

# Buckeye Engineer



## Local 18 CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (1 of 2) –  
Miamisburg Training Center
- 6 Labor Day
- 6 District 2 participation in Labor Day  
parades – Fremont and Toledo  
(more information on page 31)
- 6 District 2 Labor Day Picnic –  
Cygnnet Training Center  
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 6 Districts 1 & 6 participation in  
Labor Day parade – Barberton  
Step-off at 10:00 a.m.  
(more information on page 31)
- 7 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 11 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (2 of 2) –  
Miamisburg Training Center
- 13 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 13-17 40-Hour – Lift Director –  
Miamisburg Training Center
- 15 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 15 District 1 Info. mtg. –  
Ashtabula
- 18 8-Hour – CCO Exam –  
Miamisburg Training Center
- 20 District 6 Info. mtg. –  
Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 20-24 40-Hour – Crane I –  
Cygnnet Training Center
- 25 Districts 1 & 6  
Labor Day Picnics –  
Richfield Training Center  
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
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## REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Michael R. Bertolone, Business Manager

Brothers and Sisters of Local 18, we welcome the month of September because this is the month we celebrate Labor Day. Since 1894, Labor Day has been a federal holiday in the United States to honor and recognize the American labor movement. In other words, this is your day to celebrate as the men and women who are a part of organized labor. It is also a day we honor the men and women who initially organized labor across the United States and created the organizations we all enjoy today.

Local 18 will participate in three different parades across the state this year on the September 6th Labor Day holiday. Please refer to the calendar section for the information or contact your district office if you are interested in participating.

As mentioned last month, Local 18 will also have our family picnics for each district, and they will be hosted at the Local 18 Training Centers. The dates vary by district, so check the calendar and family picnic listing in this issue for the details. We hope to see you and your families there.

Our statewide retirees' meeting was held in August, and like all the other things we have returned to, this was well received. Our retirees are the individuals we have to constantly thank for what we all enjoy today here at Local 18. I always appreciate hearing their "on-the-job" stories and how their careers as operators provided a great living. It's also great to see the retirees reconnect with one another after working together in the past. We couldn't be happier to get back to this great event for our retirees. Special thank you



Always  
remember that  
"Safety is our  
Target."

to our Retiree's President, Gary Siesel, for all of his work and assistance in putting this event together.

In past issues of the *Buckeye Engineer*, we have spoken about the tremendous amount of building work taking place in the District 3 area. That work continues, and it looks like plans will be moving forward with the Nationwide Children's Hospital expansion announcement. The hospital plans to spend over \$2 billion on new buildings, including a 750,000 square-foot tower that will mirror the existing tower in place today. This work is still in the design phase and will begin over the next couple of years, with a five-year timeline for its completion. We look forward to this project kicking off, along with the continuing projects our members are al-

ready involved with from the building agreement side of things.

Statewide heavy highway work will continue to bring numerous job opportunities for our members with some high-profile projects like the Opportunity Corridor project. District 1 construction continues on the third and final phase of the \$207 million Opportunity Corridor project. When completed, the Opportunity Corridor will be a boulevard that will run from East 55th St. at I-490 to East 105th St. at Chester Avenue. This has been an excellent project for our members that began in August of 2018 and is on track to be completed next year. Many Local 18 members employed by Independence Excavating, Kokosing, Midwest Crane, ALL Crane, and numerous other signatory contractors

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

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+2.5% Administrative Dues\*

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

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

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



## District 4/5 going strong this summer

District 4/5 has seen a rather unusual spring and mid-summer as far as the weather goes and how it has affected the start of the work season. The early spring showers lasted longer than usual and carried on well into the first part of the season, which slowed some project starts and put the current ones on hold. All in all, the workload has been significant for the district despite the weather.

### Northwestern Counties

The Shelly Company has been working on the intersection of Fisher-Wapak Rd. and U.S. Rt. 33, adding a turn lane on U.S. Rt. 33, and realigning the connecting road that will allow vehicles to pull onto U.S. Rt. 33 safely. Shelly is also working on multiple asphalt resurfacing projects. In Auglaize County, the company is working in the City of Wapakoneta on various streets, laying over 6,000 tons of asphalt. After the city streets were paved, they moved to the county projects laying over 15,000 tons of asphalt on multiple roads. In Mercer County, Shelly is working on the county road resurfacing project laying 10,000 tons of asphalt. Great Lakes Construction continues work on a taxiway extension at the Darke County Airport. Over the summer, the company laid 35,000 tons of stone base on the new taxiway. Ebony Construction then laid 7,000 tons of new asphalt. After the pavement was laid, Nick Kostecki Excavating assisted Great Lakes in moving the final dirt on the project.

On I-75 in Troy, Barrett Paving has completed a mill and fill project on the interstate. Welfle milled over 130,000 sq. yards, and



**WORKING on the Westbrook Rd. Bridge in Clinton County is Eagle Bridge.**



**KEEPING busy are (l-r) District 2 member Jeremiah Tate, District 4/5 member Anthony Smith and District 2 member Taylor Williams.**

Barrett laid over 8,000 tons of asphalt.

Work in Clark County continues to keep multiple contractors busy. Complete General Construction has completed a project on S.R. 41 and Titus Rd. in Springfield. The company installed new drainage along with new traffic signals. Ebony Construction finished this project by milling and filling the asphalt in the intersection. A&B Asphalt is working in the City of Springfield on an asphalt resurfacing project laying 6,000 tons of asphalt. The subcontractors on this project were The John R. Jurgensen Company, which performed the milling, and Sterling Quality Concrete which replaced the curb and sidewalk and installed new ADA compliance ramps. John R. Jurgensen is in the final phase of a three-year widening project on I-70 in Springfield. Mount Carmel Stabilization was on site in early August to complete the soil stabilization. John R. Jurgensen then installed the

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underdrain and finished up the last 20,000 tons of base asphalt. In late July, Double Z Construction finished up the final bridge deck pour. Temporary traffic patterns will be removed in September to allow John R. Jurgensen to lay the last 21,000 tons of surface asphalt that will complete the job. The Shelly Company is working on two asphalt resurfacing projects in Clark County. On S.R. 54, in South Vienna, Shelly is working on a mill and fill project. Ebony Construction is milling the existing pavement, and upon the completion of the milling, Shelly will be paving the roadway with 10,000 tons of new asphalt. On the second project, Shelly will be resurfacing various roadways across the county, laying over 8,500 tons of asphalt.

Eagle Bridge has completed the bridge replacement on S.R. 235 over S.R. 4 in Huber Heights. In June, Buckeye Concrete Pumping was on site pumping 260 yards of concrete for the new 8-inch thick bridge deck. In late July, Eagle Bridge slipped formed the 220-foot parapet concrete walls on the new deck. Subcontractors for this project are Oglesby Construction, which is pouring the new concrete pavement, Miller Cable replaced the traffic signal, and A&B Asphalt finished up this project by laying the asphalt.

F.A. Wilhelm is working on a five-story building project at an industrial park near the Dayton International Airport. Over the summer, the company dug 536 footers using excavators equipped with GPS. This allowed over 15,000 yards of concrete to be poured using the ground as the form. After the footers were poured, the company started pouring the slab of the building using over 16,000 yards of concrete. Midwest Steel Erec-



**WORKING on a bridge overlay on Hamilton Rd. in Middletown over S.R. 63 is Great Lakes Construction.**

tors is working on this project, erecting the five-story building. R.B. Jergens continues it's road widening on U.S. Rt. 40 at Airport Access Road. Over the summer, the company widened the north side of U.S. Rt. 40 and poured new concrete pavement on the exit ramps for the airport access road. Subcontractors on this project are John R. Jurgensen,

which laid new asphalt on the roadway, and Security Fence, which replaced traffic signals at four intersections.

In August, R.B. Jergens switched traffic to the new roadway, allowing the company to remove the current roadway for the next phase of the project. Complete General is

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**ON THE JOB for John R. Jurgensen in Northern Kentucky is Marcia Campbell.**



**OPERATING a grader in Northern Kentucky is Dennis Gibbons.**



**ON THE JOB for Kokosing in Clermont County is Don Begnoche.**



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working on Springfield St. on a reconstruction project in Riverside. The company removed and replaced 11,000 ft. of existing concrete curb and replaced 37 concrete catch basins. Complete General then installed 53 new street lighting poles and foundations along with adding two new traffic intersections. Barrett Paving was on site in early August, laying the asphalt to complete the project. Barrett Paving continues the road-widening project on U.S. Rt. 35 in Riverside. Over the summer, new asphalt was laid for the new



***RUNNING a concrete batch plant for The Harper Company at the CVG airport is Harold Smith.***



***MILL and fill on S.R. 73 in Middletown on Verity Parkway by Barrett Paving. Brandon Ratliff is on the shuttle buggy, Scott Huxel and Larry Colley are on the rollers.***

fast lanes. Oglesby Construction is slip-form paving a new 16,000-foot concrete center barrier wall. Security Fence is installing 33 light pole foundations and five overhead sign foundations in the new barrier wall.

R.B. Jergens is working on concrete pavement and curb replacement project on Kewee St. in Dayton. The company is removing sections of bad concrete and replacing them with new concrete. Ebony Construction will be on site in early fall to perform the asphalt work for the project. CG Construction and Utilities is working on Lynn Haven Dr. in

Riverside on a water main replacement project. The company is installing 15,000 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main and will be adding 34 fire hydrants. After the water main is laid, the company will be hooking up 300 residential services to the new main. A&B Asphalt is working on an asphalt overlay project on the Mad River Recreational Trail in Dayton. In August, the company laid 2,000 tons of asphalt to allow pedestrians and bicyclists to enjoy nature along the Mad River. John R. Jurgensen is working for the City of Dayton on multiple asphalt overlay projects. Over the summer, the company milled over 397,000 sq. yards of existing pavement and laid 44,000 tons of new mix.

Eagle Bridge is finishing up the Third Street Bridge Replacement over the Great Miami River in Dayton. Over the last two years, the company has poured over 7,200 yards of concrete on the new bridge structure. In August, the company finished up the four new outlooks on the bridge. Tri-State Concrete was also on site pouring new sidewalks to access the new bridge. Security Fence has been on this project over the summer installing 22 new decorative light poles and the lighting for the bridge. Ebony Construction will be laying the asphalt to complete the new roadway. Eagle bridge will finish up this project by removing the temporary causeways under the bridge.

Barrett Paving started an asphalt overlay on U.S. Rt. 35 in Dayton. Welfle is milling 265,000 sq. yards of existing pavement to allow Barrett Paving to lay 26,000 tons of new asphalt. Completing the new road surface, BOGA Construction will be milling the rumble strips along the five-mile stretch of

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***WORKING on U.S. Rt. 22 bridge overlay over Little Miami River and Old 3C Highway Rd. in Maineville is by Great Lakes Construction.***



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**OPERATING a Bidwell on a new bridge deck over the CSX railroad for Great Lakes Construction on University Blvd. in Middletown is Lynn Ringenberg.**

U.S. Rt. 35. In August, The Ruhlin Company completed the last two bridge deck pours on southbound I-75 and Edwin C. Moses Blvd. Statewide Concrete Pumping was on site pumping the 1,200 yards of concrete for the bridge decks. Ruhlin will then slip form the new concrete parapet walls on the bridges, and John R. Jurgensen will then be on site in September, laying the final course of asphalt for this phase of the project. In October, Ruh-

lin will then be switching the traffic pattern to allow them to continue work on the next phase of the project.

Complete General Construction has just completed a roadway realignment on the exit ramp from I-75 south to S.R. 741 in Dayton. The company has removed the existing concrete pavement and installed two new catch basins, and added underdrains. Complete General then installed new traffic signals and



**OPERATING a crane in Colerain, Ohio for D-Crane is Jeremy Stith.**



**WORKING in Colerain, Ohio operating a crane for D-Crane is Joseph Gault.**

new lightning poles as well. Barrett Paving laid the asphalt to complete this project in early August.

## Distribution and Maintenance

Center Point Energy continues to keep many signatory contractors busy throughout the Northwestern Counties. At Russells Point in Logan County, Miller Pipeline is busy on a natural gas main replacement project. The company is installing 7,000 feet of 2-inch plastic main and replacing 105 services. Miller Pipeline is also replacing a gas main on West 2nd St. in the City of Dayton. So far, they have directionally drilled over 3,000 feet of 2-inch plastic main and will be replacing 62 gas meters. Premier Energy has completed the main gas project on East 3rd St. and Smithville Roads in Dayton. Over 7,000 feet of 2-inch plastic main was installed, and over 140 new residential services. KS Energy is working off Salem Ave. and Broadway Streets in Dayton. The company is installing 14,000



**WORKING on the Middletown Levy Program on Sherman Ave. for John R. Jurgensen are Samuel Turner on the paver and Mark Green on the roller.**

feet of 2- and 4-inch plastic main and replacing 200 meters. National Pipe Line is working for Columbia Gas of Ohio throughout the Northwestern Counties. In Belle Center, NPL is installing 20,000 feet of 2- and 4-inch plastic gas main and switching out 174 residential meters. In Springfield on S.R. 41, NPL has installed 10,000 feet of 2- and 6-inch plastic main and 118 new meters.

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# Clearing up the CBD confusion

There is so much confusion and many misconceptions surrounding the legalization of marijuana, the selling of the drug itself, and its bi-products. The laws are different at the federal level than they are at the state level and even vary from state to state. There are terms or wording used for marijuana bi-products, and I'll refer to all the different terms as "it." People question, does "it" mean the same thing as marijuana? Is "it" a variation of marijuana? Is "it" legal even though marijuana is not? Will "it" impair me when I'm operating heavy equipment? Will "it" test positive when I get drug tested for my job. All good questions, right? One bi-product, in particular, to bring up is CBD.

CBD is an active ingredient of cannabis, otherwise known as marijuana. CBD is also an essential component of medical marijuana. It can also be derived from the hemp plant, which is a cousin of the marijuana plant.

There are CBD stores set up on many street corners. There is CBD sold at gas stations and convenience stores. There are bars and



restaurants selling mixed drinks, coffees, and teas infused with CBD. There are bakeshops with CBD baked right into the delicious morsels. There are oils to mix into our foods and drinks and oils to be rubbed onto our sore body parts. A friend down the street has a stash that he is willing to share. You can buy it online. It is virtually everywhere these days.

The benefits seem to sell the idea of using CBD oil. The good news to all of this is some CBD is legal in the State of Ohio. The bad news is that there are many potential pitfalls to it, which may put your job and working through Local 18 at risk. First and foremost, always see a doctor before you take any sup-

plements for health purposes or not. Don't buy any supplements without full research, and certainly don't buy supplements from the "person" next door.

Safety first. We do have a drug-free work policy. Use caution and use with caution. All CBDs are not created equal. If it shows up on a drug test as a positive, it IS a POSITIVE drug test!

## Local 18/state are committed to helping veterans

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

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

### John Capek, Jr. (D-1)

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

### Brett LaFaso (D-2)

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Counties Served: Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams and Wood

### Robert Hughes (D-3)

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

### Michael Young (D-4/5)

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

### Preston Yuzwa (D-6)

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

For additional information, and a direct link to the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, go to <https://dvs.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dvs/home>.



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### OCTOBER

- 1 82nd Anniversary of Local 18
- 3 District 4/5 Labor Day Picnic –  
Miamisburg Training Center  
12:00 noon
- 4 All Districts –  
Advisory Board mtgs.
- 11 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 11-15 40-Hour – Crane I –  
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Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 20 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 23 Executive Board mtg. –  
Columbus District Office, 1 p.m.

## RETIREE CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

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

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



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## Eastern Counties

In Greene County, John R. Jurgensen has completed work on the U.S. Rt. 35 Superstreet project from Factory Rd. to Trebein Rd. The project consisted of excavating the existing highway on both the east- and westbound lanes and installing 5,000 feet of new 12- to 42-inch storm piping. Shelly & Sands completed the reconstruction of the bridge structures. Mt. Carmel Stabilization completed the soil stabilization. Also, Bansal Construction is performing the electrical signalization work for the project with a completion date in summer 2022. John R. Jurgensen continues work on Phase 1 of the four-lane resurfacing and bridge reconstruction on 18 bridges along I-675. The company will be milling and paving 15 miles of new asphalt. Complete General Construction will assist with the bridge reconstruction, working on bridge overlays and new reflection walls on all the bridges. Also in Greene County, R.B. Jergens continues work on the County Line Road widening project in Beavercreek. This project consists of the installation of one-half mile of 12-inch storm piping, 20 catch basins and utility hole structures along with one mile of curb and gutter, a half-mile of five-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of the project, as well as a half-mile of a 10-foot wide bike path on the west side of the project. John R. Jurgensen will perform the paving on the project with a completion date of fall 2021.

Fairborn CG Construction & Utilities completed work on the Maple Street improvement project. CG Construction & Utilities installed 3,700 feet of new eight-inch water line and 1,200 feet of various sizes of new storm piping. John R. Jurgensen completed a full depth street restoration with the paving



**WORKING on a bridge on U.S. Rt. 62 in Mt. Sterling is Complete General Construction.**

of 8,500 tons of new asphalt and one mile of the new bike path. As a subcontractor, Oglesby Construction slipform paved 8,000 feet of new curb and gutter on this project.

In Clinton County, John R. Jurgensen has started work on the U.S. Rt. 22 reconstruction project. This project will consist of installing 2,000 feet of new water main, 3,000 feet of new 12- to 60-inch storm piping, 70 new catch basins, and utility hole structures. On

site as a subcontractor, Oglesby Construction will install 2,500 feet of new curb, gutter, and the new bike path pavement. Also in Clinton County, The Eagle Bridge Company is busy completing the Westboro Road total bridge reconstruction project.

In Highland County, newly signed Castle Contracting continues work on the 300-megawatt 2,000-acre solar farm. Castle Contracting will be doing the site clearing, dirt-moving, and trenching for underground electrical lines for this project. Also in Highland County, Shelly Company has completed the two-lane resurfacing and bridge reconstruction project on S.R. 28.

In Brown County, Brown County Asphalt is busy completing the S.R. 125 resurfacing project. This project consists of 100,000 sq. yards of milling and 4,100 cubic yards of new asphalt replacement. Brown County Asphalt is also busy with the Brown County asphalt paving program, milling 1,300 cubic yards to widen various county roads and replace it with 1,300 yards of a new asphalt base. The company will also be repaving various county roads with 3,000 cubic yards of new asphalt.

In Clermont County, Rack & Ballauer Excavating continue working on Old State Route 74 in Eastgate. This project has kept several of our members busy moving the dirt, installing the new curb and gutter, and laying

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**BUSY at Ohio CAT – West are (l-r) Aaron Froelicher, Blake Hensley and Lucas Gluck.**



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6,000 feet of new storm piping, utility holes, and catch basins. RLA Utilities was also on site to relocate the natural gas main for this project. As a sub-contractor, Barrett Paving Materials will be performing the paving for this project. Also, in Clermont County, MCM Management is 90 percent complete with the demo project at the old Beckjord Power Plant in New Richmond. The 11 members that have worked on this project have safely processed 100,000 tons of various types of metal and have crushed over 100,000 yards of concrete. Over on Beechmont Ave., Kokosing Construction is busy on the Beechmont Bridge Bike Path project over the Little Miami River. Several members have stayed very busy on this job with the placement of 23,000 yards of dirt fill and installing 3,200 feet of steel sheet piling for earth retention along the Miami River. The company will also be installing a 70-foot by 11-foot by 16-foot box culvert that will serve as a bike path tunnel under the ramp that will connect the Beechmont and Lunken Airport Bike Paths.

In Eastern Hamilton County, John R. Jurgensen completed work on the Montgomery Rd. and S.R. 126 major reconstruction project. This project consisted of demolishing the existing Montgomery Road Bridge and creating new entrance and exit ramps from S.R. 126 to Montgomery Road. Premier Energy assisted with the natural gas pipeline relocation for this project. Also, in Eastern Hamilton County, Barrett Paving has completed the Broadwell and Mt. Carmel Road Milling and Paving Project. Barrett Paving had milled 42,000 sq. yards of old asphalt on this project and replaced it with 9,000 tons of new asphalt.

In Madison County, The Ruhlin Company has completed its S.R. 142 Bridge replacement project. The Company has replaced 200 feet of a four concrete lane bridge and installed 400 feet of new reflection wall. In the Village of Mt. Sterling, Complete General Construction is busy completing the U.S. 62 Bridge. Work consisted of the removal and replacement of 300 feet of the



**OPERATING a loader for John R. Jurgensen is Travis Pfeifer.**

existing two-lane concrete bridge deck. M P Dory Co. will be on site to install the guard-rail for this project.

## Distribution and Maintenance

On Round Bottom Rd. in Clermont County, KS Energy has completed installing 12,000 feet of new six-inch natural gas pipeline for residential and light commercial use boring under several railroad crossings to complete this project.

Miller Pipeline is busy installing 16,000 feet of four- and eight-inch natural gas pipeline on Maple Ave., Redwood St., and Middle St. in Fairborn. They also have 45 business and residential services to connect to this line as well.

## Mainline Pipeline

Minnesota Limited has completed 30,000 feet of 20-inch lift and lay natural gas pipeline in Greene County. Minnesota Limited has also started 9.5 miles of 20-inch lift and lay of natural gas pipeline from Cedarville to Wilberforce in Greene County. This should keep up to 12 of our members busy until the end of the year.

## Shops

Ohio CAT AG in Washington Court House continues repairs and services to various types of farm machinery to help farmers with their busy upcoming harvest season year. John R. Jurgensen Shop in Sharonville is keeping

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**REPAIRING a leaking pond in Hamilton County is Ford Development.**

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many service technicians busy with repairs and services to numerous pieces of equipment to help them complete a successful work season.

## Southwestern Counties

In Butler County, Great Lakes Construction is currently working on a bridge repair project for ODOT on the S.R. 4 and S.R. 63 overpass. The company will self-perform the concrete overlay. Some of the subcontractors are STI Construction, which will slip form the new concrete parapet walls, Barrett Paving will be repaving the approaches, K&R Landscaping will be on site for the grass seed and restoration, and Lake Erie Construction is installing new guardrails and signs. Great Lakes Construction is still working on a complete bridge replacement project on South University Blvd. in Middletown over the CSX railroad tracks. In June, the existing bridge was demoed entirely, and the existing footers were reworked to accommodate the new structure. Buckeye Concrete Pumping will be on site for all the concrete placement, and Rack & Ballauer Excavating is replacing the asphalt on both ends of the bridge. The M P Dory Co. will be installing new guardrails and fencing for this project. John R. Jurgensen is currently working on the Middleton Street Paving Program over the next two years. Two-hundred lane miles of residential streets will be resurfaced, one-third of the total street miles in Middletown. R.A. Miller will be replacing portions of the bad curb and sidewalk and adding ADA ramps throughout the project, and Phenix Stabilization is doing the sub-base stabilizations. In Warren County, R.B. Jergens is continuing to install a roundabout

in the old intersection of Butler Warren Rd. and Barrett Rd. in Mason. This old intersection was in a dip in the roadway that caused unsafe sight issues with the traffic. The new roundabout was raised six feet in elevation to elevate any line-of-site problems with traffic. New concrete curbs, gutters, and sidewalks were installed, along with upgrading the storm drains. Sub-contractors on site will be Maxim Crane for the setting of a new box culvert, John R. Jurgensen will be performing the asphalt paving, and Security Fence will be installing guardrail and signs.

On S.R. 3 and U.S. Rt. 22, Great Lakes Construction is currently working on a bridge overlay repair project over the Little Miami River for ODOT. The company is self-performing the concrete overlay and installing new expansion joints. Rack & Ballauer Excavating is working on Kings Mill Rd. and S.R. 741 in Mason on an intersection improvement project. When completed, this will help with traffic flow by widening from three lanes to five lanes. The lanes are being reconfigured to create a more positive flow of traffic for S.R. 741 and Kings Mill Rd. Subcontractors on this project are Oglesby Construction installing the concrete curbs and sidewalks, and Elex Electric installing all the electrical for the new traffic signals and street lighting. Landview Services is also on site, replacing the topsoil and installing the landscape on this project.

In Preble County, Barrett Paving is currently working on resurfacing projects for the County Engineers Department and several ODOT resurfacing projects. John R. Jurgensen continues to work on I-70 from the Indiana State line to the Montgomery County line. The company is milling and repaving both



**OPERATING for Ford Development in Blue Ash, Ohio is Josh Duncan.**

east- and westbound lanes. M P Dory Co. has the installation of guardrails, A&A Safety is doing the traffic control, Bansal Construction is upgrading the electrical for the overhead lights ARTEMES warning system. Donegal Construction is performing some of the asphalt millings on this project.

## Shops

McLean Company keeps its service technicians busy in the shop and field with service and repairs to asphalt paving and milling

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**OPERATING an excavator for John R. Jurgensen in Richwood, Kentucky is Samuel Brice.**



**WORKING for Complete General in Mt. Sterling is Mason Jenkins.**



**KEEPING busy for Maxim on I-74 in Cincinnati is David Scott.**



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equipment. This will help union asphalt and milling contractors tackle the 2021 busy asphalt paving season.

RECO Equipment is hard at it in the shop and field, with service and repairs to scrap handling equipment in the area.

Southeastern Equipment in Monroe is keeping busy in the shop with repairs and the field with service and repairs to customer machines for the 2021 season.

At The Cliffs Steel Mill in Middletown (formerly AK Steel), our maintenance contractors McGraw/Kokosing, Graycor, and Brand Energy, are staying busy with repairs to the grounds, buildings, and plant production machinery in the mill. TMS International (scarfing) keeps busy with cleaning the steel slab's impurity before going to the hot strip mill to be rolled into coils over at the basic oxygen furnace. Vesuvius USA is staying busy degassing the molten metal before it's poured into the slab molds. Over at the transportation facility inside the plant, Maxim Crane is performing maintenance and repairs to wheel loaders for the plant. Bulk Transport is busy with maintenance and repairs on pot haulers, loaders, Kress carriers, reach stackers, and other hydraulic material handling equipment for the mill. On the south side of the mill, MPW operates the locomotive and the conveyors that transport the coke from The SunCoke Furnace facility across the street to the mill for use in the steel-making process. Also, KT-Grant Inc. works in various places throughout the mill, cleaning up and knocking out slag left behind in the steel-making process.

Last but not least, Stein keeps processing and recycling all the slag and molten metal



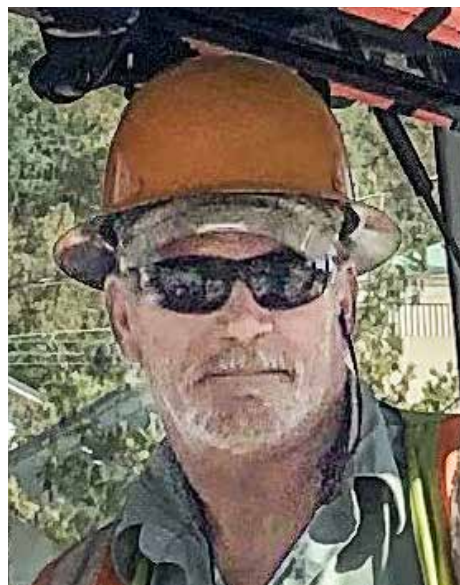
**REPLACING** water lines in Cincinnati is Howell Contractors.

leftover from the steel-making process. The slag is separated and sorted while the reusable metal is returned to the mill for reprocessing. The slag is then crushed and sorted into various sizes as aggregates for road base construction. They have also picked up work

over at the slab yard. Stein is unloading and sorting steel slabs and transporting the slabs into the slab yard for processing. At the SunCoke plant on Yankee Rd., Flour Constructors has the facilities maintenance contract that includes maintaining the coke furnaces, conveyors, and buildings.



**WORKING** for John R. Jurgensen in Wilmington is life member Denise Brummett.



**KEEPING** busy for Kokosing Construction in Clermont County is Clayton Oaks.

## Hamilton County

Work in Hamilton County has been a little different this year. There haven't been many mega projects starting this year, but there is plenty of work in the area between the additional pipeline work, as well as the existing and smaller ODOT projects, including record amounts of paving, and water and sewer work from the local municipalities. Barrett Paving has been awarded several resurfacing projects for the Hamilton County Engineers Office as a part of the 2021 resurfacing program. The projects include the East Miami River Rd. resurfacing. Barrett is currently working on the Harrison Ave. paving, concrete curb, and sidewalk replacement project. Security Fence installed a new guardrail on the job as well. The City of Cincinnati awarded John R. Jurgensen the Cummins Street improvement project. The patch crews have been

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**WORKING on U.S. Rt. 22 in Wilmington is John R. Jurgensen.**

busy on the job doing full-depth repairs, with the other crews expected to move in any day. John R. Jurgensen will also perform the Taylor Court and Matthews Drive improvements for the Village of Lincoln Heights and the Arlington Heights City improvements. Both projects are expected to begin later this summer and will include curb repair along with paving. Rack & Ballauer Excavating has been awarded the West Rd. and Dry Fork Rd. improvements. The project added a roundabout to ease congestion along the route. Oglesby performed the concrete work, while Barrett Paving performed the asphalt paving. Howell has six operators upgrading water and sewer service lines for the City of Cincinnati in Evanston. The project is expected to be complete in late summer. W.G. Stang has nearly completed the New Haven Road improvements. The road has been widened, and new driveway approaches added to increase access to Crosby Elementary School. The project should be completed in August of 2021. The Fred A. Nemann Co. will be completing the Duneden, Irwin Street improvement in Sycamore Township this summer. Fred A. Nemann also repaired the massive 60-inch water line break in Cincinnati that damaged many homes and cars in the area.

The Ford Development Company has been busy in Hamilton County. Ford was awarded the Deer Park Bike and Pedestrian Connector for the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Lincoln Heights sidewalk program, including some asphalt patchwork. Ford Devel-

opment is also performing a complete street rehabilitation project for the City of Wyoming on Clark Street. Adleta Excavating is performing the Bigelow, Auburn, and Walker water main replacement. RLA Utilities also completed the 18-inch gas line relocation on Sharon Rd. in Sharonville. Tri-State Concrete Construction is building a new sidewalk on U.S. Rt. 27 in Hamilton County. Bansal Construction has been performing the River Road and Old River Road traffic signal projects. Great Lakes Construction is wrapping up the I-74 ramp from Colerain Ave. slip repair. The project used Keller North America to do tie-back drilling to help stabilize the hillside. Eagle Bridge Co. was awarded the U.S. Rt. 22 bridge repair contract. The project is expected to last until the summer of 2022. Elex, Inc. is doing a lighting upgrade in Norwood on Montgomery Road. Walsh Construction is entering the final phases of construction on the I-75 to I-74 ramp realignment to ease congestion and improve safety at the interchange in Cincinnati. Security Fence is performing the electrical work for the lighting and installing the fencing, signage, and guardrail. Maxim Crane Works is supplying the crane to remove the old bridge over the active railroad. McCrite Milling and John R. Jurgensen are also subcontractors on the project for temporary and permanent pavement.

## Northern Kentucky

The recent expansion of business traffic related to the Greater Cincinnati Airport has

spurred many improvements in Northern Kentucky. Kokosing Construction, along with Trumbull, is wrapping up the major excavation at CVG Airport for the Amazon Project, but the work for our members is not slowing down. The Harper Company, Spartan Construction, and Bansal Electric are busy building new runways for the increased business air traffic the airport will be experiencing once the project is complete. This increase in business and corresponding residential growth has caused a demand for many road improvement projects. John R. Jurgensen is busy working with operating engineers in Northern Kentucky, performing much of the work on those projects. One such project is the double crossover diamond interchange at I-275 and Graves Road. This project is designed to handle the increased traffic and improve safety issues created by the area's



**MILLING and filing on I-70 in Preble County is John R. Jurgensen.**

new business and residential growth. John R. Jurgensen has also been busy replacing the existing Richwood Rd. and I-75 interchange with a new double crossover design. This project will also utilize a new Single-Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) and a new roundabout. Spartan Construction is performing the underdrain work, KS Energy performed the gas relocation, and Hayes Drilling completed tie-back and caisson work on the project. These projects alone provide steady work for many of our members over the last few years and hopefully well into the future.

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The crane companies in Northern Kentucky are busy also. D-Crane just completed their new shop and office building on Dixie Hwy. in Walton. D-Crane is busy all over the Cincinnati area doing cell tower retrofits along with many other picks for contractors. Maxim Crane Works, located in Wilder, also recently moved the mechanics into a new crane shop. Maxim is busy working all over our District performing crane work for various contractors.

## Shops

Shops in District 4/5 are as busy as ever with the increase in pipeline work, along with the traditional work we see in this District. The shops are all looking to hire new mechanics. Ohio CAT - Sharonville is busy keeping equipment working for many of our signatory contractors. Columbus Equipment has gotten all the off-season maintenance done on paving equipment, and they are currently busy performing regular maintenance and repairs. RECO Equipment - Florence is busy working on scrapyards machinery all over the region and performing maintenance on construction equipment. Ohio CAT - Richwood is also busy with maintenance work and preparing for a move into their new facility. Southeastern Equipment is well into its summer maintenance work. Mechanics are needed at all these companies, so please inform any mechanic you know to look at open positions at these locations.



**OPERATING an excavator for John R. Jurgensen in Richwood, Kentucky is Dana Leonard.**



**KEEPING busy in Richwood is John R. Jurgensen.**

## Pipeline

InfraSource is busy installing 68,000 ft. of new 20-inch natural gas pipe for Duke Energy that travels from Blue Ash to Norwood for the Blue Ash Corridor project. This project currently employs over 50 operating engineers and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2022. The Blue Ash Corridor project has several sub-contractors working on the project as well. Aaron Enterprises performing the road boring and directional drilling. Queen City Blacktop and Rack & Ballauer Excavating are performing the pavement restoration. Tri-State Concrete and Oglesby are performing the concrete replacement. Andis, LLC. is performing the clearing and grubbing for the project. Mid-American Services and Badger Daylighting are performing the hydro excavating (potholing) for the utilities. Ohio CAT performs all the maintenance on the equipment, and Maxim Crane is performing all the crane work on the project. InfraSource is also installing 1,400 ft. of 20-inch replace-

ment of a natural gas line for the three-mile distribution station in Northern Kentucky. Michels Pipeline is in its final stages of completion of Duke Energy's, Boone County Natural Gas Pipeline upgrade due to the area's higher demand for natural gas. The job consisted of 2.5 miles of 24-inch new lay pipe. Case Boring and Right-of-Way Clearing were subcontractors on the project. The job employed over 30 operating engineers. Snelson Companies was recently awarded a 2,760 ft. replacement 24-inch natural gas pipe in Hamilton County. The project is expected to employ up to 15 operators and has an expected completion date of Nov. 21, 2021.

We certainly hope that the pandemic is behind us and we can move forward with the same freedoms as before. On behalf of the district staff, we thank you, the membership, for taking matters seriously and doing your part in keeping things under control. Please be safe, and we wish you a prosperous finish to your work year.



## District 1 busy with many projects



*EXCAVATING for Ruhlin Construction on I-90 in Cleveland is Mike Workman.*



*OPERATING a crane for Forest City Erectors at the Ahuja Medical Center on Harvard Rd. in Beachwood is Jim Saxe.*



*CRANE operator for Forest City Erectors at the Ahuja Medical Center on Harvard Rd. in Beachwood is Scott Demers.*



*CLEANING up with a Broce on Seymour Ave. in Cleveland for Triad Engineering is Tim Case.*



*BUSY for Independence Excavating demoing Osborne on Canal Rd. in Valley View is excavator operator Alex Ortiz.*



*WORKING for Jay Dee Obayashi on the Westlake Storage Tunnel Project is multi-service vehicle specialist Grant Massey.*



## District 2 enjoying a productive year



*OPERATING a paver for 7L Construction in Bellevue is Earlin Daugherty.*



*ON THE JOB for Great Lakes Demolition Company operating a Bidwell is Matthew Zilles.*



*OPERATING a dozer in his last week before retirement is Woodrow Schonter.*



*WORKING for Beaver Excavating Company in Edon is Zachary Slutz.*



*REPLACEMENT of Eagle Bridge on S.R. 114 in Paulding County by Joe Limbert.*

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**KEEPING** busy for Smith Paving, operating a curb machine, is Christian Raymond.



**OPERATING** a pacer for Kokosing on I-75 in Toledo is Patrick Donaldson.



**SETTING** a scale for Jeffers Crane is Phillip Batianis with oiler Rafael Chavez giving hand signals.



**WORKING** for Gerken Paving on U.S. Rt. 24 in Defiance are Matthew Vollmar on the paver and Dave Mahnke on the transfer machine.



**OPERATING** a loader on U.S. Rt. 24 in Toledo for E. S. Wagner is Christopher Cook.



## District 3 active on various job sites



*VIEW of the AMG Vanadium site in Zanesville.*



*KEEPING members busy at Muskingum College in New Concord is ALL Crane.*



*WORKING for Captial City Crane in Zanesville are (l-r) Billy Carr and Bryan McPhearson.*



*BUSY on Home Rd. in Delaware County is Double Z.*



*PAVING Hyatt Rd., Delaware County is Shelly Company.*



*ON THE JOB in Pickerington, Fairfield County is Tom Dew Excavating.*

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**WORKING** on a new housing project in Delaware County is Trucco.



**ON THE JOB** for Shelly & Sands on S.R. 60 near Gaysports, Muskingum County is Bradley Watkins.



**SETTING** a box culvert in Lawrence County on C.R. 169 for Captial City Crane is Brian Norden.



**BUSY** for Miller Pipeline in Reynoldsburg, Franklin County is Brandon Fox.



**OPERATING** a post pounder on S.R. 60 in Muskingum County is Bryan Dailey.

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# Honoring 70-years of dedication



*District 3 member John E. Shell*



*District 4/5 member Clifford J. Wagner, Sr.*



*District 6 member Glenn Zimmerman*





# Honoring 60-years of dedication



*District 1 member  
Mark Ventura*



*District 3 member  
Ryland P. Kemmerling, Jr.*



*District 3 member  
Clata Oto Luburgh*



*District 3 member  
Paul V. Mount and his wife  
Gale.*



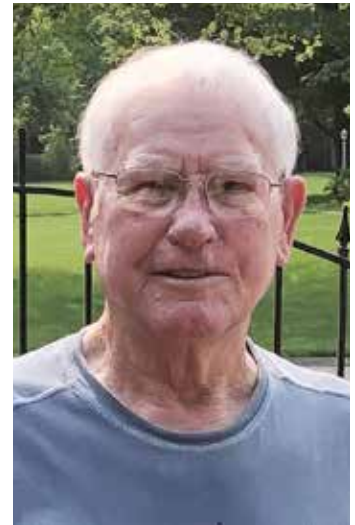
*District 3 member  
David L. Spriggs*



*District 4/5 member  
Ronald B. Barnett*



*District 4/5 member  
Roger L. Miller, Jr.*



*District 4/5 member  
Calvin R. Roberts*



*District 4/5 member  
Fred Swigart*



*District 6 member  
Larry J. Dolvin*



*District 6 member  
Gerald R. Kurtz*



*District 6 member  
Leslie E. Lightfoot*



# Honoring 50-years of dedication



*District 1 member  
Robert J. Digeronimo*



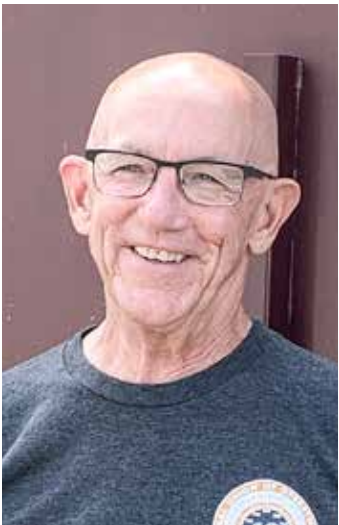
*District 2 member  
Kenneth E. Nisch*



*District 2 member  
Frederick D. Patton*



*District 2 member  
Vincent P. Reiter*



*District 2 member  
Jody C. Storer*



*District 3 member  
Charles R. Browning*



*District 3 member  
Edward W. Hoskinson*



*District 3 member  
Clyde W. Park*



*District 4/5 member  
Dennis L. Burns and his wife  
Rhonda.*



*District 4/5 member  
Tom W. Edgington*



*District 4/5 member  
Charles I. Forsee*



*District 4/5 member  
Al Johnson*



# Honoring 50-years of dedication



*District 4/5 member  
Richard P. Knott and his wife  
Shirley.*



*District 4/5 member  
Joseph W. Pride*



*District 4/5 member  
Walter "Bud" E. Stark*



*District 4/5 member  
Lynn R. Street*



*District 4/5 member  
James D. Webb*



*District 4/5 member  
Jack L. Wood*



*District 6 member  
Edward H. Boylan IV*



*District 6 member  
Terrence E. Bowen*



*District 6 member  
Gene C. Brown*



*District 6 member  
Lawrence W. Chrislip*



*District 6 member  
Thomas J. Gager*



*District 6 member  
Lloyd W. Hutchison*



## Honoring 50-years of dedication



*District 6 member  
David M. Jamison*



*District 6 member  
David H. Kline*



*District 6 member  
William P. Ossler*

***Thank you  
all for your  
many years  
of service!***

## HEALTH 4U

### Busy Season? Long hours? These tips may help.

- Keep on hand a small cooler and ice packs – pack a homemade lunch and snacks. Keep healthy foods on hand at home so that you can grab them quickly to pack up daily while you are working long hours and “living” out of your vehicle. It is most often healthier to eat fresh snacks and meals from home rather than eating out and on the go.
- If you must eat out, pick the healthiest choices available. Don’t ignore the calorie count and nutritional information available to you posted on the menu. Get used to looking at the calorie and nutrition count. Fats, sodium, and sugars are the big line items to pay attention to when you are looking at the nutritional information.
- Try to keep on schedule when you are eating. Eating at regular intervals is better for you and your system. When you get too hungry, you tend to grab anything and everything in sight. Keep small healthy snacks on hand for that in-between meal hunger.
- Drink water! Buy a reusable water bottle and fill it daily with ice and water. Keep it in your cooler to keep it cold. Avoid sugary drinks and drinks high in caffeine. Sugar adds empty calories to your daily intake of food and drinks. Too much caffeine can be hard on your system.





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**WORKING** for Mr. Excavator in Zanesville, Muskingum County is Michael Dodig.



**ON THE JOB** for Mascaro at the AMG Vanadium site in Zanesville is Jordan Pack.



**OPERATING** for ALL Crane in Grove City, Franklin County is Justin Hare.



**KEEPING** busy for Shelly & Sands on S.R. 60 near Duncan Falls, Muskingum County is Varessa Mayle.



**WORKING** for Columbus Steel Erectors on Project Facebook in New Albany. Licking County is forklift operator James Bink.



**ON THE JOB** for George J. Igel & Co. at Project Mustang in Franklin County is Kenny Wright.



**BUSY** for Badger Daylighting on Project Facebook in New Albany, Licking County is Travis Dauberman.



**STARTING** working on dam reconstruction at Hargus Lake in Pickaway County near Circleville is Ruhlin Company.

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## Right-to-Work does not create a right to work!

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

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

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

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

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

This is exactly what proponents of Right-to-Work want. The champions of Right-to-Work are not supporters of workers' rights. The National Right-to-Work committee was founded in 1954 by a group of ultra-conservative businessmen, including Whitford Blakeney, one of the best know anti-labor lawyers of his time, whose career included

representing the J.P. Stevens textile company, whose campaign against unionization was found by the National Labor Relations Board to include "excessive and egregious labor practices."

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

### ***Right-to-Work laws allow workers to accept the benefits of union membership without sharing the cost.***

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

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

Advocates of Right-to-Work laws claim

that such laws protect workers' right to freedom of association by preventing them from being forced to join unions against their will. This is not true.

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

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

## Report to the members

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benefited from this project. In District 6, the reconstruction of the I-76/I-77/Central Interchange/Akron Beltway began earlier this year and is expected to be completed by July 2025. Local 18 members are employed by the Ruhlin/Shelly and Sands Akron Beltway Joint Venture on this project, along with the numerous subcontractors who will be on site the next four-plus years of construction. These high-profile jobs are just a glimpse into the long list of ongoing and new work scheduled for the remainder of the 2021 construction season. As always, we encourage all members to attend your monthly Union meetings to stay up to date on the work picture and other important updates.

The IUOE Local 18 mobile app continues to be a popular tool in use by the membership, and it has grown to be the most popular among the entire IUOE membership. This mobile app has already evolved since we launched it last year, and with the ability to pay your dues going live, it increased its popularity. Moving forward, we will be adding new features and options for the members to utilize, so if you have not installed it, do not wait any longer. We know you will love it.

As always, I hope that everyone is having a steady and safe work year thus far, and we look forward to seeing everyone in the future at your Union meetings. Look out for one another on the job, and always remember that "Safety is our Target." I am honored to serve as Business Manager of this great organization and appreciate the support all of you have given us. Be safe, and see you all at the next Union event.







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## District 6 on the job throughout the area



*OPERATING a paver for Shelly & Sands on S.R. 91 is Josh Lomax.*



*WORKING for Kenmore Construction in Akron is Jake Kandel.*



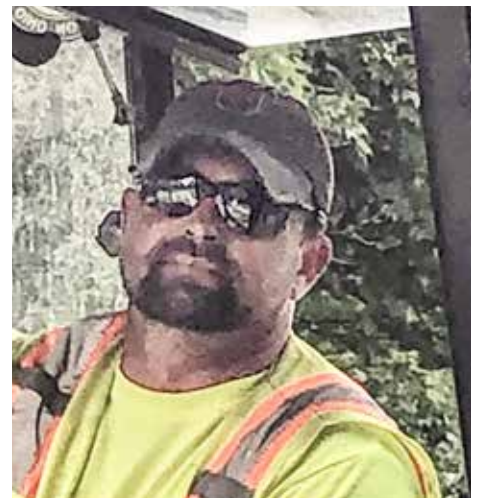
*RUNNING a roller for Shelly & Sands on S.R. 91 is Brian Gosbin.*



*RUNNING a mill for Kenmore Construction in Akron is Mark Parcher.*



*ON THE JOB for Ruhlin on U.S. Rt. 224 is Mark Morgan.*



*KEEPING busy for Kenmore Construction in Akron is Jeremy Mitchell.*



*WORKING at the HM sand and gravel pit are (l-r) Richard Lane and Bill Morrison.*



*WORKING near Jeromesville on the U.S. Rt. 30 project is Kokosing.*



## Shop members enjoying a busy season



*WORKING for W.W. Williams in Lemoyne is Josh Selley.*



*KEEPING busy for Ohio CAT Ohio Turnpike Project in Edon is Kenny Walker.*

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*(above) WORKING on a GPS Dozer for Allard Excavating on S.R. 7 in Gallia County is Tom Hyme, Jr.*



*(right) SETTING a control building for AEP in Lockbourne, Pickaway County for Maxim Crane is Nick Pitzer.*



## 18S members strong and proud



*KEEPING busy for AQUA Ohio – Tiffin as a Maintenance Relief Operator Engineer is Brandon Steinmetz.*



*WORKING for Zanesville Metropolitan Authority as a Skilled Craft Engineer is Charles Drumheller.*



*ON THE JOB for AQUA Ohio – Lake Darby as Plant Operator Engineer is Eli Teague.*



*BUSY for Meigs County EMS in Pomeroy, working as an EMT is LeAnna Davis.*



# 2021 UAW Union-built vehicle guide

## Build a stronger economy by buying union-built vehicles



### UAW CARS

Cadillac CT4  
Cadillac CT5  
Chevrolet Bolt (electric)  
Chevrolet Camaro  
Chevrolet Corvette  
Chevrolet Malibu  
Chevrolet Sonic  
Ford Mustang  
Lincoln Continental

### UAW TRUCKS

Chevrolet Colorado  
Chevrolet Medium-Duty  
Silverado  
Navistar (regular and crew cab)  
Chevrolet Silverado Light Duty  
(crew\*\* and double cab only)  
Chevrolet Silverado Heavy Duty  
Ford F Series  
Ford F-650/750  
Ford Ranger  
Ford Super Duty Chassis Cab  
GMC Canyon  
GMC Sierra Light Duty  
(crew\*\* and double cab only)  
GMC Sierra Heavy Duty  
Jeep Gladiator  
Ram 1500  
(classic model – DS)\*  
Ram 1500  
(new model – DT)\*

### UAW SUVs/CUVs

Buick Enclave  
Cadillac Escalade  
Cadillac Escalade ESV  
Cadillac Escalade Hybrid  
Cadillac XT4  
Cadillac XT5  
Cadillac XT6  
Chevrolet Suburban  
Chevrolet Tahoe  
Chevrolet Tahoe (police)  
Chevrolet Tahoe  
(special service)  
Chevrolet Traverse  
Dodge Durango  
Ford Escape  
Ford Expedition  
Ford Explorer  
GMC Acadia  
GMC Yukon  
GMC Yukon Hybrid  
GMC Yukon XL  
Jeep Cherokee  
Jeep Grand Cherokee  
Jeep Wrangler  
Lincoln Aviator  
Lincoln Corsair  
Lincoln Navigator

### UAW VANS

Chevrolet Express  
Chevrolet Express  
(cut-away)  
Ford E-Series (cut-away)  
Ford Transit  
GMC Savana  
GMC Savana (cut-away)

### UNIFOR CARS

Chrysler 300  
Dodge Challenger  
Dodge Charger

### UNIFOR SUVs/CUVs

Chevrolet Equinox\*  
Ford Edge  
Lincoln Nautilus

### UNIFOR VANS

Chrysler Pacifica  
Dodge Grand Caravan



The purchasing choices we make dictate the kind of economy we have. If we continue to buy goods made overseas or by workers making substandard wages, good jobs will continue to leave.

We can build a stronger economy by paying attention to where the goods we buy are made – and the earning power of the workers who make them.

A vehicle is one of the most expensive purchases most of us will make in our lifetimes and impacts our household budget. But that same purchase also affects the workers who assemble the vehicle, the workers in related industries who make the parts, and even the amount of police officers and firefighters our communities will have.

You can be sure that a vehicle listed on the 2021 UAW Union-Built Vehicle Guide will do the most toward maintaining and growing decent-paying U.S. manufacturing jobs, which in turn keep our families and communities stable.

Take a look at the guide and make a choice that's good for our entire economy. While you're at it, take a look at [buildbuyusa.org](https://buildbuyusa.org), which has a lot of great information on how we can bring back those decent-paying jobs.

[https://uaw.org/solidarity\\_magazine/buy-union-2021-uaw-built-vehicles-list/](https://uaw.org/solidarity_magazine/buy-union-2021-uaw-built-vehicles-list/).

These vehicles are made in the United States or Canada by members of the UAW and Canada's Unifor union, formerly the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW). Because of the integration of vehicle production in both countries, all of the vehicles listed as made in Canada include significant UAW-made content and support the jobs of UAW members.

However, vehicles marked with a single asterisk (\*) are also produced in Mexico.

All heavy-duty Chevrolet Silverados and GMC Sierras will be built in Flint, Michigan, only. Light-duty Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra regular cabs are produced in Mexico only. Vehicles marked with a double asterisk (\*\*) are the crew cab versions of the Chevrolet Silverado light-duty and GMC Sierra light-duty trucks. Those are assembled by UAW members in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and also in Mexico.

When purchasing a vehicle marked with a single or double asterisk, it's important to check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). A VIN beginning with "1" or "4" or "5" identifies a U.S.-made vehicle; a "2" identifies a Canadian-made vehicle; a "3" identifies a vehicle made in Mexico. Not all vehicles made in the United States or Canada are built by union-represented workers. Vehicles not listed here, even if produced in the United States or Canada, are not union made.



## IN MEMORIAM

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

George Sites (D-3)	July 2
LM James Truby (D-2)	July 3
Darryl Ross (D-4/5)	July 5
LM Carter Paul (D-3)	July 7
Alan Van Dyke (D-2)	July 10
James Pollock (D-3)	July 16
LM Amos Thomas II (D-4/5)	July 16
LM Robert Briggs (D-6)	July 18
LM Dale Carpenter (D-6)	July 19
LM Clarence Dozier (D-1)	July 23
Michael Lashuay, Sr. (D-2)	July 27
LM Elbert Webb (D-1)	July 28

### Temporary Extension of Deadlines Due to COVID-19 National Emergency

The federal government announced that the country is under a COVID-19 National Emergency starting March 1, 2020. The period between March 1, 2020 and the 60th day after the announced end of the COVID-19 National Emergency will not count against certain deadlines under the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan and the Ohio Operating Engineers Pension Plan. The extension applies to deadlines to file a claim or appeal, enroll a new spouse or child, report COBRA qualifying events and to elect and pay for COBRA under the Health and Welfare Plan. The extension also applies to deadlines to file a claim or appeal under the Pension Plan. This may give you a longer time to take certain actions. Please contact the Fringe Benefit Programs Office if you have questions.

## Labor Day/family picnic activities

### District 1 and 6

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

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

### District 2

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

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

### District 4/5

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



## Recent Club 18 contributors

**\$74.00**

**Carl C. Barger, Jr.**, District 4/5

**\$18.00**

**Robert Martin**, District 6

### IN ALL DISTRICTS:

**ADVISORY BOARDS  
WILL MEET 1st MONDAY OF  
EACH MONTH.**

**MEMBERSHIP  
WILL MEET 2nd MONDAY OF  
EACH MONTH.**

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## Survivor, pension benefits go to 28

### District 1

John P. Blakeslee, Reed J. Cernik, John E. Flaherty, and Richard A. Inghram, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements); Daniel L. Pace (normal retirement); Reginald A. Perkins (early retirement); Charles A. Peters, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Daniel K. Simmons, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); and George J. Sufilka, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

### District 2

John P. Dawes, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Ricky A. Fondessy (early retirement); Kimberly A. Gravelle, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); and Clarence E. Lewis and John M. Tusing, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements).

### District 3

Earle Keith Corn, Joint & Survivor (normal

retirement); Mark W. Litz, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Deborah L. Lockwood (early retirement); Dennis P. McNamara, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); and Paul A. Reiser (normal retirement).

### District 4/5

Tracy E. Bray, Joint & Survivor (disability retirement); Jeffery R. Bryant (early retirement); and Douglas E. Maddy, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

### District 6

Daniel L. Baum, Sr., Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Jeffery A. Carpenter, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Mark N. Gorby (normal retirement); Jerry E. Marshall, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Randy C. Rubel, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); and Jim R. Watkins, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).