

# Buckeye Engineer



## Local 18 CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 1 82nd Anniversary of Local 18
- 4 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 11 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 11-15 40-Hour – Crane I – Miamisburg Training Center
- 13 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 18 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 20 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 23 Executive Board mtg. – Columbus District Office, 1 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

- 1 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 2 Election Day
- 6 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (1 of 2) – Cygnet Training Center
- 7 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 8 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 10 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (2 of 2) – Cygnet Training Center
- 15 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 17 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 20 8-Hour – CCO Exam – Cygnet Training Center
- 25 Thanksgiving

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## REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Michael R. Bertolone, Business Manager

Brothers and Sisters of Local 18, we are officially into the Fall of 2021, and hopefully, everyone has had a busy work season up to this point. Each year when we get into the month of October, we see the push for all major paving projects to get wrapped up before the snow flies. In past years, this has meant work orders for additional operators, and we hope for the same this year as well.

Now would be an excellent time to verify the contributions made on your behalf with the Fringe Benefits Office. If you have not created an account with the fringe benefits online portal, you are missing out. The Local 18 Member XG allows you to view the status of your benefits, submit documents electronically and obtain fringe benefit-related documents. You can contact the Fringe Benefits Office in Columbus for assistance logging into your account if you have created an account. In this issue of the *Buckeye Engineer*, there will be Member XG information with the web address for those who have not created an account in the past. The Local 18 mobile app also gives members the ability to log into their Local 18 Member XG account.

Speaking of the Local 18 mobile app, please download this fantastic tool if you have not already done so. Our mobile app has many useful features, with the ability to pay your dues electronically being the most popular. Moving forward, we will be



The historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will make things better for Ohio residents and Local 18 membership.

expanding the features of this useful tool for our members. The Local 18 mobile app continues to be the most popular out of all the IUOE locals across the United States.

We recently wrapped up all of our family picnics for the 2021 season at the Local 18 Training Centers. Each year, we see the number of members participating in the family picnics grow, so we began to do this on an annual basis. I want to thank the district representatives, business representatives, organizers, and training center staff personally for their hard work putting on these events. Congratulations to the equipment rodeo winners in each district. You now have bragging rights until next year.

During the past couple of months, the legislative focus has been on the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act out of Washington DC. The legislation includes \$550 billion in new federal investment in America's infrastructure over five years. Our International has been extremely busy staying out in front of this and getting all of the IUOE locals and our members calling our senators and representatives. The historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will make life better for millions of Ohio residents while creating a generation of good-paying union jobs and economic growth.

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## DUES SCHEDULE

Any member of Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G, 18RA or 18S who does not have his/her current dues paid may be suspended. Dues are payable on a quarterly basis on the first day of each quarter (30-day grace period), with the exception of 18D and 18S, to be paid on a monthly basis.

The quarterly and monthly dues schedule for Local 18 and its Branches and Owner/Operator members is as follows:

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

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

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

Local 18C \$51.75 per quarter (Shops)  
+1.5% Administrative Dues\*  
only when working for Dealer/Rental  
Shops. 2.5% Administrative Dues  
when working for other shops, i.e.,  
Highway Heavy Companies\*

Local 18C \$57.75 per quarter (Stone  
Quarries, Material Yards, etc.)

Local 18D \$24.50 per month

Local 18G Two times the employee's hourly  
rate per month to be paid quarterly

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

Local 18S Two times the employee's  
hourly rate plus \$10.00 per month to  
be paid monthly

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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.



# SAFETY REPORT



by **Brett LaFaso**, Safety Director

On July 22, 2021, a boom truck on a bridge reconstruction project overturned while pouring concrete with a concrete bucket. There were no injuries reported.

To prevent an accident of this nature, verify that the computer is set up correctly and de-rate the crane per the manufacturer's recommendation for high production, fast duty cycle work such as concrete bucket operations, or the setting of iron. The reason manufacturers recommend de-rating the capacity of the crane during such operations is that during high-speed function of the crane, the load can cast out farther from the crane, causing the load radius to increase. This can make the load effectively "feel" heavier to the crane, causing it to exceed the crane's capacity and possibly causing an overturn situation.

On July 27, 2021, a member was driving a dump truck on a state highway heading southbound and beginning to make a transition to an eastbound interstate bypass

highway when somehow, the bed of the dump truck raised up and struck an overhead road sign, tearing the bed from the truck. The truck proceeded to strike the median twice and then hit the wall of a railroad overpass, ejecting the driver and killing him. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

To prevent an accident of this type, make sure the PTO is disengaged after dump bed operations are complete. Keep the cab neat and clean. Items could collect around the bed dump control, causing the safety to malfunction.

On July 29, 2021, an accident occurred while an operator was working backwards, lining a ditch with stone on a highway construction project. While doing so, a laborer was working behind the excavator on its blind side, approximately 40 feet away. While working backwards, the excavator ran over the laborer. The laborer suffered severe injuries, which required amputation of a foot and major reconstructive of much of his legs, hips, and pelvis.

To prevent an injury of this type, keep ground personnel within line of sight. Whenever possible, confirm by eye the

location of co-workers or swing around to see the direction of travel before moving.

On August 13, 2021, a 200-ton lattice boom crawler crane with 220' of main boom and 40' of jib with a 25-degree offset was unloading a full trailer of bar joists and roof trusses in a single lift from the jib. It was originally reported that while hoisting the load from the truck, the LMI indicated an overload stopping the hoist function. When attempting to lower the load back onto the truck, the jib failed structurally, causing the load to fall onto the trailer and the ground. After further investigation, it was discovered that the jib only failed after the crawler crane hoisted the load and proceeded to pick and carry to another location to set the load down. Most manufacturers do not recommend pick and carry while lifting from the jib. In almost all configurations, the jib capacity is based on structural strength and not stability, so the utmost care is needed when operating at or near capacity.

Always follow the manufacturers' recommendations concerning crane capacity. Always perform a lift plan, especially when operating at or near rated capacities.



## Report to the members

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In Ohio, there are 1,377 bridges and over 4,925 miles of highway in poor condition. For decades, infrastructure in Ohio has suffered from a lack of investment, so much so that the American Society of Civil Engineers gave Ohio a C- grade on its infrastructure report card. Project Ohio's initial estimates and formulas could expect to receive \$9.2 billion for federal-aid highway programs and \$483 million for bridge replacement and repairs under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act over five years. This funding is in addition to the \$8.3 billion for the two-year transportation budget that Ohio lawmakers passed earlier this year.

We look forward to all of the jobs this will create for the men and women of Local 18 and our fellow trades.

It has been great getting back to doing our regular events and seeing the membership in person once again. We look forward to seeing you at a future Union event or out on the job! Until then, be safe and look out for one another while on the job.

## Local 18 Calendar

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### RETIREE CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER

- 13** District 6 mtg.
- 21** District 2 mtg.
- 27** District 4/5 mtg.
- 28** District 1 mtg.

#### NOVEMBER

- 10** District 6 Board mtg.,  
D-6 Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- 18** District 1 Thanksgiving/  
Christmas Luncheon –  
Noon
- 18** District 2 mtg.
- 25** Thanksgiving



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### SUBCHAPTER II

### BILL OF RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

§ 411. Bill of rights; constitution and bylaws of labor organizations

(a) (I) Equal rights. — Every member of a labor organization shall have equal rights and privileges within such organization to nominate candidates, to vote in elections or referendums of the labor organization, to attend membership meetings, and to participate in the deliberations and voting upon the business of such meetings, subject to reasonable rules and regulations in such organization's constitution and bylaws.

(2) Freedom of speech and assembly. — Every member of any labor organization shall have the right to meet and assemble freely with other members; and to express any views, arguments, or opinions; and to express at meetings of the labor organization his views, upon candidates in an election of the labor organization or upon any business properly before the meeting, subject to the organization's established and reasonable rules pertaining to the conduct of meeting: Provided, That nothing herein shall be construed to impair the right of a labor organization to adopt and enforce reasonable rules as to the responsibility of every member toward the organization as an institution and to his refraining from conduct that would interfere with its performance of its legal or contractual obligations.

(3) Dues, initiation fees, and assessments. — Except in the case of a federation of national or international labor organizations, the rates of dues and initiation fees payable by members of any labor organization in effect on September 14, 1959 shall not be increased, and no general or special assessment shall be levied upon such members, except —

(A) in the case of a local labor organization, (i) by majority vote by secret ballot of the members in good standing voting at a general or special membership meeting, after reasonable notice of the intention to vote upon such question, or (ii) by majority vote of the members in good standing voting in a membership referendum conducted by secret ballot; or

(B) in the case of a labor organization, other than a local labor organization or a federation of national or international labor organizations, (i) by majority vote of the delegates voting at a regular convention, or at a special convention of such labor organization held upon not less than thirty days' written notice to the principal office of each local or constituent labor organization entitled to such notice, or (ii) by majority vote of the members in good standing of such labor organization voting in a membership referendum conducted by secret ballot, or (iii) by majority vote of the members of the executive board or similar governing body of such labor organization, pursuant to express authority contained in the constitution and bylaws of such labor organization: Provided, That such action on the part of the executive board or similar governing body shall be effective only until the next regular convention of such labor organization.

(4) Protection of the right to sue. — No labor organization shall limit the right of any member thereof to institute an action in any court, or in a proceeding before any administrative agency, irrespective of whether or not the labor organization or its officers are named as defendants or respondents in such action or proceeding, or the right of any member of a labor organization to appear as a witness in any judicial, administrative, or legislative proceeding, or to petition any legislature or to communicate with any legislator: Provided, That any such member may be required to exhaust reasonable hearing procedures (but not to exceed a four-month lapse of time) within such organization, before instituting legal or administrative proceedings against such organization or any officer thereof: And provided further, That no interested employer or employer association shall directly or indirectly finance, encourage, or participate in, except as a party, any such action, proceeding, appearance, or petition.

(5) Safeguards against improper disciplinary action. — No member of any labor organization may be fined, suspended, expelled, or otherwise disciplined except for nonpayment of dues by such organization or by any officer thereof unless such member has been (A) served with written specific charges; (B) given a reasonable time to prepare his defense; (C) afforded a full and fair hearing.

(b) Any provision of the constitution and bylaws of any labor organization which is inconsistent with the provisions of this section shall be of no force or effect.

Pub.L. 86-257, Title I. 101. Sept. 14, 1959, 73 Stat. 522.



## Another productive year for District 6

In District 6, Highway Heavy work leads the way as we climb out of the COVID-19 restrictions. 2021 has presented challenges of its own, but as Operating Engineers do, we've fought through to make it a productive year.

In Ashland County, Great Lakes Demolition is working on a culvert replacement on U.S. Rt. 42 and S.R. 60. Kokosing is working in Jeromesville building new R ramps on U.S. Rt. 30 and S.R. 89. Sarver Paving is steady with county road resurfacing throughout Ashland. Kokosing has a paving crew working on the Ashland City Streets Program. BOG Construction is replacing sidewalks and a bridge at the Mohican State Park in Loudonville. Shelly & Sands is busy installing new R ramps on U.S. Rt. 30 at S.R. 603 and S.R. 511 in Mifflin.

In Wayne County, Bogner Construction is working on building a new cafeteria and student center at the College of Wooster. Kokosing is working on Phase 2 of the Wooster City Streets Paving Program. Karvo is busy with resurfacing work on S.R. 302 in Wooster. Shelly & Sands is installing new turn lanes on U.S. Rt. 30 and S.R. 57 in Rice-land. Bogner Construction continues maintenance work at the Daisy Dairy in Wooster. Kokosing has the major reconstruction work on S.R. 83.

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

In Richland County, Shelly & Sands continues the major reconstruction of U.S. Rt. 30 in Mansfield. Kokosing has paving crews busy with the County Resurfacing Program.



**LOADING out rock at the Apex Environmental Landfill.**



**WORKING for Shelly & Sands on the interchange project in Akron is Robert Oswalt.**

DiPietro Construction is digging for the electricians at the new Lexington School. Shelly & Sands is working on resurfacing various roads throughout the County. Stein, Inc. remains busy processing slag at the Cleveland Cliffs Steel Mill in Mansfield. KMI has several operators working at their Asphalt Plant at AC Terminal in Mansfield.

In Stark County, Beaver Excavating is keeping operators busy with site work and water/sewer line installation at the Football Hall of Fame. Wenger Excavating has the water line replacement on Edgefield Rd. in Canton. Beaver Excavating continues work on the I-77/U.S. Rt. 30 major reconstruction. Beaver Excavating is also performing the site work for the new TSC Distribution Center in Navarre. Wenger Excavating is replacing water lines on North Market St. in Minerva. Shelly has a crew working on the Alliance City Paving Program.

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**WORKING on The Cell at the Apex Environmental Landfill in Amsterdam, Ohio.**

NorthStar is busy with the Minerva City Streets Paving Program. Shelly also has the four-lane resurfacing of U.S. Rt. 30 near Navarre. Beaver Excavating is doing the underground for the new Loves Truckstop on Shuffel Rd. in North Canton. NorthStar has the four-lane resurfacing of U.S. Rt. 62 near Alliance. DRS Enterprises is working on erosion control of the canal in Massillon. Shelly is working on the minor reconstruction of S.R. 241. Kinsey Excavating & Trucking is busy with distribution work for Dominion throughout Canton. Stein, Inc. continues processing scrap and slag at Republic Steel while Edw. C. Levy Co. has several operators doing the same at Timken Steel, both in Canton.

In Tuscarawas County, Turn-Key Tunneling is working on a culvert replacement under I-77. Beaver Excavating has the site work for the new Tusky Valley Schools. DRS Enterprises is working on a dam rehabilitation project in Zoar. Shelly continues with the S.R. 800 and S.R. 212 major reconstruction project.

In Coshocton County, Shelly has two-lane resurfacing on S.R. 93 as well as four-lane resurfacing on U.S. Rt. 36.

In Carroll County, the Apex Environmental Landfill is keeping about 90 operators busy working in all facets of the site, including scale clerks, parts clerk, mechanics, welders, laborers, screening plant, excavator, dozer, compactor, forklifts, rail engineers, conductor, truck drivers and top pick operators.

With a permitted 288 acres on this 1,285-acre site, Apex is poised to continue this operation for a long time to come. Currently, there is a steady flow of refuse coming into the site by rail and truck. Apex also has a transfer station in St. Clairsville where four operators unload, compact, and then reload the refuse onto trailers to be taken to the landfill.

Lee Machinery Movers is busy at the old Colfor Plant in Malvern, disassembling presses to be sold and scrapped. Miller Pipeline is finishing up the installation of new distribution lines in Magnolia.

In Portage County, Shelly & Sands has started excavating for the S.R. 14 widening project, and CATTs Construction is relocating storm sewers on the project. Eclipse Excavating has started the S.R. 82 intersection improvement project in Mantua. On Aurora Lake Rd., Lake Erie Construction is installing a guardrail. Beaver Excavating is moving approximately one million yards of dirt at the Shelly Company property in Streetsboro. Material is being produced at the KMI Asphalt Plant in Shalersville for local projects in the surrounding counties.

Endpoint Construction is reclaiming material at the arsenal in Ravenna. Also in Ravenna, Utility Contracting has started construction at the Haven Water and Sewer Project. Shelly & Sands has ramp reconstruction and lane modification, including utility relocation at the I-76/S.R. 18 Project. Fecenko Excavating is installing sewer and water lines for the Portage County Retirement Home Project in Kent. Chagrin Valley Paving is resurfacing pavement on Hartville Rd. in Brimfield. Boss Union is working on site for the new fire station in Tallmadge. Karvo is pouring the sidewalks and working on the landscape package at the S. Main Street Sewer Project in Kent.

In Summit County, DTJ Enterprises is installing water line and sanitary sewer upgrades at the Valley View Utilities Project.

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**ON THE JOB working for Nicholson on the Portage Lakes ODNR project are (l-r) Matt Motz and Jeremiah Klingman.**



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Spano Brothers is replacing the curb and sidewalk along with minor pavement improvements for the City of Green. Also in Green, Karvo is pouring the sidewalks for the final landscape improvements at the roundabout projects on S.R. 619. Kenmore Construction is putting the topcoat on the S.R. eight southbound lanes and finishing up ramp and median construction in Cuyahoga Falls and Stow.

Ronyak Paving is resurfacing two lanes on N. River Rd. Utility contracting is installing water line in Ravenna at Hillcrest Road. Chagrin Valley Paving is resurfacing Twinsburg Rd. in Hudson. At the I-76/S.R. 8 Interchange Project. Shelly & Sands/Ruhlin Joint Venture is busy with barrier wall construction and modification along with storm sewer relocation. McCrossin Foundation is on site drilling for the overpass foundations. HydroCrete is pumping the materials, and Cioffi Construction is pouring the sidewalks/curbs on the southbound lanes at the S.R. 91 widening project in Hudson.

Burton Scott is paving the north- and southbound lanes. Kenmore Construction has started pavement demolition and storm sewer installation at the I-77/U.S. Rt. 224



**HANDLING** plenty of work in Don Wartko's Shop is Stephen Capps.



**HARD AT WORK** for Snelson is Ryan Temple.

Major Reconstruction Project. Great Lakes Construction is backfilling the new sediment tanks at the Akron Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project as well as mechanical work at the Cleveland Clinic Building Project in Stow. Sitetech is finishing the landscaping site work package for the project at the S. Cleveland Massillon Road Reconstruction Project. Tri Mor is finishing the concrete work package, and Barbicas is on site finishing the asphalt paving on the project. Beaver Construction and Nicholson Drilling are continuing the Phase 2 ODNR Dam Project construction at the Portage Lakes.

Shelly & Sands is setting the final barrier wall sections at the I-480 westbound lanes in Twinsburg. Lockhart Construction is installing new water line on Greenwich Rd. in Norton. NorthStar Asphalt has paving in various locations for the Akron Phase 2 Pavement Improvement Program. Kenmore Construction is stabilizing bank and slip repairs on Akron Peninsula Road. D.L. Smith Concrete is replacing sidewalks at the W. Barlow Rd. Herrick Park Construction Project. Specialized Construction is milling and paving in various locations for the 2021 Hudson Pavement Improvement Program.

In Jefferson County, Flatiron Construction, Triton Construction, and Richard Geotile Inc. are busy working on the new bridge project spanning across the Ohio River from

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Brilliant to Wellsburg, WV. Shelly & Sands has crews working throughout the county doing joint repairs, resurfacing the roads, and bridge replacements on S.R. 7. James White Construction has operators working at the new Indian Creek High School in Wintersville. Songer Services has a member doing maintenance work in the JSW Steel Mill in Mingo. A.P. O'Horo has crews doing bridge replacements on S.R. 164 in Bergholz. NPL has members staying busy with gas distribution on S.R. 43 in Wintersville. OH-WV Excavating is working on a road-widening project on S.R. 7 in Steubenville.

At the Cardinal Plant, Skanska and Brand Energy have operators performing maintenance work inside the plant. Also, in the plant, R.B. Jergens has several members re-lining the ash ponds. JD & E Construction Services and Murphy Consolidated have operators assisting with pipework at the ash ponds. At the Sammis Plant in Stratton, Enerfab and Brand Energy continue to keep up with the maintenance work in the plant. Duke & Duke Energy has two shifts treating the coal for inside the plant, and Great Lakes Construction is working on re-lining the ash ponds in the plant.



**HARD AT WORK** is Devin Walkuski working for Fechko at the Retirement Home Project in Kent.

In Harrison County, Songer Services has operators doing maintenance work on Fractionation V inside the MarkWest Energy Plant in Hopedale. NLP has a crew replacing distribution lines in Cadiz. NLS Paving is doing resurfacing work on the main streets in Cadiz. Parks Drilling has a crew working on caissons for AEP transmission lines. Shelly & Sands and Lionel have a crew busy on S.R. 9 outside of New Athens.

In Washington County, inside the Eramet Plant, AECOM has a few members busy doing outage work. Worley Engineering has an operator staying busy assisting with maintenance work inside the Krayton Plant. Tri-State Concrete Pumping has members working in the shop in Belpre and throughout various counties in the state pumping concrete. Pioneer Pipe is keeping an operator busy helping with some maintenance work inside of the Solvay Plant.

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

In Belmont County, Shelly & Sands has crews doing joint repair and resurface work on I-70 near Egypt Valley. Swank Construction has members working on the I-70 bridge replacement project going from Bridgeport to the Pennsylvania state line. NPL has several crews throughout Bellaire replacing gas distribution lines. Goettle, JD&E, and James White Construction are doing site work for a new water treatment plant for Belmont County in Bellaire. The APEX transfer station operators are busy keeping trucks moving outside of St. Clairsville. Shelly & Sands mechanics are keeping things running in



**OPERATING** Steward for Contract Rental in Bolivar is Andrew Bentz.



**ORDERING parts at the Apex Environmental Landfill** is Rebecca Valentine.

the shop on S.R. 331 in East Richland. Alan Stone is fixing a slip on S.R. 147 in Neff's.

In Guernsey County, Maxim Crane, McCarls, Stevens, Murphy Consolidated, and Grae-Con are all working at the new Guernsey County Powerhouse south of Byesville. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating has a slip project on U.S. Rt. 40 outside of Old Washington.

In Noble County, Parker Corporation is doing a culvert replacement on S.R. 146 outside of Sarahsville. Shelly & Sands and Complete General both have slip repairs on S.R. 285 between Caldwell and Sarahsville.

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**KEEPING busy in in the shop** is Charles Grant at the Apex Environmental Landfill.



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## Pipeline

Associated Pipeline is working for Columbia Gas in Logan County on various sizes of pipe. Case Boring is boring 175 feet of road for Henkel's & McCoy in Florence, Kentucky. Intercon HDD is working for Minnesota Limited in Cedarville on 700 feet of 20-inch HDD bore. Integrity Kokosing will be starting 950 feet of 20-inch take up and relay for Vectren in Montgomery County. Snelson Companies is working for Duke Energy in Hamilton County, replacing approximately 2,760 feet of 24-inch steel pipe. Keller Company has been doing work for InfraSource in Florence, Kentucky on soil stabilization for approximately three months with multiple operators. Henkel's & McCoy is working for Duke Energy in Florence, Kentucky on a road bore and abandonment of approximately 500 feet of 16-inch steel pipe.

In Cincinnati, InfraSource is working for Duke Energy on 68,000 feet of 20-inch meter stations, HDD bores, and 17 road boars. Minnesota Limited is working for Vectren in Greene County on a lift and lay project of 48,300 feet of 20-inch steel pipe. Snelson Companies is working for Duke Energy in Butler County on a new meter station. InfraSource is also working for Duke Energy near Mason on the new meter station for the Central Corridor Pipeline Project.

SEDD is working for Contract Rentals in Ashland on 1,090 feet of 16-inch HDD bore. Union Pipeline is working for Dominion on maintenance replacement of 10,720 feet of 8-inch steel pipe in Wayne County near Wooster. Integrity Kokosing Pipeline Services continues to have welders working in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia.



**TAKING care of business in Florence Kentucky is InfraSource.**

Roberts Pipeline is working in Sugar Grove on integrity maintenance of three- and four-inch pipe. VEC is working for TransCanada in Hocking County on a meter station. Geeding Construction is working for Buckeye Pipeline

near Toledo on 2,400 feet of HDD that consists of three 12-inch steel pipes being pulled through the 42-inch steel casing. SEDD is working for Geeding Construction in Lucas County on the 12-inch HDD river bore project. Mid-Western Contractors is working for InfraSource on a compressor station in Wood County. Associated Pipeline continues punch list work on 23 miles of 36-inch pipe in Lawrence County near Ironton.

Contract Rental is working for TransCanada in Lorain County on various anomaly digs of six-inch pipe. Badger Daylighting is working for TransCanada in Lorain on non-destructive excavation as needed. Minnesota Limited continues work on the Shell Falcon Line through Ohio and surrounding states on cleanup and restoration. Otis Eastern is working for Enbridge on integrity repairs across the state and into surrounding locals.

As we close in on the end of the construction season, now is the time to check your certifications and get classes and recertifications scheduled. Stay safe and as always, watch out for your Brothers and Sisters.

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**WORKING at the Apex Environmental Landfill is James Bennett, Jr.**



**ON THE JOB is Chad Forshey working for AECOM at the Eramet Plant in Washington County.**



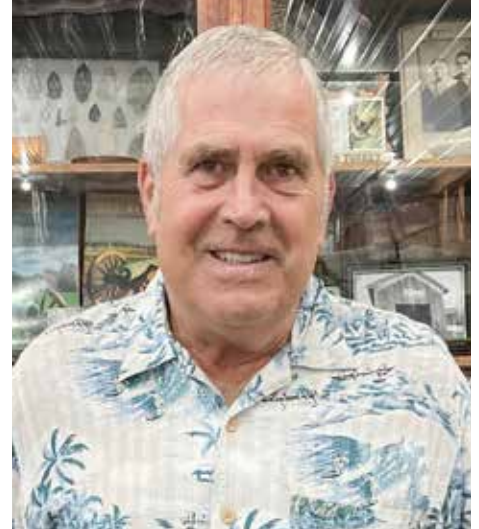
# Honoring 50-year members for their dedication



*50-year District 1 member Fernando G. Barba.*



*50-year District 1 member Tony Velotta.*



*50-year District 2 member Thomas W. Eberle.*



*50-year District 4/5 member Lloyd O. Nickell.*



*50-year District 6 member Joe C. Ginther.*



*50-year District 6 member  
Frank N. Lockhart, Jr.*



*50-year District 6 member  
Bruce A. Nussbaum.*



*50-year District 6 member  
Edward P. Thompson.*



# ORGANIZING REPORT



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

With another solid work season well underway, Local 18 and its members have been very busy this past summer. All of the highway, building, and energy work this year has also enabled Local 18's

Organizing Department to continue making inroads with non-signatory contractors, sign them, and create more jobs for you and the rest of your brother and sister members of Local 18. I am happy to report that at the time this article was written, we had already signed over 50 new contractors to one of our agreements that had never been signed before, and the remainder of 2021 looks to continue to be productive.

In addition, we have remained vigilant in pursuing the abundance of solar energy work in Ohio. Currently, there are over 43 solar projects on the books in various stages of the approval process. We are attending every public hearing and informational meeting having to do with these projects and meeting with the project owners and anyone else involved in the process to obtain this work for you and the rest of Local 18's members. We will continue to keep you updated at the membership meetings and in this publication as these projects progress.

We are also continuing to track subcontractor violations in conjunction with the agents in your respective districts. The majority of these violations continue to be in the Micro-Surfacing Industry. We must continue to keep the pressure on these contractors in order to secure this work for operating engineers. If

you see Micro-Surfacing work being done on the project you are working on in your community, please let an organizer or agent know.

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

- Highway Solutions LLC
- Sunny Day Mechanical LLC
- Cornerstone Earthworks
- Granite Construction
- Drill Tech Drilling and Shoring Inc
- Rick Eplion Paving Inc
- Collier Construction Services LLC
- Van Ness Landscaping and Excavating LLC
- Agricycle Inc
- Drain Ops LLC

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

## HEALTH 4U

### Stretching: 9 benefits, plus safety tips and how to start

#### Health Benefits:

1. Increases flexibility
2. Increases range of motion
3. Improves your performance in physical activities
4. Increases blood flow to your muscles
5. Improves your posture
6. Helps to heal and prevent back pain
7. Is great for stress release
8. Can calm your mind
9. Helps decrease tension headaches

The full article can be found online by going to Healthline and typing in the article title at the website search or <https://www.healthline.com/health/benefits-of-stretching#benefits>

Regular stretching is critical for your everyday health and helps to slow down the reduced mobility that comes as we age. So many of us sit much of the day and the evening. Make it a habit to get up and stretch every hour.

Why not set a timer to make it a habit? If you are working or busy and can't stop what you are doing, stop as often as you can and then try again the next day for every hour. Even taking a couple of minutes to stretch and move can make a difference!



## Additional District 6 photos

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**WORKING** at the Apex Environmental Landfill is Brooklyn McAfee.



**STEWARDED** in the shop is Kurt Bright at the Apex Landfill.



**HARD AT WORK** at the Apex Environmental Landfill is Dan Beadnell.



**ON THE JOB** in Cincinnati is InfraSource.



**OPERATING** at the retirement home in Kent is Fred Taylor, Jr. working for Fechko.  
*additional photos on page 14*



## District 2 working many job sites



*EXCAVATING for Geddis Paving and Excavating in Delta is Ethaniel Chatman.*



*UNLOADING underground storage tanks for a new Turkey Hill Gas Station in Findlay is Capital City Crane.*



*LOADING a 130k oven at The Heinz Company in Fremont is Capital City.*



*WORKING for Underground Utilities Inc. in Kunkle is Rodney L. Remley.*



*OPERATING a paver for Kilburn Rd. in Sylvania for Gerken is Spencer Lester, Jr.*

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## Additional District 6 photos

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**KEEPING** busy is Terry Blon working at the Apex Transfer Station in St. Clairsville.



**RUNNING** a forklift for Songer Services at the MarkWest Plant in Hopedale, Harrison County is Jim Mills.



**WORKING** for InfraSource is Ed Fogel and Zach Harlow running a roller.



**LOADING** rail cans onto the trucks that take them to the fill at the Apex Environmental Landfill.



**OPERATING** for Beaver at the Portage Lakes Project is Greg Barnard, Sr.

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## District 4/5 hard at work throughout the area



*HARD AT WORK is Rhett Beem working for Strawser Paving.*



*KEEPING members busy at Middletown Levy Program John R. Jurgensen are working on Sherman Ave. with Samuel Turner on the paver and Mark Green on the roller.*



*WORKING for Ford Development in Cincinnati is James Ivers.*



*MILLING a parking lot in Cincinnati is Robert Thomas.*



*SETTING cooling units in Hamilton County are operator Eric Shope and oiler Matt Phillips.*



*ON THE JOB Associated Hydro Excavating is working at a natural gas station in Montgomery County.*

*additional photos on page 18*



## Additional District 2 photos

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*WORKING* working for Mosser in Delta is Christopher Smith.



*KEEPING* busy is Hayley Mohr working for Mosser in Delta.



*HARD AT WORK* is James J. Leis working for Geddis Paving and Excavating in Delta.



*ON THE JOB* is Graham Luce Hydro Excavating on S.R. 53 in Fremont for R.B. Jergens.



*REPLACING* air conditioning units in Findlay is Jason Winget in the crane for Capital City Crane.



## 18S members working on many sites



*OPERATOR Brent Clark working at Zoetis in Willow Island, West Virginia Facilities.*



*UTILITY operator Chris Fetty working for Solvay in Willow Island, West Virginia.*



*ON THE JOB for Meigs County EMS Jennifer Davis is a paramedic in Pomeroy.*



*BUSY for Meigs County EMS in Pomeroy, working as an EMT is Seth Wells.*

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## Additional District 4/5 photos

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*HARD AT WORK* are operators for Barrett Paving.



*WORKING* for Barrett Paving are operators Shaun Beatty "operating" and Brandon Hall "standing" on Sharon Rd. in Hamilton County.



*KEEPING* busy is Austin Kayser working for Bituminous Pavement Systems in West Carrollton.



*ON THE JOB* for Associate Hydro Excavating working in Montgomery County spotting utilities.



*SETTING* a safety barrier wall on S.R. 741 in Mason is A&A Safety Mitch Duggins.



## Additional District 18S photos

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**KEEPING** busy for ZMHA in Zanesville is General Service Engineer Kile Bailey.



**WORKING** as a Facilities Operator for Zoetis in Willow Island, WV is Kordell Stewart.



**ON THE JOB** for AQUA Ohio – Lake Darby is Plant Operator Russell Thompson.



**BUSY** for AQUA Ohio – Tiffin Maintenance is Relief Operator Joe Hoover.





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# Introducing Member XG Portal at OOEXG.COM

## MemberXG IS NOW AVAILABLE!

ooexg.com web address will automatically redirect to <https://memberxg.gobasys.com/OOEFBP>

MemberXG is an internet-based product that links participants to their benefit information. It is a self-service tool that is available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to view the current status of your benefits.

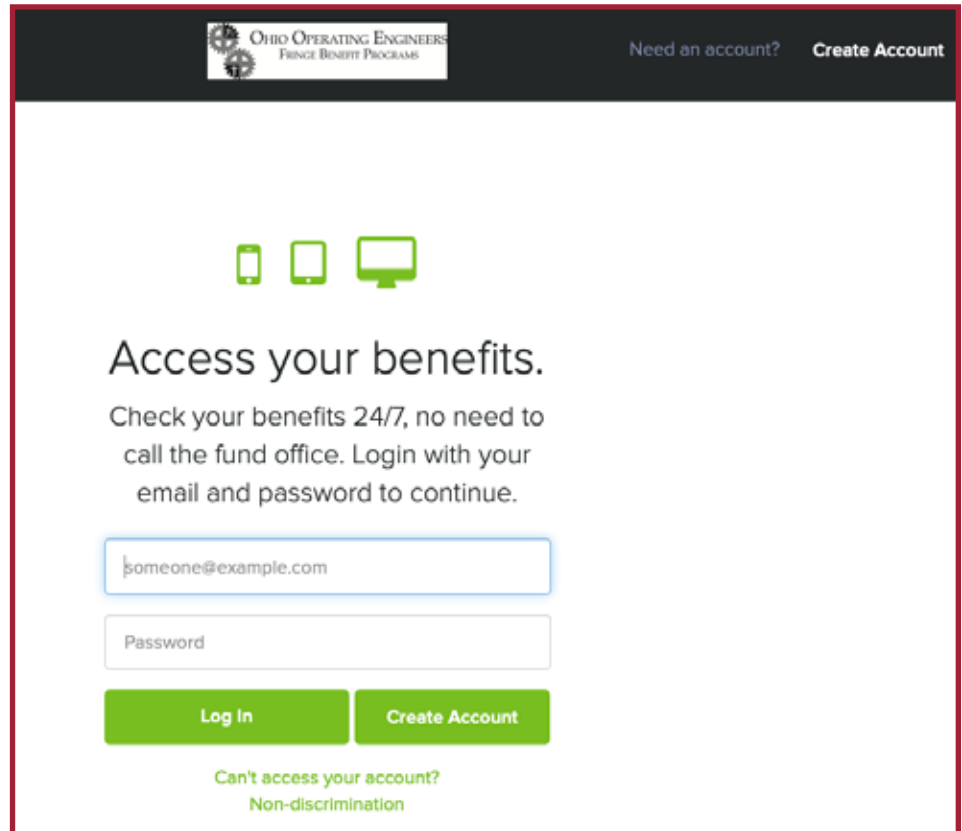
### All that you need is:

- an Internet connection
- a valid username, which must be an email address
- a password

### All of the following are accessible via the MemberXG web portal:

- live demographic information for members and dependents
- eligibility
- contribution records
- pension credits
- pension options
- pension projections
- MRA activity

In order to establish your online account access, you will first need to click on the Create Account link or + sign if using your mobile phone or tablet located in the upper right corner of your screen.



After clicking on "Create Account", you will be directed to the following screen:

here to learn how to create your MemberXG account.'" data-bbox="55 579 631 879"/>

You can still access your benefit information via Local 18's website at [www.oe18.org/members/fringe-benefits/](http://www.oe18.org/members/fringe-benefits/)

If you encounter any problems with the MemberXG website, please contact the Fund Office at (800) 282-1767 and select option 7 which will connect you to the Information Technology Department.

\* You will be required to use an email address as your login name.

### Once you submit your information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Last four digits of your SS#
- Date of Birth
- 5 digit Zip Code that matches file at Fund Office
- Create a Password: 8 characters, 1 uppercase, 1 lower case, 1 number, 1 special character
- 3 Answers to Challenge Questions

The first time you login, you will receive a six digit access code via email for security verification. You will then be able to view your benefits.

### Please note:

"Private Browsing" settings could result in the receipt of an access code each time you login.

If you need help creating an account, click on the "here" link in the lower right corner.

## Additional District 6 photos

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*KEEPING busy a the Portage Lakes Project for Beaver is Larry Allen.*



*ON THE JOB is Troy Wallace working in Magnolia for Miller Pipeline.*



*RUNNING the pump truck in Akron is Mike Clark.*



*HARD AT WORK in the shop at the Apex Environmental Landfill is Thomas Horn.*



*WORKING at the Apex Transfer Station in St. Clairsville is Greg Belon, Sr.*



## IN MEMORIAM

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

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| LM Larry House (D-6)         | June 28   |
| LM Max Ours (D-3)            | July 7    |
| LM Dennis Day (D-6)          | July 21   |
| Michael Lashuay, Sr. (D-2)   | July 27   |
| LM Curtis Anstead (D-3)      | July 28   |
| LM Joe Phelps (D-1)          | July 28   |
| LM Paul Shreve (D-1)         | July 28   |
| Dave Galloway II (D-3)       | July 31   |
| LM Charles Beebe (D-2)       | August 2  |
| LM Richard Kesling (D-2)     | August 4  |
| LM Jerry Barnett (D-6)       | August 5  |
| LM Willard Buck (D-2)        | August 6  |
| LM Melvin Spencer (D-6)      | August 9  |
| LM Steve Davis (D-6)         | August 13 |
| LM Kenneth Cooper (D-4/5)    | August 16 |
| LM John Grime (D-2)          | August 16 |
| Dale Busch (D-1)             | August 19 |
| LM Robert Green (D-3)        | August 24 |
| LM James Sharpe (D-2)        | August 24 |
| LM Douglas Schneider (D-4/5) | August 30 |

## Recent Club 18 contributors

**\$100.00**

**Bryant Fannin**, District 4/5

**\$20.00**

**John J. Francis, Jr.**, District 6

**\$18.00**

**Robert A. Martin**, District 6

**\$18.00**

**Mick North**, District 3

**\$11.00**

**Thomas Zumbro**, District 3

## 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 ALL DISTRICTS:**  
**ADVISORY BOARDS**  
**WILL MEET 1st MONDAY OF**  
**EACH MONTH.**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**WILL MEET 2nd MONDAY OF**  
**EACH MONTH.**

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with the authority vested in me as President of Local 18 and its branches, I am calling the Semi-Annual State Meeting of the members on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive.

The Executive Board will meet on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbus District Office, 1188 Dublin Rd., Columbus, Ohio.

We urge all members to make every effort to attend.

**Thomas Byers**  
**President**

## Publications Available

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

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

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### District 1

Mark J. Ashcraft, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); David J. Siebold and Thomas J. Slane (normal retirements).

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