both UVA and UVB rays.

#### Did you know sunscreen has an expiration date?

Check the date on your bottle before applying. The ACS also suggests giving your sunscreen bottle a shake to remix the ingredients if you haven't used it in a while.

#### Storage matters!

Keeping your bottle in a hot place such as your car's glove compartment may cause it to lose some of its effectiveness.

#### When in doubt, choose lotions:

They're easy to apply generously and evenly—which is key in order for them to work effectively. If you use a stick sunscreen, it requires at least four swipes on each area of the skin to get the job done. On the other hand, many "sprays are inconsistent" Dr. Ploch says. If you opt for a spray, be sure to apply an even coat and rub in well.

#### Formula matters!

Physical or mineral sunscreens (made with zinc oxide or titanium dioxide) sit on top of the skin and deflect UV rays, while chemical sunscreens (made with ingredients like oxybenzone or avobenzone) work by absorbing them.

### SUNGLASSES

Wearing polarized sunglasses outside not only can protect your eyes from UV rays but also can reduce your risk of developing cataracts, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Look for sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays. Check for a label that reads "UV absorption up to 400 nm" or "Meets ANSI UV requirements," the ACS says.

The society's website states, "If there is no label, don't assume the sunglasses provide any UV protection." Wraparound sunglasses work the best because they block UV rays from the sides of your face.

### HATS AND OTHER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Ideally, the brim should be about two- to three-inches around the hat. This will help protect your ears, forehead, nose and scalp. Dark, non-reflective material on the underside of the brim can lessen the UV rays reaching your face from reflective surfaces such as water or sand. Sunglasses are most effective when paired with sunscreen and a wide-brim hat, according to the FDA.

Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, when possible, to protect against the sun's rays. If that's not practical, even a T-shirt cover-up (when paired with sunscreen) will help.

Sources: Ferguson, Alan. *Safety+Health Magazine RSS*, *Safety+Health Magazine*, 13 May 2021, [www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com/articles/21197-safe-fun-in-the-sun](http://www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com/articles/21197-safe-fun-in-the-sun), and Hrustic, Alisa. *Prevention Magazine RSS*, 3 May 2021, <https://www.prevention.com/beauty/skin-care/g20174383/best-sun-screens/>.

## Report to the members

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starting with the return of monthly retiree meetings in every district. It has been more than a year since we have been able to hold these monthly meetings, so we are excited to see everyone again and move forward. The retirees will also be having their annual statewide meeting and picnic at the District 3 Union Hall on August 11th, so we hope to see as many retirees as possible that day.

Local 18 will resume regular monthly membership meetings now that the health mandates and restrictions have been lifted. We encourage all members to once again become active in your Local and attend your meetings. We also would like to say that if you aren't feeling well or have been exposed to someone who is not feeling well, please respect your brother and sister members and skip the meetings to avoid spreading illness.

As we get closer to the halfway point of the year, we hope you are all off to a great start to the work season. The future of this local looks bright, and we are anxious to get back into our routine. Be safe, work hard and look out for one another every day on the job sites and training centers. As always, I am humbled and honored to serve as your Business Manager, and thank you for your support of this administration and of me.



# Highway projects picking up for District 2

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Ohio CAT, the authorized and exclusive Caterpillar Dealer in Ohio, northern Kentucky, and southeastern Indiana, has completed construction of its newest building project in Perrysburg, Ohio. Having successfully hit their target move-in date of March 29, 2021, the focus now changes to getting unpacked and finding the best way to utilize the space. The nearly 40-acre property off of Eckel Junction Rd. in Perrysburg, consisting of The Ohio CAT Rental Store and Northern Ohio Peterbilt all on one campus, lights up like an airport in the night sky. The complex consists of a 65,250 sq. ft. building including shop space, a parts warehouse, and office space for Ohio CAT's machine sales, rental, and administrative personnel. Other equipment-related work will be done in an impressive 8,300 sq. ft. wash building with its own office and breakroom and a 5,940 sq. ft. cold storage structure. Also, Northern Ohio Peterbilt, the company's on-highway truck dealership, is housed in a new 68,000 sq. ft. building with 26 service bays and a 7,400 sq. ft. cold storage structure. The company hopes to have this be a twenty-four-hour shop. The facility's close proximity to the highway should help with that.

Work continues on Napoleon's new bridge linking Industrial Drive at Riverview Ave. to S.R. 110. The construction of this bridge has been awarded to Vernon Nagel Inc. The sub-contractors list includes Ebony Construction, FET Construction, Lake Erie Construction, Oglesby Construction, Gerken Paving, Toledo Caisson, and Jeffers Crane, to name a few. Crossing the Maumee River, with a completion date of June 2022, Nagel started the northern roundabout at Industrial Dr. and East Riverview Ave. on June 1, 2021. Once completed, the new bridge will provide a closer river crossing to Henry County's only hospital, reduce truck traffic congestion in downtown Napoleon, and increase the longevity of current infrastructure utilized by truck routes.



**WORKING for Capital City in Bowling Green are (l-r) David S. Zielinski and Jerry M. Limpf.**

The newly constructed bridge will also link two separate areas into one large industrial region. The Campbell's Soup Plant will have access to highway and rail infrastructure, and nearly 44% of Henry County workers, whose jobs are located within one mile of the new bridge, will have a more efficient route to work.

Roughly \$700 million have been financed to fund the expansion of the NorthStar Blue Scope steel plant in Delta; however, the price tag has since grown above \$800 million. Rudolph Libbe is overseeing the project and performing the site work. The project will add a furnace and a slab caster to production. Jeffers Crane Service, Capital City, Don Fruchey Inc, Dunbar Mechanical LLC, Gurtzweiler, and GEM have been brought in as subcontractors. The addition of the Melt Shop is expected to be operational by July of 2021 and will add 950,000 metric tons of steel to the 2.3 million metric tons NorthStar already produces annually, an increase of about 40%. Separately,

IPS has also picked up a substantial amount of work at NorthStar that will keep our members busy.

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

In Edon, Beaver Excavating Company has been awarded an eight-mile stretch of road-

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**OPERATING a rough terrain forklift at Spartan in Maumee for Mosser is Jason Adams.**



**BUSY for Kokosing on the Ohio Turnpike in Fremont is David Gutierrez.**



**OPERATING a dozer for Kokosing in Fremont is Rachel Marrin.**



**SETTING a cell phone tower in Woodville is Jon Rogers.**



## Highway projects picking up for District 2

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way reconstruction of the right two lanes and shoulder in both directions between mile markers 0 and 8.2 of the Ohio Turnpike. The work includes widening the inside lanes to the median with an additional lane and shoulder in both directions. Beaver Excavating will employ 15 to 20 Operators on this job. This project is expected to take three years, with a toll booth being added in the final phase.

Kokosing continues working on its roadway reconstruction of the Ohio Turnpike in Swanton. Work consists of demolition of existing pavement and stabilization of subgrade. Stabilization will be performed by Mt. Carmel Stabilization Group, while Kokosing will perform all other site work. This project should keep our members busy for the balance of the 2021 work season.

E. S. Wagner continues rebuilding I-75



**ON THE JOB** for Geddis Paving on Roachton Rd. in Perrysburg is James J. Leis.

between Dorr St. and South Avenue. Currently, both inbound ramps are closed to tear out and realign the ramps to enter I-75 from the right lane side, rather than the left, which will be a major safety improvement. The ramps' reconstruction and widening I-75 from two lanes to three both ways through the area are the main objectives of this project. The freeway widening includes replacing both sides of the Downtown Viaduct over the

Anthony Wayne Trail, Swan Creek, Collingwood, and Erie with new structures right next to each other instead of having a gap in between where the soon-to-close ramps rise to meet I-75. In normal times, the ramp from the outbound Anthony Wayne Trail to southbound I-75 is used by about 7,555 vehicles per day, while the inbound Anthony Wayne Trail's entrance to northbound I-75 is used by

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**WORKING** on a gas line distribution project in north Toledo for Miller Pipeline is Kevin Lee.



**BUSY** for Smith Paving on S.R. 109 in Delta is Steven A. Meagrow.



# Highway projects picking up for District 2

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**REMOVING curb ramps in Lima for Newcomer Concrete Services is Jim Ringler.**



**LOADING trucks for Provo in Sylvania is Justin Strong.**

about 6,711. Northbound I-75's downtown exit, which feeds onto the inbound Anthony Wayne Trail to get to Erie, is also being replaced as part of the project. The southbound I-75 exit to the outbound Anthony Wayne Trail is also scheduled to close for a short

time. The project is scheduled to be completed in late 2022.

Kokosing's I-75 Major reconstruction project from Wales Rd. up to Dorr St. in Toledo, Northwood, and Rossford is seeing some progress. The five-year mega project will widen I-75 to three lanes in each direction. Work on this project includes:

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

The project, which is running on schedule, is expected to be completed in 2023.

Miller Brothers Construction continues working on a major project of widening of about three miles of I-475/U.S. Rt. 23 in western Toledo and Springfield Township, which started in 2019. The project will add a third lane to Toledo's western beltway in both directions between Central Ave. and Airport Highway. Crews continue working on drainage, water line, and roundabouts on Dorr between Holland-Sylvania Rd. and McCord Road. Overall construction is expected to be completed by late 2022. ODOT divided the I-475 widening into three separate phases:

Project A – Miller Brothers Construction widened five main line bridges and 1.2 miles of I-475, finishing the project in 2017.

Project B – Miller Brothers started construction in November, 2019 and is on schedule to

open the new interchange and roadway to traffic in late 2021.

Project C – A separate planned project to add an interchange at U.S. Rt. 20A and widen four miles of I-475 is scheduled to start in 2022.

Kokosing Construction has returned to complete a large surface upgrade project on the I-280 Veterans Skyway Bridge. Upgrades consist of a super-plasticized dense concrete overlay and replacement of the existing railing and stay dampers. The inside two lanes are currently finished, and the outside lanes and shoulders will be completed by this fall.

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

Summit's reconstruction will provide wider sidewalks, more curbside parking, and a median that will be wide enough between Madison Ave. and Adams St. to accommodate an area with a raised deck, decorative lighting, and public artwork.

Summit St. is currently closed and will open again when construction is complete this fall.

In Fremont in 2020, Mosser Construction completed Phase 1 of a roadway reconstruction project to a major entryway into the City of Fremont. In Phase 1, Mosser started at North St. and worked towards Miller Street.

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**DRIVING piling for Mosser for a pedestrian bridge on the downtown Toledo Metroparks project is Chris Smith.**



# District 1 working on a variety of projects



**OPERATING** a crane for Stevens Engineering on W. 25th St. in Cleveland for the new Trio Apartment Building is Norm Schultz.



**BUSY** for Mosser Construction at the Firelands High School project in Amherst is Cheryl Blair, operating a mini excavator.



**KEEPING** busy for Fabrizi Trucking & Paving in Chardon is life member Tim Kovacic.



**WORKING** for Fabrizi Trucking & Paving in Chardon is Mike DeFranco.



**OPERATING** a front end loader for Kokosing Construction on the Opportunity Corridor Phase 3 Project in Cleveland is Kim Kovalik.



**APPRENTICE** Matt Repka is operating a skid steer for IPS at Johns Manville in Norwalk.



**HYDRO** excavating telephone pole holes on Center Rd. in Avon for Badger Daylighting is Tom Seaman.



# District 3 members getting the job done



*WORKING for Miller Brothers in Etna, Licking County is Charles Albright.*



*MILLING for Shelly & Sands on I-71 in Franklin County is BOCA Construction.*



*SETTING structural wood beams for PSC Crane & Rigging at the new lodge at Old Man's Cave, Hocking County is Brandon Cox.*



*EQUIPMENT setting at Anheuser-Busch in Columbus, Franklin County is Capital City Group.*



*AMG Vanadium site in Zanesville, Muskingum County.*



*BUSY for Fabrizi Trucking & Paving on 4th St. in Newark, Licking County, is James Heun.*

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**KEEPING** busy as a field mechanic for Towlift in Cincinnati, out of the Columbus location, is Jeff Gregory.



**WORKING** for George J. Igel & Company at the new Columbus Crew Soccer Stadium, Franklin County is Matthew Bennett.



**POURING** steps at the new Columbus Crew Soccer Stadium in Franklin County is George J. Igel & Company.



**UNLOADING** steel power poles for South Central Power in Pickaway County is Charles Kline, working for Capital City Crane.



**OPERATING** an excavator for Complete General in New Albany, Franklin County is James Taylor.



**LIFE** member Jerry Ratliff, working for Kokosing Construction on U.S. Rt. 40 in Etna, Licking County.



**WORKING** for Miller Brothers in Etna, Licking County is Allen Cline.



**DOING** work for Habitat for Humanity in Union County is 4th year apprentice Austin Oliver.



**BUSY** as a field mechanic for Towlift in Cincinnati, out of the Columbus location, is Ethan West.



**ON THE JOB** for Shelly & Sands in Delaware County is Jerry Holley.

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## Highway projects picking up for District 2

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**REPLACING sidewalks for Smith Paving in Payne is Michael Hermes.**



**BUILDING lagoons in Kunkle is Vernon Nagel.**

Phase 2 has begun and will continue from Miller St. to State Street. Improvements will include water line, sewer, and storm line replacement, along with resurfacing and curb to extend the full length of the project with median islands.

Great Lakes Construction continues working on a new stretch of noise wall in Sylvania. Preliminary work included drilling the shafts for the wall foundations. While many of the noise walls are associated with roadway widening, this project's sole purpose is to mitigate the sound of roadway traffic. This project has an expected August completion date.

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

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

The sidewalk behind Promedica's headquarters at the former steam plant near downtown Promenade Park has been closed for nearly two years due to structural issues. Miller Brothers and the George Gradel Company are currently rebuilding the retaining wall and sidewalk next to the Maumee River. After construction is complete, the Toledo Metro Parks will start planning for a pedestrian bridge project to connect the city on both sides of the river.

The City of Toledo and Metroparks Toledo continue to award projects for the development of the riverfront in East Toledo on a property that stretches from the I-280 Veterans Skyway Bridge to International Park. Mosser Construction has started driving piling for an earthen berm bridge that will be used by hikers, bicyclists, skaters, and others to get between parks. The goal of this development is to stimulate investment in a part of Toledo that historically has been overlooked. The pedestrian bridge will be complete by October 31st.

Kokosing has begun work on the 2021 street resurfacing program for the City of Toledo. This project will resurface various streets within the city. Work will include removal of existing wearing course and paving of new asphalt, performing pavement repairs, adjusting structures, and replacing sidewalks and handicap ramps.

Miller Brothers has begun work on a three-span steel beam bridge to replace the ailing Marengo Street Bridge built in 1915. The bridge closed to vehicular traffic in April, 2016 because of its deteriorated condition. Initially, the city had proposed replacing the bridge with a concrete culvert, but during public meetings, neighbors spoke out in favor of a bridge that would not alter the ravine's character. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

With the end of the global pandemic coming near, vaccines widely available, businesses beginning to open back up, and a consistent ODOT budget, work looks to be hopefully

returning to a semblance of normal not seen in District 2 in what seems like a very long time. As always, keep an eye out for those less experienced members and apprentices, and check in on our beloved retirees near you. May you have a safe and prosperous work season.



**WORKING for Hite Concrete Pumping Services on Simmons Rd. in Perrysburg is Jared Irelan.**

## RETIREES CLUB



**by Gary Siesel,**  
*President*

I will start out by congratulating Michael Bertolone on his election to the position of Business Manager by the Officers of Local 18. While on Local 18's staff, I worked with Mike and there is no doubt in my mind that he will be a great leader guid-

ing our Local into the future along with the rest of his staff!

I also want to congratulate former Business Manager Rick Dalton on his retirement. For all members in this Local, we should strive to leave this Local better than we found it, as did our predecessors, and it is my opinion that Rick has done just that with his dedication to Local 18.

As I reported in the last *Buckeye Engineer*, August 11, 2021, will be the statewide Local 18 Retiree Picnic. The food and beverages for the picnic will be provided, meaning there will

be NO food judging this year. Get the word out that Retirees are to just show up and enjoy the day socializing, listening to some informative speakers, and possibly winning door prizes, giveaways, etc.

Don't forget that the District Retiree Meetings have started back up in July. Look at the *Buckeye Engineer* for a meeting near you!

**As always, Brothers and Sisters,  
I look forward to seeing and  
speaking to all of you.  
Stay healthy and safe!**

## 34th Annual Retirees' Picnic planned for August 11

Mark your calendar for the 34th annual Local 18 Retirees' Picnic to be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at the District 3 Union Hall, 1188 Dublin Rd, Columbus.

You'll have the opportunity to meet and reminisce with fellow workers while renewing old friendships and striking up new ones. You can compare notes with your fellow retirees about how jobs have changed, new equipment advances, and changes in our industry.

One change this year due to Covid-19 concerns: we will not have the food judging competition, so please do not bring any food dishes or desserts to the picnic. Local 18 will provide all food, beverages, and table service for this year's picnic.

As in past years, you won't have to worry about the weather since indoor and outdoor seating and eating will be available. Indoor air conditioning in an enclosed area removes any concerns about Mother Nature.

Doors will open at 10 a.m., and lunch will

be served at noon. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

Several prizes will be given out, including one to the oldest retiree, the oldest book in attendance, the youngest retired 30-year member, and the youngest retired 30-year book in attendance, so please bring your union book/silver card with you. If you don't win a prize in any of the above categories, many door prizes will be given, including cash prizes.

**If you have the opportunity, please car-pool with someone who is unable to drive.**

### Directions to picnic:

**From Cincinnati:** Take 1-71 North to S.R. 315 North to Long St./Dublin Rd. exit. At bottom of ramp, turn left onto Dublin Rd. and continue past several lights. After crossing Grandview Ave. intersection (BP station on corner) continue to the next traffic light (Urlin Ave.) and turn right into first driveway, 1188 Dublin Rd.

**From Toledo:** Take 1-75 South to S.R. 15 South to U.S. Rt. 23 South to 1-270 West to S.R. 315 South to 1-670 West. Exit onto Grandview Ave. and turn right at bottom of ramp. Go to first traffic light (BP station on corner) and turn left onto Dublin Rd. Continue past first traffic light (Urlin Ave.) and turn right into first driveway, 1188 Dublin Rd.

**From Cleveland/Akron:** Take 1-71 South to 1-670 West. Exit onto Grandview Ave. and turn right at bottom of ramp. Go to first traffic light (BP station on corner) and turn left onto Dublin Rd. Continue past first traffic light (Urlin Ave.) and turn right into first driveway, 1188 Dublin Rd.

**From Dayton:** Take 1-70 East to 1-670 East. Exit onto Grandview Ave. and turn right at bottom of ramp. Continue to first traffic light (BP station on corner) and turn left onto Dublin Rd. Continue past first light (Urlin Ave.) and turn right into first driveway, 1188 Dublin Rd.

**From Cambridge:** Take 1-670 West to S.R. 315 North to Long St./Dublin Rd. exit. Turn left onto Dublin Rd. Continue past several lights and pass Grandview Ave. intersection (BP station on corner). Continue to next light (Urlin Ave.) and turn right into first driveway, 1188 Dublin Rd.



## Know your union

Founded in 1896, the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) today has approximately 400,000 members in 123 local unions throughout the United States and Canada. IUOE is the 10th largest union in the AFL-CIO.

Over 100 state-of-the-art training and apprenticeship programs ensure that IUOE members are the safest, most productive, and highly skilled craft workers.



# District 4/5 busy with a large volume of work



*PAVING on Marburg St. in Springboro is Barrett Paving.*



*MILLING for Barrett Paving on I-675 in Centerville is Swank Construction with Barrett doing the clean-up.*



*OPERATING a skid steer in Dayton is Brian Guthrie.*



*MILLING on Tuxworth Rd. in Centerville is John R. Jurgensen.*



*BUSY for John R. Jurgensen on Jackson St. in Middletown is Gerald Obert.*



*WORKING for Barrett Paving in Springboro is Jason Conley.*



*KEEPING busy on Waile St. in Middletown is Phenix Stabilization.*

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**MILLING** for John R. Jurgensen on Jackson St. in Middletown is Charles Rowe.



**WORKING** for Buckeye Concrete Pumping as a subcontractor for Great Lakes Construction on University Blvd. in Middletown is Jeremy Craiglow along with Lynn Ringgenberg on the Bidwell.



**OPERATING** a skid steer in Dayton is Jeremy Sandborn.



**KEEPING** busy on I-675 in Centerville is Barrett Paving.



**WORKING** for Welfle as a subcontractor for Barrett Paving in the city of Springboro is Dwayne Williams.



**WORKING** on a bike path extension in Lebanon is KT Supply.



**ON THE JOB** on I-70 in Preble County is John R. Jurgensen.



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*WORKING in dense fog at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Franklin County is The Boldt Company.*



*SETTING bridge beams for Axis Civil Construction on Woodlane Ave. in Nelsonville, Athens County is Capital City Crane.*



*KEEPING busy for George J. Igel & Company on the Facebook project in New Albany, Licking County is Kyle Gray.*



*OPERATING a mill for Strawser Paving on Bryn Du Dr. in Granville, Licking County is Okey Woodard.*



*OPERATING a slip form curb machine for Newcomer Concrete Services in Lancaster, Fairfield County is Nicholas Lewis.*



*WORKING for Shelly Company in Pickerington, Fairfield County is Shawn Bowman.*



*SETTING prefab wall panels at Old Man's Cave for the hotel portion of the new lodge in Hocking County is Joseph Hibbard.*

# Union-made picnic items to enjoy with family and friends!

When you buy union, you're supporting good jobs in American communities, jobs that provide living wages and benefits, safe working conditions, and dignity and respect for work. Look for these quality products, produced by union members, when preparing for your picnics!

## Grills and Coolers:

Rubbermaid (IBEW)  
Weber (IUANPW)

## Outdoor Sun Protection:

Bain De Soleil (USW)  
Chapstick (USW)  
Chlor-Trimeton (USW)  
Claritin (USW)  
Coppertone (USW)

## Fruit:

Andy Boy (D'Arrigo Brothers)  
Del Monte Apples  
Sunkist

## Snacks:

Cheez-It (BCTGM)  
Fritos (BCTGM)  
Keebler/Kellogg Crackers (BCTGM)  
Kraft/Nabisco Crackers (BCTGM)  
Lays (IBT)  
Mission Chips, Salsas, Dips (IBT)  
Planters by Kraft Foods (UAW)  
Ritz (BCTGM, IBT)  
Ruffles (BCTGM)  
Sun Chips (BCTGM, IBT)  
Triscuit (BCTGM)  
Wheat Thins (BCTGM, IBT)

## Beer:

Budweiser (IBT, IAM)  
Coors (IUOE, IBT)  
Miller Genuine Draft (UAW, IAM, IUOE, IBT)  
Pabst (UAW)  
Sam Adams (IBT, IUOE, SEIU)

## Cheese:

Alta Dena  
Boars Head  
Horizon

## Bottled Water:

Alhambra Water  
Crystal Springs  
Pocono Springs  
Poland Spring  
Sierra Springs

## Sandwich and Grilling Foods:

Al Pete Hot Dogs  
Alexander & Hornung Ham  
Armour Hot Dogs  
Ball Park Franks (UFCW, IBT)  
Boar's Head (UFCW)  
Brummel & Brown  
Butterball Turkey (UFCW, IBT)  
Cook's Ham  
Dearborn Brand  
Empire Kosher Chicken & Turkey  
Farmer John  
Farmland Ham  
Foster Poultry Farms (UFCW)  
Hebrew National (IBT, UFCW)  
Hillshire Farm Ham  
Hormel Beef, Pork, Chicken (IBT)  
John Morrell Ham  
Omaha Steaks  
Oscar Mayer (UFCW, IBT)  
Sahlen's Ham  
Thumann's (UFCW)

## Condiments:

Claussen (pickles and relish)  
Frank's Red Hot  
French's and Guldens Mustard  
Heinz Ketchup  
Vlasic (Pickles, Relish, Sauerkraut)

## Bread and Rolls:

Aunt Millie's  
Arnold  
Bimbo  
D'Italiano  
Earthgrains Bread  
Entenmann's  
Nature's Harvest  
Oroweat  
Pillsbury Rolls (BCTGM)  
Sara Lee  
Wonder

## Soda and Juice:

A&W Root Beer  
Canada Dry  
Clamato  
Coca-Cola: Aha, Barq's, Schweppes, Sprite, Minute Maid, Fuze, Dasani.  
Cott's beverages  
Dr. Pepper Snapple Group  
Hawaiian Punch  
Mott's juice  
Pepsi: Gatorade, Mug, Tropicana, SoBe/AMP, Lipton Brisk, Dole.  
RC Cola  
7-Up  
V8  
Welch's juice

## Clean-up Supplies:

All  
Ajax  
Brawny  
Caress Soap  
Clorox Products  
Dove  
Ecolab Products  
Lever 2000  
Lysol  
Purax  
Sparkle  
Tide  
Viva  
Watkins Household Products

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# Keeping busy is not a problem for District 6



*ON THE JOB in Monroe County is Integrity Kokosing Pipeline.*



*WORKING on a chiller system at GOJO Industries in Wooster is Bogner Construction.*



*KEEPING busy in Monroe County is Integrity Kokosing Pipeline.*



*BUSY on a parking lot project in Ashland is Sarver Paving.*



*WORKING for J. D. Williams in Apple Creek is Steven Sopko.*



*PUMPING concrete for Howard Concrete Pumping is David Dumont.*



*DOING joint repair for Shelly & Sands in Brilliant, Jefferson County is Bradley Watkins.*



*OPERATING an end dump for Shelly & Sands on the U.S. Rt. 30 project near Mansfield is Scott Savick.*

## Labor unions and the future



According to a recent press release from an independent nonpartisan policy institute called the Center for American Progress, "Unions help ensure that working people earn decent pay and benefits and have a voice in American democracy. Unfortunately, decades of attacks on unions and a changing economy have eroded the power of unions in the United States. As a result, workers' wages and well-being have declined, and society has become much more unequal."

"At a time when stronger unions are sorely needed, David Madland's new book *Re-Union: How Bold Labor Reforms Can Repair, Revitalize, and Reunite the United States* explains how to design a new labor system for today's economy with enhanced rights for workers, incentives for union membership, and greater sectoral bargaining to complement worksite-level bargaining," the release continued.

"The new labor system draws on examples from U.S. history and countries around the world as well as state and local reforms spearheaded by innovative labor leaders and progressive policymakers to build power for workers and address the fundamental economic and political challenges facing the country," according to the release.

Madland is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress – and he recently discussed his book and the future of labor policy with Mary Kay Henry, International President of the Service Employees International Union, in a videotaped book event.

To view the discussion – or to read a transcript – go to <https://www.american-progress.org/events/2021/05/06/499237/labor-unions-future/>.

## Members overwhelmingly extend two agreements

### CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL 18 ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the undersigned Local 18 Election Committee members, DO CERTIFY that, to the best of our knowledge and ability, the following is a true and accurate tabulation of the ballots counted June 5, 2021 from a mail referendum vote to accept or reject the three-year AGC of Ohio Building Agreement and the Building Light Commercial threshold, and the Ohio Highway Heavy Agreement and the Residential Light Commercial threshold.

<b>Total Ballots Mailed</b>	<b>12,358</b>
<b>Total Ballots Returned</b>	<b>3,085</b>
<b>Total Void Ballots</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>AGC of Ohio Agreement and the Building Light Commercial Threshold</b>	<b>Accept 2,785</b>
	<b>Reject 113</b>
<b>Ohio Highway Heavy Agreement and the Residential Light Commercial Threshold</b>	<b>Accept 2,848</b>
	<b>Reject 104</b>

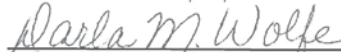
We, the undersigned Local 18 Election Committee members DO FURTHER CERTIFY and DECLARE that, based upon the foregoing tabulation of all votes cast for or against approval of the three-year AGC of Ohio Building Agreement and the Building Light Commercial threshold, and the three-year Ohio Highway Heavy Agreement and the Residential Light Commercial threshold, that the majority of the members voting did ACCEPT the AGC of Ohio Building Agreement and the Building Light Commercial threshold effective May 1, 2021; and DO CERTIFY and DECLARE that the majority of the members voting did ACCEPT the three-year Ohio Highway Heavy Agreement and the Residential Light Commercial threshold effective May 1, 2021.


  
Matt Kuboff, District 1

  
Randahl E. Wears, District 3


Robert W. Michaels, Jr., District 1

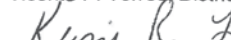
  
Jason Edwards, District 4/5

  
Darla M. Wolfe, District 2

  
Charles Finch, District 4/5

  
Vicente P. Torres, District 2

  
Vicki L. Gaug, District 6

  
Kevin R. Lloyd, District 3

  
Todd W. Bowman, District 6

  
Max L. Seyfried, Chairman

Sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021

(Seal)

Notary Public



STACY L. BOMER  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF OHIO  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
10/12/2025





# 18S members getting the job done



*WORKING for Warren City School District are (l-r) Jasmine Smith and Elizabeth Howard.*



*KEEPING busy at AQUA Ohio – Franklin is Utility Operator Mark Jones.*



*ON THE JOB for Meigs County EMS in Pomeroy is paramedic Sandy Smith with her therapy dog Harley.*



*BUSY for the Zanesville Metropolitan Housing Authority Larzelere Ave. is Maintenance Operator Greg Fisher.*



*BUSY at the Zanesville Metropolitan Housing Authority Bonifield Court Site is Maintenance Operator William Harper.*



*WORKING for the Warren City School District is Latarsha Golden.*



# Bipartisan solutions to rebuild America's infrastructure

One promising part of the continuing work to implement a major new U.S. infrastructure program includes work by a bipartisan congressional group called The Problem Solvers Caucus, according to a recent article by Jessica Lombardo on the *ForConstructionPros.com* website.

According to Lombardo, "The Problem Solvers Caucus Infrastructure Working Group was created to analyze policies and find points of bipartisan consensus to address the enormous need for new infrastructure and the current backlog of deferred maintenance facing our

***We can build a 21st century infrastructure network that will foster a truly 21st century economy that works for every single American.***

country. The Working Group explored issues including but not limited to our highways, roads and bridges, transit and railways, ports and airports, water and sewer systems, energy systems and the power grid, and broadband and communications networks.

Recently, the group released a new report of bipartisan policy recommendations to build a strong, successful 21st century infrastructure network for America called Rebuilding America's Infrastructure. The report puts forward a set of policies to serve as a bipartisan framework for addressing the dire need to rebuild and responsibly invest in infrastruc-



ture across the nation. The report also helps define the scope of a bipartisan agreement on a transportation and infrastructure plan.

"By modernizing existing user fees, incentivizing private innovation and investment through public-private partnerships, making smarter investments with limited federal dollars, equipping our infrastructure and transportation systems to be more resilient in the

face of climate change and natural disasters, and increasing accountability to taxpayers; this task force believes we can build a 21st century infrastructure network that will foster a truly 21st century economy that works for every single American," the report says.

According to Lombardo, a major factor in any new infrastructure program is the issue of funding. "Historically, the federal government has paid its share through the Highway Trust Fund, which is funded primarily through the federal user fee on gasoline. However, in 2008, spending exceeded declining revenue in the fund for the first time since its inception in 1956. This is primarily due to the following three factors: The 18.4 cents-per-gallon user fee on gasoline has not been increased since 1993; The user fee on gasoline is not indexed to factors including fuel economy standards, construction costs, or inflation, resulting in a user fee with a purchasing power worth 40 percent less than its value in 1993; Technological innovations and federal fuel economy regulations have made vehicles far more efficient, resulting in further revenue reductions for the trust fund.

Lombardo wrote that The Problem Solvers Caucus suggested ensuring sustainable and long-term funding for the Highway Trust Fund by modernizing the current federal user fee system and providing proper tools so that the American people do not face the same funding shortfalls over the next 25 years.

An advertisement for the IUOE 18 App. The background is a dark, moody image of a construction site at night with a large excavator. In the foreground, a hand holds a white smartphone displaying the app's interface, which includes a grid of icons for various features. To the left of the phone, there is a list of app features: 'CONTACT YOUR UNION', 'MEMBER RESOURCES', 'POLITICAL ACTION', and 'MEMBER SAVINGS', each accompanied by a small icon. Above this list, the text 'STAY INFORMED WITH THE IUOE 18 APP!' is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. To the right of the phone, there is a circular seal with the number '18' in the center, surrounded by the text 'INTERNATIONAL UNION OF UNITED CRAFTS AND HOME INDUSTRIES'. At the bottom left, there are two QR codes for downloading the app. At the bottom center, there are logos for 'Available on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google play'.



## 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.

## IN MEMORIAM

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

LM Troy Stamper, Sr. (D-2)	April 29
Doug Miller (D-3)	May 1
LM Homer Moore (D-4/5)	May 1
LM Gary Hannahs (D-6)	May 6
LM Guy Steffy (D-3)	May 6
Jacob Bennett (D-3)	May 7
LM Roger Eagleson (D-6)	May 11
LM Lawrence Gardner (D-6)	May 12
LM Richard Jenkins (D-1)	May 13
LM Norman Johnston, Jr. (D-4/5)	May 15
LM Eugene Patterson (D-2)	May 15
Ricky Fulton, Jr. (D-4/5)	May 18
Michael Burton (D-1)	May 21
LM Richard Marshall (D-6)	May 25

## This Month in Labor History

### Violent Homestead Strike Erupts in July 1892

The Homestead Strike began on July 1, 1892, at the Homestead Steel Works in the Pittsburgh area following a wage cut and lockout designed by management to break the union. These actions resulted in a battle between strikers and private security agents on July 6, 1892, in which several of each were killed or wounded. The dispute between the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers and the Carnegie Steel Company was considered a pivotal event in U.S. labor history and ultimately resulted in a major setback in efforts to unionize steelworkers.

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