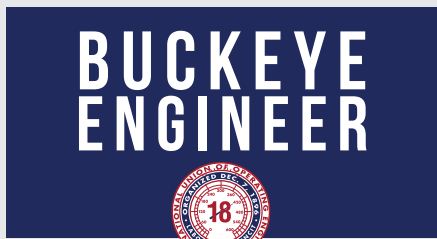


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Any member of Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G, 18RA or 18S who does not have his/her current dues paid may be suspended. Dues are payable on a quarterly basis on the first day of each quarter (30-day grace period), with the exception of 18D and 18S,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

Owner Operator members
\$150.75 per quarter

Reduced Dues \$45.75 per quarter

Joseph W. Casto III
Financial Secretary

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.

Buckeye Engineer

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Michael R. Bertolone, Business Manager



Brothers and sisters, we are full speed ahead into the 2022 construction season in all districts. 'Tis the season for orange barrels and work zones all across our jurisdiction. Keep in mind that these are your fellow members and fellow trades brothers and sisters in these work zones, so please be careful when you are in these areas.

The referral decks continue to be at record levels for this time of year, and the work hours are up compared to previous years. All of the additional work is a direct result of the additional money from the federal infrastructure bill that was passed late last year. As a general reminder, if you do experience a layoff, please be sure to immediately get your registration card back to one of our district offices so we can fill work orders as they come in.

With all of the current and upcoming work, we are expecting job opportunities for all of our members who want to work this year. It is not unusual for our referral deck numbers to be at their lowest between June and September, and it seems to happen all at once at the beginning of the construction season as many are recalled back to work.

We hear all the time from the members that they heard "the hall is empty," which is never a true statement. As I stated, the number of members registered and out of work is lower this time of year; however, we are never out of operators. Local 18 has always had a plan in place as well as ongoing strategies to avoid a situation where our referral is empty in any of our offices. As you are aware, we have a full-time organizing staff that not only focuses on signing new contractors, but also assists in supplying operators in a time of need. We also have our apprenticeship program that has shifted to accepting applications all season long, so if additional classes are necessary, we will immediately begin them.

Another source is the individuals who just come into a district office and register off the street and pay the registration fee to get on E-deck. This may be the lowest deck; however, when the work is plentiful, the chances of getting a call to go out to work are better than average.

We never like to hear the membership or anyone else spreading the false statement of "the hall is empty," not only because it is not true, but also because this could result in contractors assigning our work to someone other than an operator,

as they assumed we didn't have operators available. If you hear this while out on the job or from a contractor, have them immediately contact one of the district offices, and we will correct it.

The membership in District 1 recently ratified the Construction Employers Association (CEA) Building Agreement for a 3-year term. I want to thank the negotiating committee from the union and the contractor's side for their efforts to get this accomplished. In the past, there has been numerous disagreements and jurisdictional issues between the CEA and Local 18. We discussed at length all the current and past issues and are working on identifying a path to correcting these moving forward. This will not happen overnight as the issues did not arise overnight; however, all parties agreed that our current situation is not beneficial to the membership. We look forward to the next three years of this agreement and building on a better relationship.

Please mark your calendars for the semi-annual state membership meeting on Sunday, June 12th, at the Hilton Hotel located at 8700 Lyra Dr, Columbus, OH 43240, @ 10:00 a.m. We typically have our state meetings at the end of the month, but due to a scheduling conflict with the hotel at the

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About the cover:
ALL Crane installing new turbine blades on the windmill at Lincoln Electric.

Local 18 Calendar

JUNE

- 6** All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 11** Executive Board mtg. –
Columbus District Office, 1 p.m.
- 12** Semi-Annual State mtg. –
Hilton Columbus/Polaris,
8700 Lyra Drive, 10:00 a.m.
- 13** All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 13-17** 40-Hour – Crane I –
Logan Training Center
- 15** District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 16** District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 20** District 6 Info. mtg. –
Guernsey County Fairgrounds

JULY

- 4** Independence Day
- 5** All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 9** 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (1 of 2) –
Cygnet Training Center
- 11** All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 11-15** 40-Hour – Crane I –
Richfield Training Center
- 13** District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 16** 8-Hour – CCO Refresher (2 of 2) –
Cygnet Training Center
- 18** District 6 Info. mtg. –
Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 18-22** 40-Hour – Crane I –
Miamisburg Training Center
- 20** District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 23** 8-Hour – CCO Exam –
Cygnet Training Center
- 25-29** 40-Hour – Crane II –
Miamisburg Training Center

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

President



Thomas Byers

About halfway through March, it didn't feel like spring was ever going to arrive in Ohio, and then in the blink of an eye, we skipped spring and jumped straight into summer! Work is booming across the state, and new projects are popping up in the system daily. It's going to be a great year for operating engineers across the state.

Some of the larger projects you will read about in this issue of the *Buckeye Engineer* had Local 18's dispatchers working overtime to fill the seats. The BP shut-down work in District 2 and various solar farm projects in multiple districts have put many operators to work this year. Our regular established contractors were looking to hire more operators due to the uptick in work, as were some of the newly signed contractors who reached out to become signatories with Local 18 for the high skill level the Local 18 members bring to the job site every day. We never stop trying to create more jobs for our members and increase market share.

With all the dispatcher activity, I thought it might be a good time to bring up some reminders about our referral system to the seasoned veterans and possibly some helpful tips to newer members. Feel free to pass these along to your co-workers.

Don't forget your 30-day check-in: Members who have registered for referral are required to call at least once every 30 days to check-in. This is so that we can verify you are still seeking work and that we have a working phone number for you. If we don't hear from you every 30 days, we will send you a courtesy postcard reminding asking you to contact the dispatcher as

soon as possible to avoid your card being pulled from the deck.

We also will send courtesy postcards to you if we have been unable to contact you over a series of days for multiple work orders. This is to make sure that we have the correct phone number information for you. Many times, members will change phone numbers and forget to notify the union hall.

Mark your certifications: Place checkmarks in the boxes at the top of the registration card for your certifications when you fill the card out, and when you get new certifications, make sure you call the dispatcher so they can mark them on your

card. We don't want to see you miss out on a job just because you forgot to mark your CDL or STP credentials.

Call the dispatcher when you get direct recalled: If a prior employer directly recalls you

back to work, make sure to give the dispatcher a call and let them know that you went back to work. They will ask you for some information to update your work record in the office, such as name of employer, your start date, where the job is located, and the equipment you will be operating. It's important to do this because if the dispatcher doesn't know you were recalled to work and calls you for a job, and you are back to work operating a piece of equipment and can't hear the phone ring, the dispatcher will end up waiting 10 minutes before calling the next member on the deck. Ten minutes doesn't sound like a lot, but if only six people don't answer their phone, that's an hour out of the day that could be used calling members on the list.

In closing, I want to thank you all for taking the time to read my report. I am proud to be a member of Local 18, and I appreciate the trust you put into the leadership of Local 18 as we work to better the lives and working conditions of Local 18 members.

Buckeye Engineer

***It's going to be
a great year for
operating engineers
across the state.***

LOCAL 18 INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS — MODIFIED CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2021

ASSETS

Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 13,316,957
Inventory.....	46,432
Total Current Assets	<u>13,363,389</u>
Property and Equipment, at Cost:	18,844,998
Less: Accumulated Depreciation.....	(6,571,087)
Property and Equipment, Net.....	<u>12,273,911</u>
Certificate of Deposit:	254,763
Investments:	<u>60,517,016</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 86,409,079</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:	
Refundable Fees.....	\$ 1,126
Payroll Withholdings.....	10,687
Total Current Liabilities	<u>11,813</u>
Net Assets:	
Operating	65,762,176
Internally Designated:	
Charitable Contributions Committee Fund	22,709
Members' Program Fund.....	40,513
Special Dues Assessments Fund	20,571,868
Total Net Assets	<u>86,397,266</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 86,409,079</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES — MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Revenues:	
Members' Dues and Fees.....	\$ 19,215,573
Other Revenues.....	1,320,161
Total Revenues	<u>20,535,734</u>
Direct Expenses:	
Per Capita Taxes	2,639,772
Dues Refunds	27,902
Benefits to Members	1,800
Total Direct Expenses.....	<u>2,669,474</u>
Change in Net Assets Prior to Operating Expenses and General and Administrative Expenses	17,866,260
Operating Expenses:	
District Office Salaries and Expenses	8,570,499
Headquarters Salaries and Expenses	2,377,456
Membership Group Life Insurance	263,742
Local Newspaper Expense	649,714
Total Operating Expenses.....	<u>11,861,411</u>
Change in Net Assets Prior to General and Administrative Expenses	6,004,849
General and Administrative Expenses.....	<u>1,797,621</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 4,207,228</u>

BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

We, the Auditors of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, have participated in a review of the financial statements audited by the independent Certified Public Accountants as of December 31, 2021.

By doing so, we have satisfied ourselves as to the proper maintenance of accurate books of Accounts and Records by the officers and employees of the Local Union. We have inquired into various matters pertaining to the Local Union's accounting activities and financial position.

Based on our examination and on the aforementioned certified audit, and under the provisions and authority of the International Constitution, Article XXIV, Subdivision 2, Section (i), we, the undersigned Auditors, report that the books and accounts of the Local Union have been properly maintained and fairly presented in the audited financial statements.

BOARD OF AUDITORS
LOCAL 18, IUOE
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

We, the Trustees of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, have discussed and reviewed the financial statements audited by the independent Certified Public Accountants as of December 31, 2021.

In reliance thereon, we have satisfied ourselves as to the proper care and safety of our Local's funds and other property and have determined that the Local is covered by adequate bonding insurance, as required by law and good business practices. We are satisfied that the Treasurer and other Local Union Officers and employees have maintained the proper control over Local Union funds and property.

Therefore, under the provisions and authority of the International Constitution, Article XXIV, Subdivision 2, Section (h), we, the undersigned Trustees, certify as to the disposition and care of the Local Union's property as reflected in the audited financial statements.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LOCAL 18, IUOE
Scott R. Stevenson
Darrin Morgan
Tony D. James



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Fringe



Carol Wilson

The work season is now in full swing, and the staff of the Fringe Benefit Office hopes that you stay safe and have a healthy and enjoyable summer with family and friends.

The work picture continues to look good, and the Fringe Benefit Funds have seen the hours and employer contributions up slightly over last year.

We recently rolled out an email address, mra@ooefbp.com, for participants to submit Medical Reimbursement Account ("MRA") claims electronically. This should help reduce the amount of time it normally would take to send an MRA request through the mail. Please be sure to include a completed MRA request form signed by the member, along with a clear image of an itemized bill, which should include the patient's name, date of service, service(s) rendered, amount of the service, and the

provider information. If the participant has other insurance, please include an explanation of benefits from that insurance carrier. MRA reimbursement will be made to the member, or if you prefer, payment can be made directly to a provider. The MRA request form is available online through the member portal at OOEXG.com.

The trustees of the Health and Welfare Plan are continuing to partner with Life Line Screening to provide vital health screenings to identify stroke risk, high blood pressure, peripheral arterial disease, aortic aneurysms, high cholesterol, and diabetes. Letters and vouchers have been mailed to those who have not yet participated in the free screenings in the past year. The screenings are free of charge to eligible plan participants and their spouses and only take about an hour to complete. If you did not receive a letter or have misplaced it, please contact the Fund Office for a replacement. We would like to encourage you to take advantage of this valuable benefit, which could potentially save your life.

The Pension Fund remains well-funded

due to the sound investment approach adopted and maintained by the trustees. At the time this article was submitted for publication, the net assets of the Pension Fund were more than \$3 billion. The Pension Fund is currently paying out \$13.5 million monthly, or \$162 million annually, to 7,442 retirees and surviving spouses.

The scholarship application period for the 2022-2023 academic year closed on April 1, 2022. The Education and Safety Fund trustees met in April and awarded \$3,900.00 for regular scholarships and \$5,500.00 for industry-related scholarships for the upcoming school year. In addition, five special dependent awards of \$7,500.00 will be presented this month at the semi-annual state membership meeting in Columbus to a dependent in each district who is pursuing an education in a construction industry-related course of study. We wish to congratulate all of the scholarship recipients. More than \$995,000 in Education and Safety Fund benefits has been paid to Local 18 members and their qualified dependents for the 2021-2022 academic year.



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Organizing



Scott Stevenson

So far, 2022 is looking to be another outstanding work year for Local 18 and its members. There is an abundance of Highway Heavy and Building work this year, and in addition to this, there is also a large amount of work in the Solar Energy market, both now and in the foreseeable future. The Organizing Department has been very active and has been able to sign multiple contractors working in Ohio's Solar Energy Market, as well as in the other areas of our work scope.

With this in mind, I am happy to report that so far this year, Local 18's Organizing Department has been able to sign 21 new contractors to one of our agreements that had never been signed before. Organizing these contractors allows us to continue

building our membership, beat our attrition rates, and create new job opportunities for Local 18's membership.

We are also continuing to build relationships with all of the developers in the energy market – solar, wind, and gas – with the goal of enabling our existing contractors a fair opportunity to bid on these projects. It is imperative that we capture as much of this work as possible.

We are also continuing to keep the pressure up on out-of-state non-signatory contractors, such as Glenn O. Hawbaker and a few steelworker companies that are trying to get a foothold in Ohio. We will continue to keep you posted on these issues as they progress.

The following are a few of the contractors that we have signed together since the last organizing report:

- WRL Tree Services and Construction LLC
- W.O. Grubb Steel Erection

- Russell Directional Drilling LLC
- HSH Construction and Excavating Inc.
- Marietta Silo's
- Heavy Highway Construction Co LLC
- American Hydro LLC
- Lakeside Excavating and Concrete LLC
- Big Green Environmental
- Roemer Utility Services Directional Drilling
- Viking Erectors Corp
- Silver Bridge Excavating LLC
- Michels Utility Services Inc
- Allison Park Contractors Inc.
- Kevtec 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.

Apprenticeship and Training

Don Black, Administrator

Brothers and sisters, the Apprenticeship and Training Program has been updating and streamlining some of our processes throughout recent years. We are always excited to keep up and then get ahead of what is needed for the future of our members.

We have rolled out our apprenticeship app for cell phone access. The app is accessible in the Google Play Store for Android users by typing "Ohio Operating Engineers Apprenticeship." For those with IOS phones, please contact any training center, and we can send you an invite to the app. On the app, you are able to see what classes are being offered, and if you are interested in attending that class, you can click on the "interested" tab to sign up.

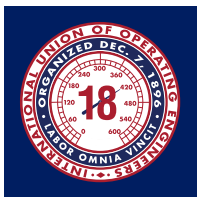
The application process for the Apprenticeship Program has also been updated. Applications are accepted year-round online at local18training.com. After applying, we will contact the applicant to schedule a test date and time. This process has already shortened the application and testing process from four and a half hours to one and a half. The new process will allow us to make quick adjustments to bring in new apprentices as work demand increases.

New rules and regulations from The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) as of February 7, 2022, have changed the way to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Members wanting to obtain a Class A or Class B CDL must

take Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT). The easiest way to explain it is "Driver's Ed" for CDL. Every training center will be offering ELDT classes for any members interested. This will be a 32-hour class to comply with regulations.

Please make sure that all your certifications are up to date. CCO refreshers and exam dates are all found on our web page, app, and in our schedule books. It is important for all of us to stay ahead or risk the chance of being left behind.

Thank you to all of the members for your continued support of our program. Please sign up for any classes you may need, and if you have any questions or suggestions, give us a call.



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Safety



Brett LaFaso

On January 1, 2022, an operator was sitting in a forklift waiting for work to start. A crew came up behind the forklift and unloaded a generator from a pickup truck, placing it behind the forklift.

When the operator of the forklift was dispatched by radio to another part of the project, the operator backed up, crushing the generator.

Be aware of your surroundings, and don't let crew members place items around your staging area. The operator could also have prevented the accident by performing a 360-degree walkaround before moving the equipment.

On January 18, 2022, two mechanics lifted and secured the cab of a loader to allow easy access to perform repairs. After the work was done, one mechanic helped raise the cab off of the support and began lowering it into place. The gas shock, meant to keep the cab from free falling, had failed, causing the cab to fall, striking the mechanic on the leg, causing a deep muscle and bone bruise.

To prevent an accident of this type, never place yourself beneath stored energy, in the line of fire, or near pinch points.

On January 24, 2022, an operator was running an RT forklift. When the operator set down the load and proceeded to back up, a conduit was struck, crushing it and causing a power outage across the worksite. There were no injuries.

To prevent an accident of this type, utilize a spotter while backing up. The

operator could also step out of the cab and visually check the immediate surroundings before moving in a congested area.

On February 11, 2022 an operator was walking in the parking lot when a slip and fall occurred causing a sprained shoulder.

Use caution and avoid walking on ice if possible. Salt all walking surfaces and make sure ice and snow is clear.

On February 14, 2022 an operator stepped out of their forklift onto ice and snow. The operator slipped causing a fall and injury when they struck their head. The operator was taken to the ER with reports of blurred vision and possible concussion.

To prevent an accident of this type, park equipment in a safe area that has been cleared of ice and snow. Also, use three points of contact while mounting and dismounting equipment.

Report to the members

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end of the month and Father's Day weekend, we decided to bump this meeting up a couple of weeks. Help us spread the word on this change please.

I will end on a sad note as I pay respect to a one-of-a-kind role model of a member of this great organization. Long-time loyal member Steven J. Mayor passed away at the end of April, and he will be missed by this entire local. Steve was 98 years old when he passed away and was well known all across Local 18's jurisdiction as well as the International. Mr. Mayor was initiated into Local 18 in August of 1948, so he was just shy of 75 years of total membership in Local 18. He served in various roles during his years of membership while out in the field, on staff with the local, and also while he was retired. Mr. Mayor was well known for speaking his mind and trying to get the membership more involved in all aspects. I know that back when the members fought to take money out of their pockets to create

the pension fund, Steve was at the front of that fight and one of the many we have to thank for what we all have now. I enjoyed getting to know Mr. Mayor over the years and appreciate all he has done for this great local. He will be missed by us all, and the good and welfare portion of the union meeting will never be the same without him here.

Steve Mayor

Initiated 8/2/1948

Executive Board Member in the 1960's

Business Representative 1965-1985

Local 18 Guard 1971

Local 18 Trustee 1974

Rec. Corresponding Secretary 1976

Vice-President 1982

President of the Statewide Retirees Club
1992 – 2014

District 1 Chairman of the Retirees Club
2014 – 2019



Steve Mayor and Business Manager, Michael R. Bertolone at the District 1 retirees meeting last year.



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Legislative

Governor DeWine increases aid for local bridges Funding will be directed to bridges that need it most

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that he is increasing Ohio's yearly funding allocation for local bridge projects by \$47.5 million for the next five years, bringing Ohio's annual investment in county and municipal bridges to \$112.5 million per year.

Funding provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for bridges

***The total investment
for both state and
local bridges is \$407.5
million per year.***

maintained by the state's 88 county engineers will increase from \$34 million to \$74 million annually, and municipal-owned bridge funding will increase from \$11 million to \$18.5 million each year.

The additional \$47.5 million is part of the \$104 million in bridge funding that Ohio will receive in each of the next five years as part of the recently enacted federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The law requires Ohio to invest \$15.6 million of the \$104 million each year into bridges owned by municipalities, townships, and counties, but Governor DeWine's announcement today more than triples the amount going to local communities.

"Many of the expensive repairs needed on small, locally-owned bridges cost far beyond what our communities can afford, which is why I've directed ODOT to devote more money to support local bridge projects," said Governor DeWine. "By partnering together to ensure the necessary improvements are made, those driving over Ohio's bridges can feel confident that they are safe."



Governor DeWine also announced today that small locally-owned bridges would also be eligible for funding as part of ODOT's Local Major Bridge Program, bringing the total number of eligible bridges from 54 to 238. The program pays for up to 80 percent of the construction and engineering costs for major bridge projects with a cap of \$20 million.

"ODOT will continue to aggressively address bridges throughout the state that are under our jurisdiction while at the same time doing everything we can to ensure our local partners have the resources they need to address their most critical issues," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks.

Local governments can apply for ODOT funding through the ODOT Office of Local Programs website. Ohio's 88 County Engineers will continue to apply for funding through dedicated programs managed by the County Engineers Association of Ohio.

ODOT's total local bridge investment of \$112.5 million in each of the next five years combines the new federal funding with other programs that aid local governments. The total investment for both state and local bridges is \$407.5 million per year.

Source: Ohio Department of Transportation [<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/about-us/news/state-wide/gov-dewine-increases-aid-for-local-bridges>].



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Legal *Timothy Fadel, Attorney*

The following is an updated report of activities regarding pending cases with Local 18 and its members since my last report in July 2021.

LOCAL 18 v. TEAMSTERS LOCAL 100 & LABORERS LOCAL 534 (Stein, Inc. ULP): After Stein, Inc. recognized Local 18 as the majority representative of its employees, both Teamsters Local 100 and Laborers Local 534 filed unfair labor practice charges ("ULP"). The National Labor Relations Board ("Board" or "NLRB") issued an order finding a breach of the National Labor Relations Act ("NLRA"). The Union and the employer have since filed independent appeals of the Board's order in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Those appeals remain pending.

LOCAL 18 v. ISRAEL SWORD (ULP): Union member Israel "Bo" Sword filed a ULP charge with the NLRB alleging a breach of the Union's duty of fair representation and the Board subsequently issued a Complaint alleging that Local 18 breached its duty of fair representation. The Union has denied all wrongdoing and defended the matter at a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge who recently issued an adverse decision. The Union has appealed that decision to the Board.

LOCAL 18 v. HEIDI REAMS: Former Union employee Heidi Reams filed a complaint with the EEOC alleging that she was terminated due to a disability. The Union denied all wrongdoing and participated in the EEOC's investigatory process. Recently, Ms. Reams filed a discrimination claim against Local 18 in Federal Court. The Union has once again denied all liability and is defending against the claim.

LOCAL 18 v. STEVEN HANK (State Court Complaint): Local 18 member Steven Hank filed a charge with Ohio Civil Rights Commission ("OCRC") alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct. That

case was eventually litigated in federal and state court. After extended litigation, Mr. Hank voluntarily dismissed his claims. Recently, Mr. Hank refiled his Complaint in state court. The Union has once again denied all wrongdoing and is once again vigorously defending that claim.

LOCAL 18/Nate Muhammed v. NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to terminate a Union member's seniority. The matter was then referred to arbitration, an Arbitrator selected, a hearing held, and post-hearing briefs were submitted to the Arbitrator. Recently, the Arbitrator issued an opinion finding that the employer improperly terminated the member's seniority and ordered that the employer reinstate that seniority, retroactively. The matter is now closed.

LOCAL 18 v. 1100 SUPERIOR, INC.: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to refrain from paying overtime for certain assignments. The matter was referred to arbitration, an arbitrator was selected, and a hearing held. Recently, the Arbitrator issued an Opinion & Order denying the Union's grievance after finding that recent changes to the CBA's management rights clause "allows the Employer to schedule the work of Operating Engineers in a manner which avoids the utilization of overtime." The matter is now closed.

LOCAL 18/Bernard Gray v. CUYAHOGA MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to terminate a Union member's employment. The matter was referred to arbitration, an arbitrator was selected, a hearing held, and post-hearing briefs were submitted. Recently, the Arbitrator issued an opinion finding that the employer improperly terminated the member and ordering the employer to reinstate the member with full back-pay and benefits.

LOCAL 18/Scott Fout v. STONECO, INC.: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to discipline a Union member. The matter was referred to arbitration, an Arbitrator was selected, and a hearing held. During that hearing, the parties were able to reach a negotiated settlement whereby the affected member was made whole.

LOCAL 18 v. HENKELS & MCCOY, INC.: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to pay a reduced rate to Local 18 members working in Kentucky. An arbitrator has been selected, and we are in the process of scheduling a hearing date.

LOCAL 18 v. MICHELS CORP.: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to pay a reduced meal rate to Local 18 members. We are in the process of selecting an arbitrator to preside over this matter.

LOCAL 18 v. OHIO CAT: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to change the frequency of performance reviews which are tied to wages. The matter was referred to arbitration, an arbitrator was selected, and a hearing has been rescheduled for May of 2022.

LOCAL 18 v. SOLVAY CORP.: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision as it relates to the benefits made available to retirees. The matter was referred to arbitration and an arbitrator was selected, however, that Arbitrator recused himself for health reasons. We are now in the process of selecting a new arbitrator.

LOCAL 18/Kenneth Ballard v. CUYAHOGA MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to terminate a Union member's employment. The matter has been referred to arbitration and we are in the process of selecting an arbitrator.

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Steward Training



Joe Casto

We just finished up with the 2022 steward training classes. This year was the one-night introductory/refresher class. The scheduled dates began April 6th in District 4/5 and ended May 4th in District 1. The need for stewards

is always there, so make sure you're ready to take on the task and help push our craft and our Local forward. As always, the classes were held at the district offices with dinner at 6 p.m. and the class beginning at 7 p.m. Participation has been great across the state.

Don't worry if you weren't able to attend this year; next year, we will have the full three-night class that runs from Tuesday through Thursday. Look out for one another; even if you're not the steward,

carry yourself as if you were. Remember to be level-headed, responsible, and respectable. I would like to thank all of the members who attended this year's class.

I look forward to teaching this class each year and meeting all of you. Should anyone need more information about being a steward or maybe just have a question, feel free to contact me at the District 6 office. Wishing everyone a prosperous 2022, and please stay safe.

Pipeline



Darrin Morgan

In Montgomery County, Integrity Kokosing Pipeline Services is working for Vectren on integrity management, relocating existing pipe, and allowing for a new roundabout. In Scioto County, Charps LLC

is working for Enbridge Energy on integrity and maintenance anomaly digs 3-inch to 36-inch pipe. Appalachian Construction Services is working in Trenton for Enbridge on maintenance and integrity pipeline replacement of 800 feet of 24-inch steel pipe. Appalachian is also working in Berlin to expose pipe and verify integrity and location for Enbridge.

In Campbell, Kentucky, Henkels & McCoy Incorporated is working for Duke

Energy on installations of 2,000 feet of 20-inch new lay, and subcontracting for road bores is Aaron Enterprises. Minnesota Limited is working for Duke Energy in Butler County on the installation of a regulator station.

UPI is working for BP in Cincinnati at the BP Refinery on integrity digs. Snelson Companies is working for Duke Energy in Hamilton County on a large compressor

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Shops



Ronald Krohn, Jr.

The work scope for the equipment shops looks good with the anticipation of infrastructure work planned for 2022. The shops have been busy working on customer and rental equipment.

The demand for mechanics is very high, from trainees

to field mechanics throughout the state. Please contact the district representatives or me if you know anyone who would like to come on board with Local 18.

The following contract renewals for 2022 are still underway:

- Towlift, Inc.
- Skyworks, LLC
- The McLean Company
- Columbus Equipment
- Barnhart Crane & Rigging
- Selinsky Force
- Southeastern Equipment

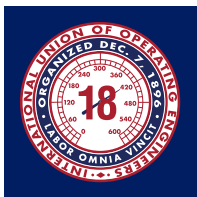
We look forward to getting together with the contractors to negotiate on behalf of the membership.

The following contracts have been ratified since the January *Buckeye Engineer*:

- Ohio CAT - Western Region
- The Pump and Shoring Department
- Herc Rentals, Inc.

By the time this is published, we will have hosted the Statewide Steward Meeting, scheduled for May 20, 2022. Thank you to the stewards for taking the time to attend, and we appreciate your dedication to Local 18. At the meeting, we review the duties of an appointed steward, and it is always a well-attended meeting.

I would like to thank Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone and President Thomas P. Byers for their continued leadership and support for Local 18 and the membership.



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Stationary Engineers



John Cullison



Eric Eastwood



Daniel Hoopes

Hello members of Local 18. Hopefully, summer is upon us after a long, cold, wet winter and spring season. Local 18S members stay busy most of the year and aren't necessarily affected by the months or Ohio's four seasons. Many people don't realize there is a division of Local 18 that includes Stationary workers. There are approximately 560 members of Local 18 that make up the 18S membership.

The Stationary Department includes a variety of industries that have organized under this great union. Our membership includes the following:

- Nurses, Emergency Medical and 911 Services, Teachers, Special Needs Aides, Facility Staff, Hospitality Workers, and Public Employees
- Maintenance Technicians, Local Housing Authority Maintenance, Boiler Operators, Bridge Operators, HVAC Technicians, Mechanics, Grounds People, Building Inspectors, Engineers and Technicians, Operators at Water and Wastewater Plants, Utility Workers, Electrical Linemen, Public Works, County Maintenance

Since our last Buckeye Engineer report in January 2022, the Local 18S Business Agents have negotiated and ratified the following contracts:

- Sofidel America (Wage Re-Opener)
- Lorain County Metropolitan Housing (LMHA)
- Cuyahoga County Technicians (Wage Re-Opener)
- CBRE Columbus Stationary
- Willow Island Plant of Zoetis

The 18S Business Agents will begin or continue negotiations on the following contracts for the remainder of the year:

- 1100 Superior Avenue
- AQUA America – Tiffin
- Canton Drop Forge
- CBRE 200 Public Square
- CMC & Maintenance – Toledo Federal Building
- National Gas & Oil
- Westin - Cleveland Downtown
- Ohio Health Nelsonville – Wage Re-Opener

One group of stationary engineers that Local 18S represents is the group of members employed at Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA). The 21 members here are Skilled Maintenance, Head Maintenance, Team Leaders, Maintenance, Locksmiths, Maintenance Technician, and Custodian. LMHA provides low to moderate-income housing for people in Lorain, Elyria, Amherst, Oberlin, and various areas around Lorain County. Our members are responsible for approximately 1,500 public housing units in 12 different locations around the county.

The Local 18S members maintain the

entire LMHA operation from the physical standpoint with little outside contracting work. Before units are rented out to new tenants, they must be inspected and, if necessary, refurbished. Our members are responsible for completing any repairs in respect to general maintenance, painting, plumbing, and electrical that a unit may require. Our members are also responsible for exterior maintenance, trash pickup, some lawn care, and snow removal, as needed. With so many buildings and units, our members are in constant demand.

Another group to mention from Local 18S are members employed by Jones Lang LaSalle working in four separate locations in and around the City of Cleveland at PNC Bank's main locations. Currently, 17 members from 18S are working in four classifications of Chief Engineer, Stationary Engineer, Maintenance Mechanic, and Maintenance Mechanic Assistant to maintain the approximate 1.4 million square feet of building space. The members are in charge of all aspects of heating and cooling, including some maintenance work such as locksets, carpentry, light electrical, and coordinating all subcontractor work needed in the buildings and annual testing required for life safety.

CBRE Stationary is comparable in skill sets but focuses more on building maintenance for six different campuses. Four of these are located here in Columbus, Ohio, one in Indianapolis, Indiana, and another in Louisville, Kentucky. CBRE is a global

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BUSY for the City of Painesville are (l-r) Fred Rousch and Brian Walker.

Cleveland



Tom Perevosnik



Jack Klopman II



Jacob Siesel



Robert Park, Jr.

John Capek, Jr.,
Organizer

The summer work season in District 1 is going strong. Please take advantage of the training centers to improve your skills and maintain or get new certifications.

In Northern Cuyahoga County, Keller North America, Independence Excavating, and ALL Erection Crane are working on the Sherwin Williams project currently underway in the Downtown Cleveland area. Huffman Equipment is making dock repairs for Ontario Stone on River Road. George Gradel Company is working on dredging the Cuyahoga River.

J.D. Williamson is making bridge repairs on East 75th Street. Northeast Ohio Trenching has the sewer tie-ins on Lorain Rd. in Cleveland. Chagrin Valley Paving has bridge repairs on Scranton Rd. over I-90.

Independence Excavating and Kelley Steel Erectors are working on the New Amazon Center on Canal Rd. as well as the Cleveland Food Bank on Coit Ave. in Cleveland. At the Natural History Museum, Forest City Erectors has been setting structural for an addition.

McNally/Kiewit SST JV, Nicholson Construction, Northstar Contracting, and Marra Services are busy working on the Shoreline Storage Tunnel at both Glenview Park and Gordan Park in Cleveland. The consolidated sewer for the Shoreline Storage Tunnel has Kokosing and Ward & Burke busy on multiple sites throughout Cleveland.

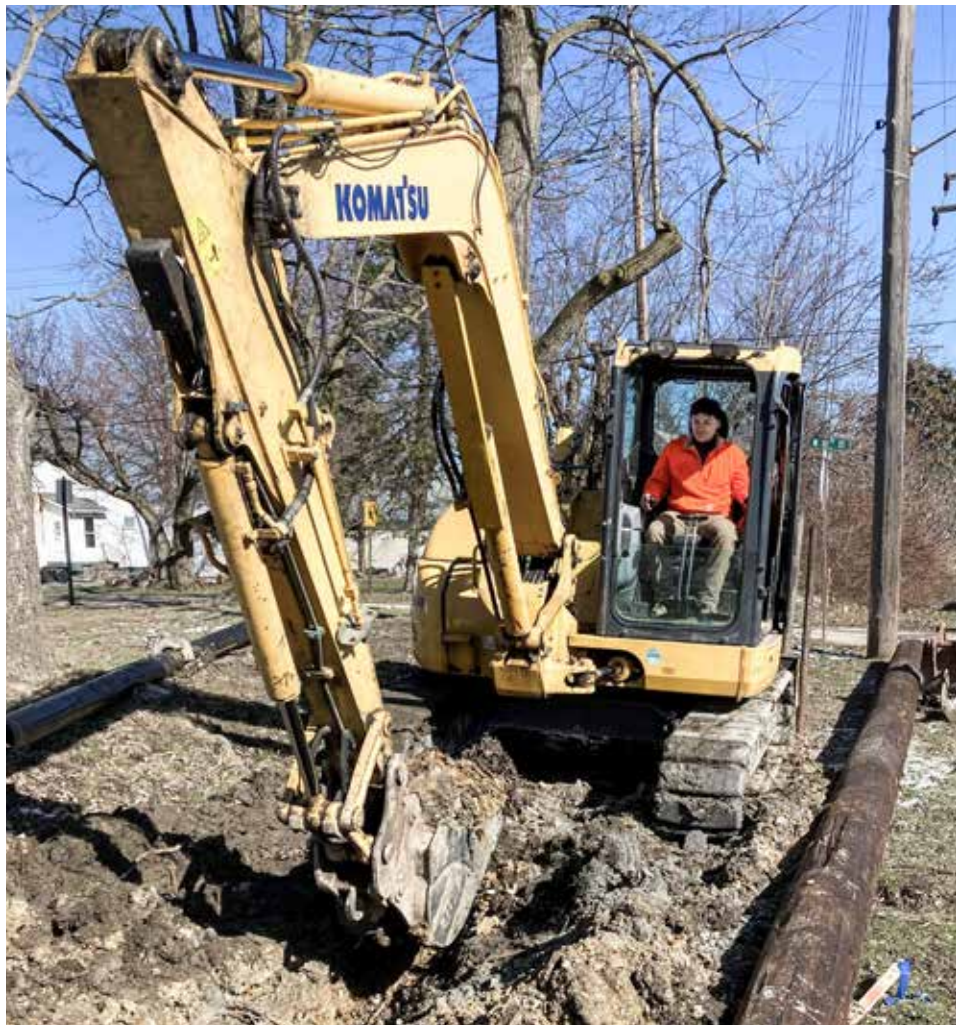
Also in the Cleveland area, several contractors have been working diligently on performing work at several housing sites. Cleveland Cement, ALL Erection Crane, Berkshire Construction, Geotechnical Engineering, Hydracrete Pumping, and Howard Concrete Pumping are working on the new Artisan Condos on Chester Ave. in

Cleveland. Marous Brothers Construction, Donley's Inc., and Keller North America are performing site work for the new Waterford Bluffs Apartment Complex on West 20th St. in Cleveland.

Donley's Inc., Fabrizi Trucking & Paving, and Stevens Engineering are working on

the new Trio Apartments on West 25th Street. ALL Erection Crane, Chieftain Trucking, Cleveland Cement, Howard Concrete Pumping, Hydracrete Pumping, Berkshire Construction, Precision Engineering & Contracting, Perk Construction, and Michels Foundation Corporation are performing site work for a new nine-story wood frame apartment/condo complex with shops along the lower level.

Sitotech has work on the new parking garage for MetroHealth Medical Center on
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WORKING for D.B. Bentley in Ashtabula on a water line is Michael Hoffart.

Toledo



Brett LaFaso



Kipton Siesel



Ismael Gutierrez, Jr.



Jerid Donley

John Townes,
Organizer

With Heavy Highway work expected to increase this year, building work is getting up and running again after the past two years of COVID-related shutdowns, plus one of the largest maintenance shutdowns in decades, District 2 and its members are expecting another busy year. Be ready for the work season by keeping your skills sharp and your certifications up to date. The best way to do that is to attend our training facilities often. Here is a brief rundown of the work going on in District 2.

Underground Utilities Inc. is currently working on contracts "A" and "B" on the East Regional waterline improvement project in Allen County. Underground Utilities Inc. will install new water lines and fire hydrants from West Minster to the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette, serving all residents of both communities. Completion will be October 2022.

Roese Pipeline continues its contract work with Dominion Gas replacing antiquated distribution gas lines in Allen County. Roese is currently finishing up a steel gas line project in the Columbus Grove area.

Degen Excavating has been awarded the Gomer sewer improvements project in northwest Allen County. This project is being constructed due to a non-compliance complaint from the EPA nearly eight years ago. Now that funding is finally in place, construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

Gerken Paving got an early start to their season by kicking off the U.S. Rt. 30 four-lane resurfacing project in Allen County this Spring. This 12-mile section starts near the U.S. Rt. 30/S.R. 65 intersection and runs to the west. Gerken was also the low bidder on a second ODOT rehabilitation project in

Allen and Defiance Counties. Part 1 consists of resurfacing more four-lane on U.S. Rt. 30, and Part 2 will entail resurfacing State Routes 2, 18, and 49 in the Villages of Hicksville and Sherwood in Defiance County.

Helms & Sons is improving two intersections on S.R. 309 in Allen County. This project consists of converting existing two-way stop-controlled intersections to single-lane roundabout intersections at Thayer Rd. and Napoleon Rd. just west of Lima. New curb

and gutter, drainage, signage, and asphalt are all parts of this project.

To continue the roundabout theme in Allen County, R.B. Jergens is modifying the current "roundabout" intersection in the square of Lima on Market St. and Main St. The new upgraded roundabout will eliminate the indecisiveness of motorists who enter this intersection; thus, reducing motor vehicle incidents.

Industrial Resource Group continues to employ a couple operating engineers on the Hardin Solar II project maintaining access roads. This 170-megawatt solar farm is located west of Kenton, and this project should be complete by early fall 2022.

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PROVIDING crane support on a demo project in Continental is Jeffers.

Columbus



Robert Hughes



Chad Creeks



Garold Baker



Brent McCarty



Frank Uhl II

Jeremy Hinkle,
Organizer

The beginning of Summer 2022 in District 3 presents a variety of projects for our members. Kokosing has operators on three ODOT projects in downtown Columbus. The first is the “2-E” project, where I-70 and I-71 intersect. It is a major reconstruction/realignment with cast in place and MSE retaining walls. There are multiple bridge demos with new, redesigned replacements. Subcontractors have included U.S. Utility Contractors, Lake Erie Construction, Turn-Key Tunneling, Capital City Group Crane Rental, Danbert, K D Complete Clearing, Miller Cable, M P Dory Co., and Phenix Stabilization. The second is the Broad St./I-71 Columbus Crossroads. This project includes reconstructing the East Broad St. bridge over I-71, the elimination of entrance and exit ramps, lane additions, and retaining walls. Subcontractors include M P Dory Co., Complete General Construction, Armstrong Steel, Paul Peterson Co., and West Fairfield Inc. The third is the ODOT “4-R” project on I-70 at I-71 and S.R. 315. This multi-year project features 12 bridges, including some that will span the Scioto River, as well as the Norfolk Southern and CSX railroads. It is scheduled for completion in late 2025.

Granite Construction has members working on the Lower Olentangy Tunnel (LOT Tunnel), which connects from the Olentangy Scioto Interceptor Sewer Tunnel (OARS Tunnel) to the Driving Park neighborhood and includes a three-mile micro-tunnel. Subcontractors for this project include Keller North America, Schnabel, George J. Igel & Co., Goettle, and Ward & Burke. Park Enterprise and Trucco have residential site work in Central Ohio’s expanding housing market. Work at The Ohio State

University is plentiful with approximately 200 operators working on various major projects, including the expansion of the Wexner Medical Center main hospital, the new OSU/Nationwide Children’s Hospital Ambulatory Center, an animal research center, a large greenhouse, and an additional steam/ power plant. It was announced that four to five additional projects are in the works. Subcontractors include Columbus Steel Erectors, Maxim Crane, Capital Tunneling, Great Lakes, Suburban Maintenance, McDaniel’s Construction, and Superior working for Frank Lill. George J. Igel & Co. also has several projects on the OSU campus this season.

Nationwide Children’s Hospital has four projects being built on Livingston Avenue, including two parking garages, utility tunnels, and a new behavioral health tower that will mirror the current 12-story tower at Parsons and Livingston Avenues. The new tower will be located to the north between the current tower and I-70, with an estimated cost of \$3.3 billion.

In the Arena District, a 31-story mixed-use high rise will begin mid-year. It is billed as an entertainment and work complex with businesses on the lower floors, restaurants, workout facilities, retail space, and multiple living spaces. This goes along with

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WORKING in Franklin County is Trucco.

Franklin



Jeff Powell



Jason Baker



Justin Gabbard



Michael Young



Tony James



**Thomas Ross,
Organizer**

After the spring rain and some ugly weather, the work activity in the district took off like gangbusters. Many of the contractors had a carryover of work last season and have been awarded many new projects to start this year, ranging from major heavy highway repairs to an abundance of asphalt milling and repaving projects. Site development for new warehousing and the go green solar farm projects are also keeping many of our brothers and sisters very busy.

Western Hamilton County

Work in Western Hamilton County is ramping up this month, with several large projects breaking ground. Great Lakes Construction has begun the I-75 southbound to I-74 ramp project in Cincinnati for \$91 million. Security Fence Group is performing the lighting, signage, and fencing on this project; Barrett Paving has the grinding, sweeping, and paving. Evers Steel will be installing the bridge beams. Barrett Paving was awarded a mill and fill project on I-75 in Cincinnati from the River to the Hopple St. exit. Barrett Paving was also awarded the four-lane reconstruction of the I-71 & I-275 merger, continuing south to the Pfeiffer Rd. exit in Blue Ash and the City of Blue Ash 2022 paving program. The Blue Ash project will include milling, paving, full curb replacement, catch basin repair, and sidewalk repair. Ford development was awarded the Ebony, Kingsford, and Scarlet Avenue water main replacement. This project includes installing various sizes of ductile pipe along with the replacement of fire hydrants and replacing any concrete or asphalt removed from the project. Complete General Construction is busy on Hauck Road in Sharonville, replacing a 60-inch culvert and

water main upgrades. The company will also be busy re-decking the I-75 to I-275 bridge. John R. Jurgensen will be performing the paving, with Vermillion doing the clearing and K&R Landscaping performing seed and straw work. John R. Jurgensen has been awarded the I-275 minor rehabilitation project worth \$22,276,630.00. This improvement is a "SmartLane" project that consists of adding additional travel lanes used during certain times to help alleviate heavy traffic during certain hours or events. The shoulders will be widened for use as the new lane, including the bridges that span the Little Miami River from U.S. Rt. 42 and continue into Clermont County. John R. Jurgensen is on River Road in Hamilton County performing full-depth asphalt repairs in

preparation for the road to be resurfaced. Ohio CAT - Sharonville and Columbus Equipment heavy equipment shops are extremely busy getting equipment ready for the work season. Both shops are looking for experienced mechanics and other related positions, including lube techs.

Northern Kentucky

Henkels and McCoy is working on Duke Energy natural gas metering stations in multiple locations in Northern Kentucky. This pipeline maintenance project consists of 2000 feet of 20-inch and 146 feet of 4-inch steel pipe and several launchers. Aaron Enterprises is performing both 20-inch and 4-inch bores for a total of 500 lineal feet of

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WORKING on U.S. S.R. 32 in Eastgate is John R. Jurgensen.

Akron



Joe Casto



Darrin Morgan



Preston Yuzwa



Thomas Larkins



Brad Marshall

David Russell, Jr.,
Organizer

In District 6, the work outlook for 2022 looks good, and it should be a prosperous year for operating engineers working building, highway, and distribution and maintenance.

In **Tuscarawas County**, Shelly & Sands is busy working on the U.S. Rt. 250 bridge repair project near New Philadelphia. Blackhorse Bridge has the guardrail replacement on C.R. 99. Jet Excavating is keeping busy with the S.R. 212 culvert repair north of Atwood Lake. Kinsey Excavating has a crew replacing waterlines in Tusky Valley. Shelly & Sands also has the two-lane resurfacing project on S.R. 258.

In **Coshocton County**, Capital City Crane has members working at the Three Rivers Energy Coshocton ethanol plant, the Cleveland-Cliffs mill addition, and various day-to-day crane rentals.

In **Ashland County**, Kinsey Excavating has several crews replacing distribution gas lines in Loudonville. Sarver picked up the county-wide asphalt resurfacing program for 2022. Shelly & Sands has the roundabout project on U.S. Rt. 250 in Ashland. Kokosing has patching work in various locations. Stanley Miller Construction is busy with the Ashland Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project. Shelly & Sands is also putting in R ramps on U.S. Rt. 30 at S.R. 603 in Mifflin. Great Lakes Demolition has a culvert replacement on U.S. Rt. 250 near Ashland.

In **Holmes County**, Kokosing has the two-lane resurfacing on S.R. 3.

In **Richland County**, Shelly & Sands is staying busy with the U.S. Rt. 30 major reconstruction project from S.R. 13 to S.R. 309 in Mansfield, as well as the Cook Rd. roundabout project. Beaver Excavating is

wrapping up the site work for New Lexington Schools. Shook has the Mansfield Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project, and Smith Paving is working on the Glessner Ave. streetscape program. Stein continues to keep about 20 operators busy processing slag at the Cleveland-Cliffs stainless mill in Mansfield.

In **Wayne County**, Kokosing has the Old Lincoln Way resurfacing as well as tear out of existing concrete and asphalt replacement on the Dixie Highway near Wooster. Wenger Excavating has the Grant Street water line replacement project. Bogner has crews working on additions and pipe racks at the Daisy Dairy, as well as the construction of new apartments and student center at the Wooster College. Bea-

ver Excavating has crews working on pipe relocation on S.R. 83 and the site work for the new Menards, Meijer, and FedEx distribution center, all in Wooster. Bogner is also building an addition at McKay Packaging in Orrville.

In **Stark County**, the new Amazon distribution center is keeping Xtreme Elements, Kelly Steel, Karvo, Sitetech, and The Shelly Company busy with multiple facets of the project. Great Lakes Construction is busy widening U.S. Rt. 62 to accommodate the extra traffic to come with the Amazon project.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame is finally back on the move. Beaver Excavating, Kelly Steel, and DiPietro Construction are all

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HARD AT WORK in Akron on S. Main St. is Karvo with the reconstruction project.



Soak up that natural sunshine... the importance of Vitamin D in your diet

According to Web MD, the most favored supplements that people take regularly are Vitamin C and Vitamin E, both important in our diets. Most people know Vitamin C as a booster for our immune systems and in helping to fight those germs when we start getting sick, and it aids the immune system and healing. And most people know Vitamin E for keeping our eyes healthy and for the health of our blood, brain, and skin. In simple terms, it is the most powerful antioxidant, the stuff that helps fight and break down the harmful stuff our body is exposed to when breaking down our food or when exposed to things such as tobacco smoke.

Those vitamins have been recognized for many years as especially important in our diets on a daily basis. Many might remember getting extra orange juice and fresh oranges from a young age as we were getting sick and being told to eat our carrots to keep our eyesight strong. In the past five years, I've heard more and more from my doctor, who has a homeopathic and holistic-based practice (natural and whole-body), that Vitamin D is essential in so many ways for keeping our bodies healthy. The first thing he told me about vitamins and fighting colds and sickness, "when you feel like you are getting a cold, maybe take extra Vitamin C, but definitely take Vitamin D." He encourages me to take more during times of healing, times of sleep deprivation, and times of emotional stress.

When reading more about it online, the benefits of enough Vitamin D for our bodies include strengthening our bones, and not getting enough of it can possibly lead to a higher risk of Type 1 Diabetes, elevated blood pressure, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, muscle and bone pain, cancer of the breast, colon, prostate, ovaries, esophagus, and lymphatic system. Vitamin D can slow down cancer cell growth, stimulate the pancreas to make insulin, and regulate our immune system. Quite a list - a Vitamin that helps our whole body to function better and helps to keep us healthier overall.



The best producer of Vitamin D isn't our local vitamin producer and doesn't cost any money, most times unless we need an extra dose and want to take a vacation to soak up more of it! The sun is our best activator, and it activates our body to produce Vitamin D when our skin is exposed to it. Studies show that in more northern countries and states where there is less sunshine, many of the health problems I listed above are more common in those areas.

Some foods naturally have small amounts of Vitamin D, many foods that are fortified with Vitamin D, but most often, combined, not enough to get us what we need to keep us healthy in the long run. Regular exposure to sunlight is the biggest and best source of Vitamin D for most people. Some people take regular Vitamin D supplements and increase the level in the winter months, but regular exposure to the sun is key.

The rule of thumb my doctor told me, when my body starts tanning from the sun exposure, lessen my Vitamin D supplement. When my tan starts fading, increase my Vitamin D supplement. (I don't get real tan or seek a tan, but I'm outdoors on a regular basis and get some coloring even with sun-

screen.) It doesn't sound like it takes a lot of sun exposure if you are wondering about the threat of skin cancer. Five to ten minutes, three times per week, is usually enough.

It is possible to get tests taken through a doctor to see if we are getting enough Vitamin D. Based on the benefits and information available today, it sounds like many people are Vitamin D deficient and that it may be worth asking your doctor to test your Vitamin D level, sun exposure, and about taking supplements. Also, as they always say, talk to your doctor if you have concerns or want to learn more about supplements and what is best for you medically and physically.

The sun is starting to shine a bit more these days as spring has sprung. Get those hands out of your gloves, those legs out of long pants, those arms out of long sleeves, and of course, those feet out of boots every so often, and bask in the sun for a few minutes a day. You never know, it might change your life!

Pipeline

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station project, integrity work, and all the civil work. Brewco Construction is working for Duke Energy near Oxford on 844 feet of 8-inch new lay. Associated Pipeline is working for Columbia Gas Transmission near Ironton on a slope remediation project.

Minnesota Limited is working in Ashland County for TransCanada Energy on a 2,000-foot 8-inch pipe replacement and 7,000 feet of hydro test, and 7,000 feet of nitrogen testing. InfraSource has two projects near Mason, Ohio, and another near Ripley, Ohio, doing maintenance and repair work. Contractor Rentals is working for Marathon on an emergency anomaly dig in Harrison County near Cadiz. Contractor Rentals has 105 miles of 6-inch relay for TransCanada near Jacobsburg.

District 1 – Cleveland

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Scranton Rd. in Cleveland. Terrace Construction has valve and hydrant repairs throughout the City of Cleveland. DiGioia Suburban is making storm sewer repairs on Addison Rd. in Cleveland.

Marra Services is replacing an outfall on Summit Ave. in Lakewood. Mr. Excavator and Cem-Base Corporation are performing site work for a new commercial warehouse on Oakleaf Parkway in Oakwood Village. Schirmer Construction is putting in new floating and stationary docks by Main and Center on the East Side of the Flats and new docks at Merwin's Wharf.

Catts Construction has the ADA ramp repairs in Tremont. In Euclid, Sitetech has the demolition of Euclid High School on East 222nd Street. Aggworx Inc. and Hydracrete Pumping are working on the new Hebrew Academy on Warrensville Rd. in Warrensville Heights, and B & B Wrecking and



PULLING out road slabs on U.S. Rt. 20 in North Ridgeville for Smith Paving is Alan Roeder.



SETTING roof structures at the Market Square Project at West 25th and Lorain Ave. for General Crane are operator Tyson Thomas and oiler Steven Rachkofski.

Excavating has demolition of a steel warehouse on Forbes Rd. in Bedford Heights, in addition to the demolition of Beechmont Towers on Chagrin Rd. in Woodmere.

Michels Foundation Corporation is working on the new City Club Apartments on Euclid Ave. in Cleveland. KMU Trucking & Excavating has the site work for new condominiums along Lake Rd. in Rocky River.

Marous Brothers Construction has the site work for Battery Park Extension on West 70th St. in Cleveland, the addition at Longfellow Elementary School on East 140th St. in Cleveland, and the new storage units on Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted.

Great Lakes Construction has the new pump station for the Westerly Storage Tunnel, dock repairs at the Port of Cleveland, two new warehouses at Charter Steel, and is working on the Pearl Jennings open interceptor.

Walsh Construction has the paving of the deck on the west side of the I-480 Union Workers Memorial Bridge. Shelly & Sands has bridge repairs on Valley Parkway in Cleveland at Lorain Rd., I-90 and I-480. General Crane is working on a controlled building demolition for Mid American Steel in Euclid on St. Clair Ave., where Mid American plans to add on a building addition.

Don Wartko Construction, ASW Pipe-



OPERATING a forklift for Shook Construction at the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant in Valley View Kimberly Kovalik.

line LLC., 1127 Construction Inc., JAC Construction, Vallejo Company, SJS & Sons, H. M. Miller Construction, Miller Pipeline, and InfraSource Construction are busy with distribution and maintenance gas line projects throughout Cuyahoga County.

In Southern Cuyahoga County, Independence Excavating has the demolition of the

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Ford Plant in Walton Hills. Tri Mor Corporation has the road widening on Sprague Rd. in North Royalton and Parma. Catts Construction and Ronyak Paving Inc. have the Pearl Road reconstruction in Parma. Independence Excavating has the site work at the old VA Hospital in Brecksville.

In Western Cuyahoga County, Lakeland Electric is replacing light poles on S.R. 90 in Westlake. Miller Pipeline is drilling gas line on Webster Rd. and replacing gas services on Manhasset Drive, both in Bay Village. KMU has the site work for a subdivision on Newberry Drive in Westlake. DiGioia Suburban is replacing sidewalk on Forest Parkway in Westlake. InfraSource is upgrading gas services on Elmwood Drive in Westlake. KMU has the site work for new commercial buildings on Crocker Rd. in Westlake. The Ruhlin Company has the entrance ramps on Columbia Rd. in Westlake. Hydro X is locating utilities on Lake Forest Drive in Bay Village. MRU Trucking is replacing sanitary and storm lines at the Bay Village High School.

Work at Cleveland-Cliffs has many members busy working for Songer, Beaver Constructors, ALL Erection Crane, Capital

City, Stevens, R.G. Smith, Stein Inc., Matt Construction, Kelley Steel Erectors, Bulk Transport, and KT-Grant.

In Ashtabula County, Mascaro is working on the Norfolk Southern Bridge replacement in Conneaut. Union Industrial is disassembling the Harpersfield covered bridge in order to replace the piers. Once finished, they will reassemble the bridge back to its origin. Koski has been active in the road widening project on S.R. 45 in Austinburg. Eclipse has been involved in the sewer project on Stafford Rd. in Auburn, with Ronyak handling the paving. Kirk Excavating is boring under the Grand River in Fairport Harbor for 18 inches of forced main.

In Geauga County, Marucci & Gaffney Excavating Company has the widening of the culverts on S.R. 608, which entails widening Newcomb Rd. and replacing the Bundrysburg Road Bridge in Middlefield. D.B. Bentley is assisting with the sewer project in Mentor on Saint James Street. Hallmark has the site work for the new Ryan Homes Riverwood in Painesville.

In Lorain County, Miller Brothers Construction is re-sloping the Lorain County



OPERATING a paver for Ronyak Paving at the Cleveland Post Office on Broadway Ave. in Cleveland is Patrick Wilkonson.

Landfill in Oberlin. Also, Fabrizi Trucking & Paving has the site work for the new Aldi store on S.R. 58. Ryan Inc. has the site work for the Gas Plant on Hill Creek Drive. The City of Avon has been busy with several projects. Howard Concrete is pumping concrete on Ravinia Lane, and Precision Engineering has site work for the Avon Library located on Harvest Drive. Herk Excavating has the storm sewers on Liberty Ave. in Vermilion.

Suburban Maintenance has the bridge repairs on the Turnpike Ramp over Lorain Rd. in North Ridgeville. Smith Paving has the road repairs on S.R. 10 in North Ridgeville. Herk Excavating has the site work on Baumhart Rd. in Lorain. Bauman Enterprise has the house demolition on East Erie Ave. in Lorain. Smith Paving has the sidewalks on Oakdale Ave. in Lorain.

DiGioia Suburban has the site work for a subdivision on Redfern Rd. in Columbia Station. Mosser Construction is replacing and widening the bridges on S.R. 90 in Sheffield Village. Cuyahoga Fence is replacing guardrail on S.R. 2 in Amherst. Speer Brothers is replacing water services on 18th St. in Elyria.

In Medina County, General Crane is setting fuel tanks for a new Sheetz Gas Station on Wooster Pike Rd. in Seville. Fechko Excavating has the site and underground work for a subdivision on Park Avenue.

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SETTING a residential precast wall on Harborview Ave. in Cleveland for ALL Crane is oiler Kane Capone and operator Mike Herbold.

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West in Seville, InfraSource is upgrading gas services on Lake Rd. and Chippewa Lake and replacing gas line on S.R. 3 in Medina. IRG has the concrete work for a new car wash on Pearl Rd. in Medina. King Excavating is stripping topsoil for Phase 2 of a subdivision on Pearl Rd. in



WORKING for General Crane at the Cleveland Clinic in Mentor is Jason Lipscomb.



DEMOING a school for Baumann Enterprises on Churchill Rd. in Cleveland is Timothy Krawchuk.



BORING under the Grand River in Fairport Harbor for Kirk Excavating is Jerry Tucker.

Brunswick. Stanley Miller Construction is replacing a culvert on Ridge Rd. in Sharon Center. DiGioia Suburban is digging storm sewer on Spieth Rd. in Medina. 7L Paving is paving the parking lot at Culver's on S.R. 18 in Medina.

In Erie County, Miller Pipeline is upgrading gas services on East Washington St. in Sandusky. Erie Construction Group is paving the parking lot at Castaway Bay in Sandusky. Diggers of Ohio has the plumbing at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, and Erie Construction Group is paving the parking lot. Schalk Brothers is replacing a culvert on Michigan Ave. in Sandusky. U.S. Utility Contractor Co. is digging telecommunications lines on Perkins Ave. in Sandusky. Midwest Equipment is setting boat docks on Liberty Ave. in Vermilion.

In Huron County, R.A. Bores is replacing water line on Orchard St. in Bellevue. Buckeye Excavating is replacing curb drain on Gallup Ave. in Norwalk. Karvo has sidewalk and asphalt repairs on Lyme St. in Bellevue. Underground Utilities has the restoration work for a sewer job on Spring

St. in Greenwich. Smith Paving is replacing sidewalk on West Main St. in Norwalk.

Thank you to the Executive and Advisory Boards for their continued support and guidance.

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LOCAL 18 v. FLOUR BWXT: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision as it relates to overtime pay. The matter was referred to arbitration and an arbitrator has been selected. We are in the process of scheduling a hearing date.

LOCAL 18/Ryan Schmidt v. AREA AG-GREGATES, INC.: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision not to recall a Union member to employment. The matter has been referred to arbitration and we are in the process of selecting an arbitrator.

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Also in Hardin County, Bluffton Contracting will be replacing an antiquated storm sewer on Gormley St. in Forest. The Shelly Company picked up a county road resurfacing project in Hardin County that entails repairing and resurfacing County Road 75 and County Road 180.

U.S. Utility Contractors has been awarded a sidewalk improvement project in Oakwood. Workers will be constructing new concrete and brick-paved sidewalks, along with new concrete curb, and upgrading the light-



WORKING for Jeffers Crane in Continental is Ivan Telljohann.

ing in the village. Construction is slated to begin late spring.

M.P. Dory will be upgrading the roadway signs on U.S. Rt. 30 in Paulding and Van Wert Counties in Benton, Tully, Union, Pleasant, and Ridge Townships.

Miller Brothers Construction started the site work package on the new Timber Road Solar Farm in Paulding County near Payne. This 49.9 MW Solar Farm will encompass roughly 450 acres east of S.R. 49 and south of S.R. 111. The developer, EDP Renewables, is currently operating the existing Timber Road Windfarm in this area.

Vernon Nagel has been awarded the U.S. Rt. 127/U.S. Rt. 224 intersection project in Van Wert County. A new bridge deck, underdrains, curb and gutter, catch basins, and a new roundabout at the intersection of U.S. Rt. 127/U.S. Rt. 224 and Marsh Rd., north of the City of Van Wert, are all part of this project. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin late spring, with completion slated for late fall.

Miller Brothers Construction is replacing an antiquated bridge on S.R. 49 at mile marker 5.24 just south of Wren in Van Wert County. This single-span continuous steel beam with reinforced concrete deck structure will be constructed over Twentyseven Mile Creek. Jeffers Crane Services will



REPLACING a culvert in McComb is Capital City Crane.

assist in setting the beams, Ebony Construction will perform the milling/paving, and Lake Erie Construction will install new guardrail. Completion is late August 2022.

The Shelly Company is gearing up to start a widening project on Grill, Kear, and Bonnewitz Streets in Van Wert. This project starts just east of U.S. Rt. 127 and runs just past the Van Wert County Engineers Office. New curb and gutter, storm sewer manholes, and asphalt are all parts of this widening project. Completion is slated for late fall 2022.

Also in Van Wert County, Eclipse will be replacing two culverts on S.R. 116 at mile marker 2.16 and mile marker 11.67.

In Hancock County, Shelly is resurfacing approximately 10 miles of S.R. 12, starting at the Hancock-Putnam County Line heading toward Findlay. BCC Ohio will repair the culverts, Smith Paving & Excavating will perform all concrete related construction, and Boca will install the rumble strips. Completion is projected by mid-July, at which time this crew will start resurfacing numerous county roads in need of repair.

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BUSY on a drainage improvement project in Oregon is Cory McVicker.

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M&B Asphalt got an early start to the season by starting the Bright Road Phase II improvements project in Findlay. Smith Paving & Excavating is performing all concrete work, Ebony Construction will mill the wearing course, and M&B Asphalt will lay a new asphalt surface on the entire project running from U.S. Rt. 224 north to S.R. 12.

M&B Asphalt also picked up the Hancock County Township/County Roads 2022 resurfacing project. The company will be laying approximately 18,000 tons of asphalt on various county/township roads.

Kirk Brothers Company is continuing its work at the City of Fostoria Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project, which began nearly 20 months ago, is finally proceeding nicely after several unforeseen delays along the way. Construction is anticipated to be completed this summer.

Beaver Excavating is once again building a new cell for Sunny Farms Landfill in Seneca County. This 10-acre additional cell will give the landfill enough space for only one additional year. Our signatory contractors have been very successful in procuring work for our membership at this location. This project will keep eight to 10 operating engineers working through early September.

Well over 800-million dollars have been spent to fund the expansion of the North Star Blue Scope Steel Plant in Delta. Rudolph Libbe is overseeing the project and performing the site work. The project has added a furnace and a slab caster to



BUSY for Miller Pipeline on Midvale Ave. in Clyde are Kevin Lee on the excavator and Levi Crooks hydro excavating.

production. Jeffers Crane Service, Capital City, Don Fruchey Inc., Dunbar Mechanical LLC, Henry Gurtzweiler Inc., and GEM have been brought in as subcontractors. With the addition of the Melt Shop, it is expected that North Star will add 950,000 metric tons of steel to the 2.3 million metric tons North Star already produces annually, an increase of about 40%.

Just off of S.R. 109 and the Ohio Turnpike in Delta, Mosser has completed the site drainage and prep work on the \$75 million construction of Nova Tube and Steel's new facility. Tenmile Creek is performing stabilization for the drives and beautification of the site. Foundation Steel has completed the structural steel, and

IPS has moved into the building to install piping. Nova Tube & Steel is a Canadian-based company that processes and distributes carbon steel, stainless steel, and aluminum products and operates as an intermediary between primary metal producers and manufacturers. The plant will be 250,000 sq. ft. and will utilize the latest advanced manufacturing technology with Ohio talent to support growing demand in the North American market.

In Wood County, Rudolph Libbe is busy with an expansion on the 1.1-million sq. ft. First Solar Manufacturing Facility built in 2018. The 1.9-million sq. ft. addition, with an estimated price tag of \$680 million, had

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OPERATING a loader for HPH on Dorr St. in Toledo is Cory Stewart.



WORKING for AA Boos in Northwood is Joel Crider.



OPERATING a scraper for Ohio Excavating in Oregon is Kasandra Blevins.

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site work start in early 2021. Nick Kostecki Excavating did the mass excavation and the bulk of the earthwork. Rudolph Libbe is self-performing the rest of the site work, and they are about 70% finished. Capital City Group was brought in for the pre-cast and structural work, which is now complete. This job has a pretty aggressive schedule, but with the large host of operating engineers working on site, the project is moving along well. The permanent roof has been started with about 50% of the decking complete. With the walls up and the roof started, between the foundations and the flooring, only about 80% of the concrete needed to finish this job has actually been poured, and about 60% of the utilities have been installed. This project will have operating engineers working well into December of 2022. Once this addition is up and running along with the previous two First Solar sites in the area, it has been said that Ohio will be second only to China when it comes to the manufacturing of solar panel materials.

In Lucas County, E.S. Wagner continues rebuilding I-75 between Dorr St. and South Ave. Currently, both inbound ramps are closed for demolition and realignment. The reconfigured ramps, when complete, will enter I-75 from the right lane side, not the left, which will be a major safety improvement. The project is scheduled to be completed in late 2022.



WORKING on a maintenance and repair project in Bowling Green is Schaedler Enterprises, Inc.

Just to the south, in Wood County, Kokosing's I-75 major reconstruction project being built from Wales Rd. up to South



REMOVING sidewalks in Benton Ridge is Smith Paving & Excavating.

St. in Toledo, Northwood, and Rossford and is seeing some progress. The five-year mega project will widen I-75 to three lanes in each direction. The northern section through the downtown area will be completed late next year, while the southern section will be completed in 2023. Currently, Kokosing's demolition of the northbound I-75 bridge is complete, and construction of the new northbound bridge has begun.

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

In 2021 Mosser began work on a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Main St. in East Toledo to connect the trail at International Park with the new Glass City Metropark. The 110-foot-long, 20-foot-wide bridge is in the location of a former railroad bridge and lines up with the existing path through International Park to Navarre Avenue. The project includes a 0.7-mile-long 12-foot-wide asphalt bike path from Main St. to Marina Drive, through Glass City Metropark. Approaches are complete, and the bridge is assembled and waiting to be set.

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ON THE JOB for National Lime & Stone Redi-Mix is Steward Nathan McCloud.

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A recently released project called Phase 2 will bring a number of other amenities including

- A 9,000-square foot market hall.
- An ice-skating ribbon along with six cabanas.
- A hammock village.
- A man-made pond.

Union Contractors awarded on this project are Delventhal, Mosser, Foundation Steel, and Earl Mechanical.

Mosser Construction continues construction work on a building expansion project at the Birchard Public Library. This addition will add a 4,250 sq. ft. wing with a new entrance and parking lot on the west end of the existing building. Mosser has completed the footer and concrete flat-work. Newly signed Link Excavating LLC will excavate for the plumbing contractor

on this project. Kyle Sherman Excavating performed the mass excavation and installation of storm piping and the underground retention system.

ODOT awarded two bridge projects to Great Lake Demolition Company on S.R. 19 between Fremont and Oak Harbor. The first is a single-span composite box beam over Fishing Creek and a three-span composite box beam over Muddy Creek. Great Lakes Demolition expects to start this project in early spring.

Geddis Paving & Excavating is currently working on two projects involving restoration and improvements to local parks in Toledo. The Detwiler Park restoration project will restore 24 acres of wetland habitat through invasive species management, regrading, and native plantings. Thirty-six acres of invasive plant species will be treated, and 1,950 feet of the stream along Mud Creek will be restored by reconnecting to



KEEPING busy for Schaedler Enterprises in Bowling Green is Thomas Van Vooren.

the flood plain. The second project awarded to Geddis Paving & Excavating is the improvements to Casey Jones Park. This project includes the removal and replacement of existing play equipment, site grading, installation of concrete walkways, curbs, and installation of storm underdrains. Union subcontractors involved in this project are K&R Excavating and Landscaping and Williams Concrete.

At the BP-Husky Toledo Refinery in Toledo, the 2022 turnaround is currently underway. The scope of this turnaround will be the inspection, replacement, and maintenance of over 25 units at the facility. This is expected to be the largest investment and turnaround at the Toledo Refinery, with about three million work hours and about 3,000 craftspeople on site at peak. The 70-day outage has an expected oil-in date of June 30, 2022. Currently, we have 180 operators on days and 125 operators on nights, along with oilers on the required cranes and forklift operators.

Jeffers Crane Service, IPS, GEM, Graham and Barnhart Crane are our union contractors on site. We look forward to a successful outage with no accidents, zero impact on the environment, and a safe start-up when the outage is complete.

Please remember to keep an eye out for each other. On behalf of the office staff and the representatives of District 2, have a safe and productive work season.



WORKING in Wood County is Subsurface Constructors.

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all the other work in this area, including the Hilton Hotel expansion at the Columbus Convention Center, which will be Ohio's first 1,000-room hotel.

Shelly & Sands is hard at work reconstructing South Hamilton Road. This job goes south from I-70 to Refugee Road and includes widening, new sidewalks, box culverts, storm sewer additions, and over 700 structures to be installed. They are also widening North Hamilton Road, with the work scheduled for completion at the end of 2022.

Distribution and Maintenance work is keeping RLA Utilities, Miller Pipeline, and Northern Pipeline busy with about 50 crews. Each company has plans to add

additional crews to keep up with the increased workload. Columbia Gas announced that they would be nearly doubling their workload, which will increase the need for more operators in the Distribution and Maintenance field. The municipalities around Columbus are busy with street reconstruction, paving, water line replacements, and sewer upgrades. In Westerville, Kokosing is working on the Hoover Reservoir Spillway. They also have operators rebuilding a low head dam and refurbishing a clarifying tank at the Hap Creman Water Treatment Plant on Morse Rd. in Columbus.

In New Albany, Complete General Construction has operators installing new 36-inch sanitary sewer trunk line, as well as a new 42-inch sanitary sewer trunk line, which is more than 4,400 linear feet and an average depth of 40 feet. At Project Mustang, George J. Igel & Co. has operating engineers spread out across dirt and pipe crews working on water lines and grading for hardscape. Operators with PKX are also on site. McDaniel's Construction has members working on the Amgen Project, a new pharmaceutical plant in New Albany. Capital City Group is also on site at Amgen setting steel. Miller Brothers has members working on dirt and pipe crews at two warehousing projects, and Mr. Excavator is working on the Amazon Data Center.

Shelly & Sands has operators at Rick-enbacker Airport working on runway improvements. Trucco Construction has dirt and pipe crews busy at a housing

development and a warehouse project in Lockbourne. At Project Cypress in South Columbus, Kokosing Construction is building the pad for a new AEP substation, McDaniel's Construction is installing a 24-inch water main, and George J. Igel & Co. has members on site. Kokosing Construction is installing new sanitary trunk line at South-erly Wastewater Treatment Plant in Lock-bourne. They also have members working on the I-71 and U.S. Rt. 62 expansion in Grove City, which will widen I-71 to six lanes between Columbus and Cincinnati.

Our members in the Local 18 shops have been working hard this year. A steady

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WORKING for Capital City Group in Grove City is David Dials.



PUTTING a crane together on Project Ruble in Lancaster is ALL Crane.

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RETIREE CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1** District 3 Retiree luncheon
- 15** District 6 Board mtg. –
D-6 Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- 16** District 2 Retiree luncheon
- 22** District 4/5 Retiree luncheon
- 23** District 1 Retiree luncheon

JULY

- 13** District 6 Retiree Picnic –
D-6 Union Hall, 12:00 Noon
- 20** District 6 Board mtg. –
D-6 Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- 21** District 2 Retiree luncheon
- 27** District 4/5 Retiree luncheon
- 28** District 1 Retiree luncheon

**Statewide Retiree Picnic is
rescheduled for August 17.**

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workflow continues in the equipment shops of Columbus Equipment, Ohio CAT, RECO, Southeastern Equipment, and McLean. Our heavy highway contractors have had longer work seasons because of good weather and the equipment shops have had room for growth. Contracts have been negotiated and ratified for W.W. Williams, National Lime & Stone, RECO Equipment Parts Department, Cummins, Ohio CAT - East, and Ohio CAT - West.

In Delaware County, Double Z is working on the East Powell Rd. roundabout in Polaris and working off of Old State Rd. in Delaware on a road extension. Shelly and Sands crews are working on a punch-out list on Lazelle Rd. in Polaris, crews have started on a new turn lane on Home Rd. in Powell, and work is starting on the widening of U.S. Rt. 42 in Delaware. Beheler has a crew starting work on a new residential site off of Home Rd. in Powell.

In Licking County, Kokosing Construction has multiple operators busy working on the U.S. Rt. 40 rebuild from Etna to Kirkersville. Trucco Construction has members working on a warehouse project in Etna with Mt. Carmel doing line stabilization on this site. ALL Crane has members busy setting tilt-up walls on a warehouse project



BUSY for Ohio-West Virginia Excavating in Lawrence County on S.R. 7 is Lewis W. Matz.

in Etna along I-70. ALL Crane, PSC, and George J. Igel & Co. are working on Building 5 at Project Turnstile. They are digging

footers for electric conduit in the building, forming roads, and installing sanitary and storm sewer. Fabrizi Trucking is working on 4th St. in Newark to install new sanitary and storm pipes, combined with new water line services in a much-needed upgrade.

In Muskingum County, we have a lot of members busy at the AMG Vanadium project for Mascaro Construction, NAES Construction, and Barton Malow. Shelly & Sands has operators working on the I-70 rebuild in Zanesville, which is a six-year project, as well as rebuilding and widening S.R. 60 from Duncan Falls to the Morgan County line. The technicians in their shops are constantly working to ensure their equipment is ready year-round.

In Pickaway County, Kenmore Construction and Miller Brothers are building a new road near Commercial Point from S.R. 762 to S.R. 104, about a mile north of S.R. 762. Miller Brothers is also installing pipe and building pads for two warehouses. In Fairfield County, Mr. Excavator has operators on dirt and pipe crews in Pickerington at the Ohio Health Medical Center Expansion. Tom Dew Excavating has members working on two housing project expansions in Pickerington. Rock River

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PERFORMING pile driving work for Kiewit on the Yellowbud Solar Project is Justin Lett.



ON THE JOB for George J. Igel & Company on Project Mustang in New Albany is Charles Bentz, Jr.

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WORKING on Home Rd. in Delaware County is Zach Blankenship.



OPERATING a slip form curb machine for Shelly & Sands on N. Hamilton Rd. in Columbus is Rhett Beegle.



ON THE JOB for Fields Excavating in Athens is Dyllan Roush.

Construction is on the west side of Lancaster, installing a new sanitary trunk line for the Campground Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. George J. Igel & Co. and Beaver Excavating have operators excavating close to one million yards of dirt at Project Ruble. Kokosing Construction is working on the Lawrence Street Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion in Lancaster, an \$18 million project.

In Perry County, NDK is stripping topsoil at the Tunnel Hill Landfill. Beaver Excavating just finished moving two million cubic yards of dirt for this landfill's new cell. In Hocking County, ALL Crane, PSC, and George J. Igel & Company have operators constructing the new Lodge and Hotel at Old Man's Cave State Park.

In Athens County, Kirk Brothers has operators working on the new wastewater treatment plant in Nelsonville. Fields Excavating has two pipe crews busy working on the U.S. Rt. 50 sanitary line that goes from Albany to Athens. The project includes installing gravity and force main, with Fields Excavating subcontracting Precise Boring to install the force main. Kirk Brothers has operators working on improvements to the Athens Wastewater Treatment Plant. Complete General is working on bridge repairs on U.S. Rt. 33 and S.R. 329.

In Gallia County, Bowen Engineering is working on the dry ash system at the Kyger Creek Power Plant, with Deep South Crane providing the cranes. Beaver Excavating will be doing some of the site work and

hauling ash into the landfill. Enerfab is also at Kyger Creek working on the shutdown. AMS is hauling ash to the Gavin Landfill. Enerfab has the shutdown work and the dry ash system at the Gavin Power Plant. Complete General has a bridge repair on U.S. Rt. 35 and J & H Erectors will be installing sewer lines in Bidwell.

Shelly & Sands will be starting the rest

area in Jackson County, along with paving S.R. 788 and S.R. 279. Parker Corporation is on S.R. 776 installing a culvert. In Lawrence County, The Shelly Company will be paving U.S. Rt. 52 and S.R. 775, and Ohio-West Virginia Excavating has landslide repairs.

Work in Pike County will be strong with Fluor-BWXT, Beaver Excavating, and WAI

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BUSY for Geiger Brothers in West Portsmouth at the sewage treatment plant are Myron D. Jones in the front excavator and Dennis L. Wells on the smaller excavator in back.

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doing demolition and decommissioning work at the A-Plant. Shelly & Sands will be paving S.R. 104 and Allard Excavating is working on a slide repair at Sun Fish Road.

In Ross County, Axis Civil has a culvert replacement, and Shelly & Sands will have slide repairs and paving on S.R. 41. Kiewit

is working at the 2000-acre Yellowbud Solar Farm, with approximately 150,000 posts to be driven upon completion.

Scioto County will have The Shelly Company paving U.S. Rt. 52 and Geiger Brothers has sewer plant work in West Portsmouth. Fluor and Ison Excavating are both working



PERFORMING pile driving work for Kiewit on the Yellowbud Solar Project is Marcus Dille.



WORKING on S.R. 60 for Shelly & Sands in Muskingum County are (l-r) Timothy Welch and Timothy Welch II.

on maintenance at the Coke Plant in Franklin Furnace. Axis Civil will be replacing a culvert on S.R. 677 in Vinton County.

George J. Igel & Co. has pipe crews installing water and sewer lines at the Jerome Village housing development. Beheler Construction crews have been working with Peterson Industrial on multiple new water treatment plants in Delaware County.



DIGGING for Complete General on a sanitary trunk line in New Albany is Larry Izer.



ON THE JOB for Fields Excavating in Athens is David Erwin.

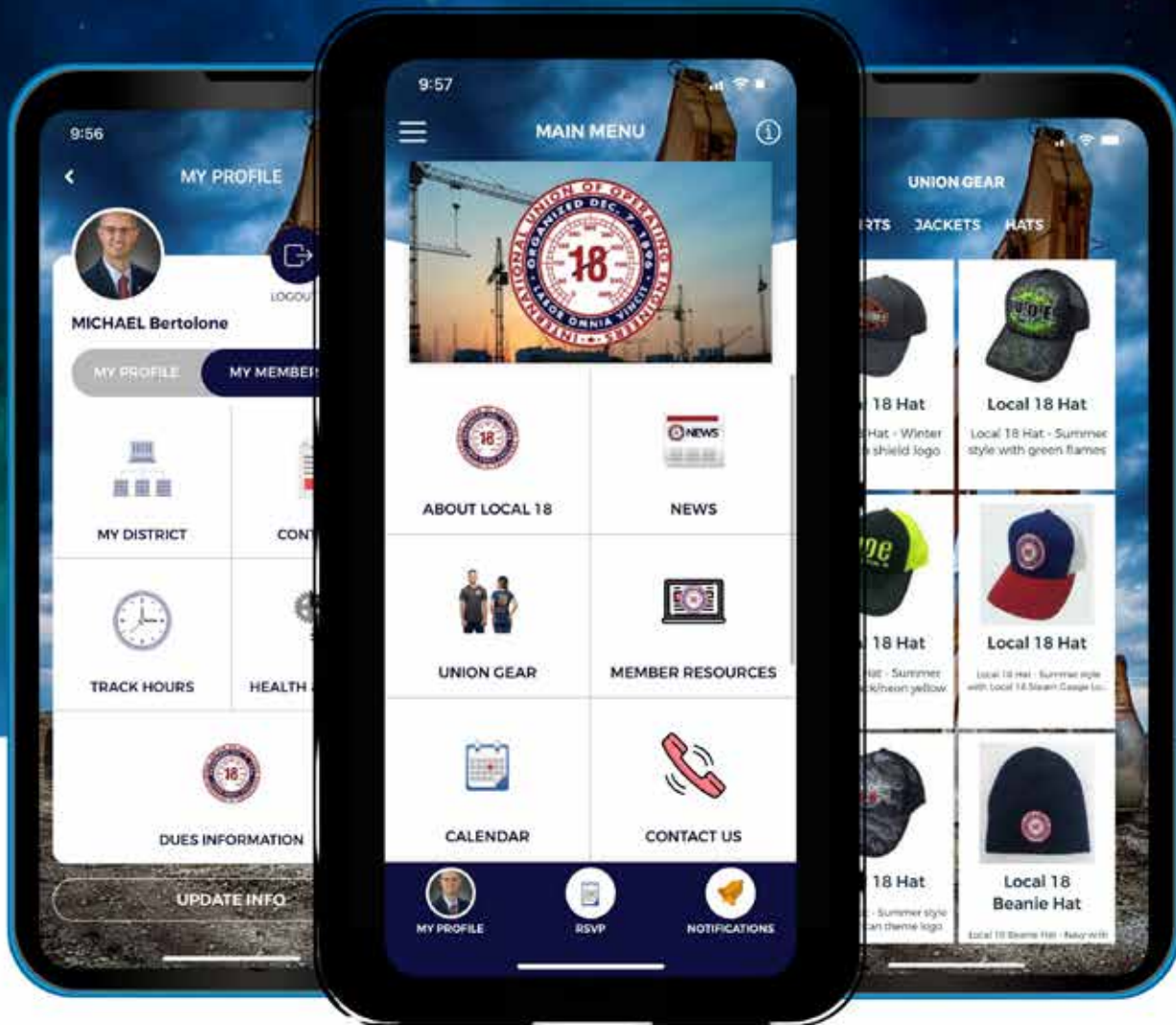
In Union County, Peterson Industrial is continuing work at the New Marysville Water Treatment Plant. At present, crews have built five new water tanks and several buildings. Peterson Industrial is also working on a new million-gallon freshwater tower, and The Shelly Company, Complete General, and Strawser Paving are starting to repave both directions of U.S. Rt. 33 from Dublin to Marysville. Miller Brothers Construction was the low bidder for a new 325-megawatt Solar Farm on roughly 3,000 acres between Richwood and the Village of Byhalia in Union County.

Kokosing will be repairing multiple bridges on U.S. Rt. 33 in Union County. Miller Pipeline crews have been scattered throughout Union and Delaware counties installing new lines for Columbia Gas, and Lake Erie is replacing guardrail in Wyandot and Crawford Counties.

As a friendly reminder, please make sure your certifications are up to date. Have a safe, productive, and prosperous season.

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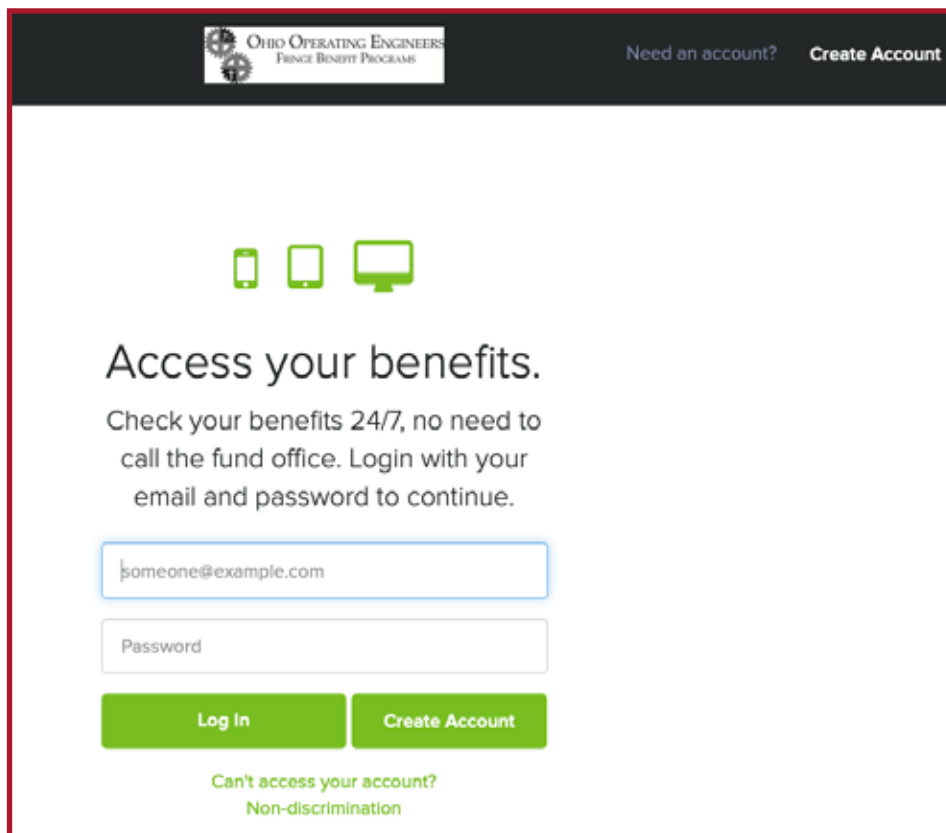
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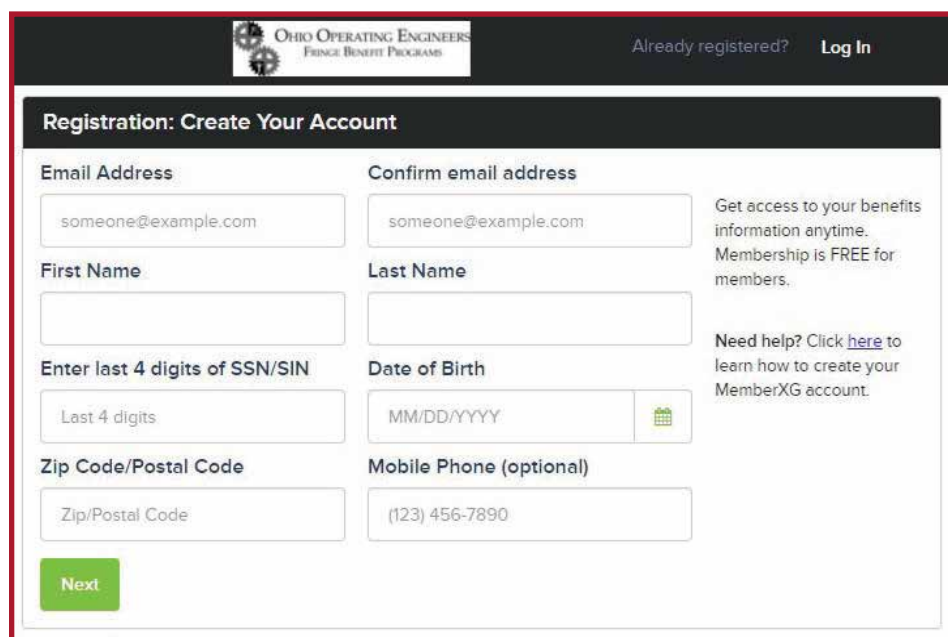
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- Last four digits of your SS#
- Date of Birth
- 5 digit Zip Code that matches file at Fund Office
- Create a Password: 8 characters, 1 uppercase, 1 lower case, 1 number, 1 special character
- 3 Answers to Challenge Questions

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.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Semi-Annual State Meeting of the members will be held on Sunday, **June 12, 2022** at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive.

The Executive Board will meet on Saturday, **June 11, 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.

The Statewide Retirees Picnic is rescheduled for August 17.



Certification of the IUOE Local 18 Election Committee Report

We, the undersigned International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18 members of the Election Committee, state that to the best of our knowledge and ability, the following is a true and accurate tabulation of the ballots counted April 30, 2022 from a mail referendum vote to accept or reject the three (3) year Construction Employers Association Building Agreement in effect through April 30, 2025.

CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

Total Ballots Mailed	<u>2,694</u>
Accept	<u>782</u>
Reject	<u>12</u>
Void Ballots	<u>15</u>

We, the undersigned Local 18 members of the Election Committee, DO FURTHER CERTIFY that based upon the forgoing tabulation of all votes cast for or against approval of the Construction Employers Association Agreement, DO DECLARE that the majority of the members voting did APPROVE the three (3) year Construction Employers Association Agreement effective June 1, 2022.

Matt Kuboff

Matt Kuboff, Chairman

Darla Wolfe

Darla Wolfe

Vicente P. Torres

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Vicki L. Gaug

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Kevin R. Lloyd

Kevin R. Lloyd

Randahl E. Wears

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Sworn to before me this 30th day of April 2022

[Signature]
Notary Public

Submit MRA Requests Via eMail

Medical Reimbursement Account (MRA) requests are now accepted via eMail at the Fringe Benefit Office. Please send MRA requests to:

mra@ooefbp.com

MRA Submission Requirements:

- A clear image of an itemized bill that includes: patient name, date of service, services rendered, amount per service, and provider information
- A completed request form signed by the member
- If patient has another insurance carrier that is not through Ohio Operating Engineers, an explanation of benefits from that insurance carrier is also needed. Claims must be submitted to all other insurance policies before MRA funds can be used.
- Checks can also be made payable to providers directly, if requested.
- MRA request form is available through the member portal at: **OOEXG.com**



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new natural gas line on the project. Infrastructure is busy in the Covington area repairing damaged propane lines. Coppage Construction is fighting the wet weather in Richwood to complete a major excavation and site preparation for new warehouses, with many similar projects expected to begin soon. Nelson Stark is dealing with the same conditions on the warehouse development on U.S. Rt. 20 in Hebron. The Greater Cincinnati Airport is once again providing many work hours for the members of Local 18. Kokosing is currently working at the airport moving 700,000 yds of material, and Igel Construction with subcontractor NDK Scrapers has been awarded 400,000 yds of material to be moved. The Harper Company was just awarded the CVG East Service Road replacement project for \$5,111,418.00. Howell Contractors will be busy in Northern Kentucky upgrading the storm discharge system along the Lick-



OPERATING a Hydro Excavator in Dayton for Associated Hydro Excavating is Jordan Remmetter.

ing River for \$3.6 million and will keep our members busy for several months. The Equipment Shops – Ohio CAT, RECO Machinery, and Southeastern Equipment – in Northern Kentucky are busy and looking to hire new mechanics and other related positions immediately. If you know anyone looking for a career as a mechanic, notify those companies directly for employment opportunities.



ON THE JOB in Montgomery County is Barrett Paving.

Eastern Counties

In Clermont County, Kokosing Construction has completed the Beechmont Bridge project. Local 18 members working for Kokosing completed placing 23,000 yards of dirt fill and 3,200 feet of steel H-piling. Kokosing also installed a 70-foot-long, 11-foot-high by 16-foot-wide box culvert that serves as a bike path under the ramp that connects the Beechmont and Lunken Airport bike paths. On S.R. 125 and Bach Buxton Rd. Complete General Construction continues work on the intersection safety improvements. Complete General will construct a southbound right turn lane from S.R. 125 onto Bach Buxton; this project consists of the installation of new signalization on both roadways. Also in Clermont County, John R. Jurgensen Company has started work on the major improvement project on S.R. 32 in Eastgate. This project will consist of moving over 100,000 yards of material, along with installing 40,000 feet of new drainage pipe. As sub-contractors, Complete General Construction will be doing the bridgework, and Kokosing Construction will be completing the MSE and center median reflection wall.

In Highland County, work has continued on the 300-Megawatt 2000-acre Highland County Solar Farm throughout the winter months. Castle Contracting has performed the site clearing, excavation, and trenching for underground electrical lines for this project. Also in Highland County, Distel Construction has started Phase 3 of the Highland County storm sewer improvement project.

In Clinton County, John R. Jurgensen has completed work on the reconstruction of U.S. Rt. 22. John R. Jurgensen installed 2,000 feet of new water main, 3,000 feet of new 12- to 60-inch storm drain, 70 new catch basins, and manhole structures. Oglesby Construction was on site to install 2,500 feet of new slip form concrete curb and gutter along with paving the new bike path. Also in Clinton County, Complete General Construction is working on the improvement of three intersections on U.S. Rt. 68 in Wilmington. Complete General will be installing new signalization along with new concrete curb, bump-outs, and sidewalk for ADA compliance for ODOT.

In Eastern Hamilton County, on U.S.

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Rt. 52, Goettle Inc. has completed work on an earth retention piling project. This project consisted of 162 auger cast pilings that are 48 inches in diameter and 65 feet deep. This project was done to help stabilize pressure exerted from the hillside to prevent a 60-inch water main that provides water to the City of Cincinnati from shifting. Also, in Eastern Hamilton County, Great Lakes Construction has completed a bridge reconstruction of the I-71 overpass at Robertson Ave. Great Lakes removed and replaced the bridge deck, sidewalk, and parapet wall to expose and replace the fascia bridge beam. Bansal Construction completed the electrical relocation work, and Evers Steel assisted with the structural steel.

In **Greene County**, R.B. Jergens has completed work on the County Line Road widening project in Beavercreek. This



WORKING on a complete bridge restoration on Blome Rd. in Indian Hill is Eagle Bridge.



BUSY for Rack & Ballauer in Hamilton County is excavator operator **Brandon Bischoff**.



OPERATING an excavator for Kinnison Excavating in Dayton is **Dylan Kinnison**.

project consisted of the installation of one-half mile of 12-inch stormwater runoff drain, 20 catch basins, and manhole structures. This also included one mile of new concrete curb and gutter and one-half mile of five-foot sidewalk to the east side of the project that also included a half-mile of 10-foot-wide sidewalk to the west side of the project. As a subcontractor, John R. Jurgensen performed the paving. In Beavercreek, R.B. Jergens has started the Factory Rd. widening project. The company will be adding a lane to Factory Rd. from E.J. Nutter Park south to the existing bike path. They will also be adding new stormwater runoff control and catch basins along with a half-mile of new curb and sidewalk.

In **Brown County**, Castle Contracting continues working on another solar farm project called the Willowbrook Solar I Farm. In total, Castle will be moving 750,000 yds of material along with building 24 water retention basins. They will also be constructing several miles of aggregate roads and trenching approximately 100,000 feet for the direct burial of electrical lines. This project is keeping 15 Local 18 members busy. Also in Brown County, The Shelly Company has started to work on the U.S. Rt. 68 Safety Improvement Project. This project will consist of the installation of a roundabout on U.S. Rt. 68, along with the widening of Sterling Run Blvd.



ON THE JOB for Barrett Paving in Montgomery County operating an asphalt roller is **Ronny Crider**.

In **Adams County**, Rack & Ballauer continues on with the S.R. 136 and U.S. Rt. 62 widening project. This project will consist of the construction of new turn lanes along with the milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway. New stormwater drain pipe and signalization will be added as well. In Aberdeen, Adamo Group continues the demolition of the J.M. Stuart Station power plant. Adamo continues to process various types of metal to be recycled, along with the

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crushing and disposal of concrete and other construction material.

Distribution and Maintenance

Miller Pipeline continues with the installation of 4,200 feet of 4-and 8-inch natural gas pipe on various streets in Fairborn and will be replacing old services to 100 businesses and residences. In the City of Yellow Springs, Miller Pipeline replaced 2,700 feet of 4-inch natural gas pipe and 30 residential and commercial services.

Shops

Local 18 members working at Ohio CAT - AG at Washington Court House continue repairs and services to various types of farm machinery to help farmers stay ahead of the season.

John R. Jurgensen's shop in Sharonville keeps approximately 40 Local 18 mechanics busy with repairs and services to numerous pieces of equipment to help them continue production with this busy construction and paving season.

Southwestern Counties

In Preble County, The Shelly Company is working on preventative maintenance performing chip-seal operations on S.R. 177 and S.R. 725 from the Butler and Preble Counties line to the Indiana State line and along S.R. 725 from the Indiana State Line to the western corporation limit of the Village of Camden. Boca Construction is performing the milling for this project.

Miller Pipeline will be working on a proj-

ect in New Paris through the summer. This job consists of 1.57 miles of new gas main and will service 143 homes and businesses.

John R. Jurgensen will be returning to the I-70 resurfacing project from last season that runs east and west through the lower part of Preble County, and they will finish the paving of the eastbound lanes this year. Some of the subcontractors for this project are Bansal, with the installation of new overhead lighting at the entrance and exits ramps, and M.P. Dory Company is installing all new guardrail.

Barrett Paving has been awarded six different roads in Preble County that will be milled and repaved as part of the county road repaving program for 2022.

Butler County

Rack & Ballauer is making progress on the five-point intersection at Hamilton Mason Rd., Tylersville Rd., Tuley Rd., Grand Blvd., and Hancock Ave. in Hamilton. The company has finished with the sanitary sewer improvements and is currently working on stormwater runoff. This will turn a dangerous and annoying five-way intersection into a new single-lane roundabout to ease traffic flow and hopefully avoid any accidents. This project will also include new concrete curbs and intersection lighting upgrades. R.A. Miller has picked up the City of Hamilton curb and resurfacing annual street improvement program, which includes the replacement of the old curbs, sidewalks, and street resurfacing. CG Construction & Utilities has completed



ON THE JOB for Miller Pipeline in Dayton is excavator operator Tyler Crooks.

Sanders Drive and Leo Drive in Hamilton with the installation of 5,900 feet of 8-inch water main and replacement of 111 residential services. As a subcontractor, R.A. Miller will be slip forming new concrete curbs and sidewalks. John R. Jurgensen will be on site for the course and finish paving. John R. Jurgensen continues to work on the street levy project in the City of Middletown.

Currently, they are performing milling and paving operations on various streets throughout the City of Middletown. Subcontractors on this project will be R.A. Miller with removing and replacing the broken concrete curbs and installing ADA Ramps and Phenix Stabilization performing cement

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WORKING for Eagle Bridge on Fields Ertel Rd. in Mason is Mike Reese.



60-year member John E. Clark (center) along with Adam Clark (left) and Randy Clark (right).

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subbase stabilization to form the base for asphalt paving. For ODOT, John R. Jurgensen is currently performing a mill and pave operation on S.R. 4 in Middletown between Tytus and Germantown Rd. Elsewhere in the City of Middletown, Barrett Paving is doing a rehab of Moore St. from its western terminus to Frazier Dr., which will include the milling and resurfacing of the roadway. Don May Construction is a sub-contractor on this project and will install a new 6-inch cast iron ductal water main with a total length of 1,560 feet, five new fire hydrants, and 19 residential services. Oglesby is also a sub-contractor on this project and will be repairing the concrete curbs and apron as well. McGraw/Kokosing is performing routine maintenance for Cleveland-Cliffs Steel Mill in Middletown and rebuilding the stoves connecting to the blast furnace. Brand Energy and Graycor are also performing building, grounds, and machinery repairs inside the plant.

Over at the transportation facility, Bulk Transport mechanics are busy with repairs to the pot haulers, reach stackers, loaders, and other material handling equipment for the mill. MPW Environmental Services is manning the locomotives and conveyors that handle the coke that comes over from the Sun Coke facility by a conveyer.



INSTALLING water wics for Eagle Bridge in Warren County is DGI Menard.



WORKING for John R. Jurgensen in Eastgate is life member Bev Jones.

Stein operates on several shifts and schedules and does the slag yard handling and recycling of all the slag, which is a by-product of the steelmaking process. Across the road at the Sun Coke facility, Fluor is working on the buildings, grounds, and machinery repairs inside the plant, and Day & Zimmermann is in the middle of rebuilding the boiler for the coke furnace.

Northwestern Counties

R.B. Jergens continues with the closure of the Republic Waste Landfill in Celina. Over the past few months, R.B. Jergens has continued to move the 50,000 yards of dirt it will take to cap off the landfill. After the dirt has been placed, the company will then hydroseed for new grass to finish this project in late fall. Just to the east of the landfill in Coldwater, The Shelly Company will be working on various city streets in late summer, milling the existing asphalt and laying a new surface. Shelly will be paving on a number of ODOT projects over the summer. The first one is on U.S. Rt. 33 in Mercer County. After completing this mill and fill project, the company will move to the second project in Auglaize County on S.R. 219. In Logan County, Beaver Excavating is working at the Republic Waste Landfill in Bellefontaine. The company started to move 20,000 yards of overburden for the new trash cell in mid-April and will be adding a new cell and moving the final 80,000 yards to complete this project in late summer.

ODOT is keeping a number of contrac-



BUSY for John R. Jurgensen in Eastgate is Dave Peters.

tors busy in Champaign County on asphalt mill and fill projects. In mid-summer, Barrett Paving will be working on U.S. Rt. 36 and S.R. 560, BOCA will be milling the existing roadway, Blueridge Custom Sweeping will be performing the sweeping after the roadway is milled, and Barrett will be laying the asphalt.

The Shelly Company has been working on S.R. 235 in DeGraff on a mill and fill project. Ebony Construction milled and cleaned up the existing asphalt, and Shelly laid the new surface layer of asphalt. Just to the south in Quincy, Shelly is working on a Chip and Seal Project on S.R. 706 and S.R. 29. This work will be at various locations in Auglaize County and will be completed in mid-Summer. In Shelby County, Eagle Bridge continues with the safety Improvements on S.R. 47 in Sidney. The company has installed new concrete medians that will allow for turning traffic to have a safe lane to egress the state route and turn into local businesses. Barrett Paving has begun the 2022 asphalt resurfacing project in the City of Sidney. Welfle milled the asphalt on this project, and Barrett paving did the cleanup and laid the new surface. Barrett Paving is also working at the Shelby County Airport on the resurfacing of the existing taxiway; this project will be completed in late summer.

Eagle Bridge is working on a bridge replacement on I-75 in Piqua. The southbound traffic was moved in late March to allow for the existing bridge to be demolished. Eagle Bridge will then be pouring

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new abutments and forming the new slab bridge. Buckeye Concrete Pumping will be on site over the summer, placing the concrete on the bridge deck. After completing the southbound lanes, the traffic will be switched to allow for the northbound bridge to be demolished in early fall. John R. Jurgensen has finished up a mill and fill project on S.R. 4 in Clark County. The company milled over 300,000 sq. yards of existing pavement and laid over 30,000 tons of new surface asphalt to complete the project in mid-spring.

In **Montgomery County**, there are a number of contractors keeping busy. In the City of Vandalia, John R. Jurgensen is working on the 2022 citywide street resurfacing project. Just to the south of Vandalia on North Dixie Drive, Barrett Paving has been working on a mill and fill project. Welfle milled the asphalt, and Blueridge Custom Sweeping did the cleanup. Barrett then laid the surface layer of asphalt on the two-mile stretch of roadway. Complete General Construction has been working on U.S. Rt. 35 in Dayton removing 400 feet of existing sound bearer wall and relocating it farther off of the existing roadway to allow for the expansion of the exit ramp. After the sound wall was reinstalled, Barrett Paving laid new asphalt on the exit ramp. John R. Jurgensen is working for the City of Dayton on numerous asphalt resurfacing projects. Over the summer, the company will mill and resurface over 50 city streets.



KEEPING busy for Barrett Paving on New St. in Lebanon is Craig Black.



ON THE JOB for Eagle Bridge on Fields Ertel Rd. in Mason is Alan Beatty.

Distribution and Maintenance

Miller Pipeline continues to be busy in the Dayton Area. On Leo St., in Dayton, the company is installing 5,000 feet of 2-inch plastic gas main and reconnecting 34 residential services to the new main. Also off Salem Ave. in Dayton, Miller Pipeline is installing 10,000 feet of new gas main and reconnecting 150 residential services. NPL continues working in the City of Springfield for Columbia Gas. On Dayton Yellow Spring Rd., NPL has laid 9,000 feet of new 2- and 8-inch gas main and reinstalled 75 residential services. After all the final restoration has been completed, A&B Asphalt will be on site as a subcontractor for NPL replacing the asphalt and concrete that was disturbed during the installation of the new gas line.

Shops

The mechanics at the Columbus Equipment shop in Huber Heights continues to keep busy. They have been repairing customer-owned equipment, getting new equipment ready for sale, and doing preventative maintenance for their customers. At Ohio CAT – Troy, the mechanics have been rebuilding a 1967 955k Track Loader. So far, the mechanic has installed new steering clutches and new brakes. Also, at CAT, several mechanics have been working on a certified powertrain rebuild of a 770 Haul Truck. The truck was dismantled over the spring, and the components were rebuilt and reinstalled. This rebuild allows for a used piece of equipment to be rebuilt and have a factory warranty at a fraction of the cost of a new piece of equipment.



WORKING on a 1967 955K track loader for Ohio CAT – Troy is Kent Rehmert.

Quarries

The Martin Marietta Philipsburg Plant continues to be busy. The members worked throughout the winter and early spring on plant maintenance and began production in early March to keep up with the demand for aggregate. At the National Lime & Stone plant in Buckland, the members are working on crushing limestone and stockpiling the products for use over the summer.

I hope everyone took advantage of the many classes offered at one of the training sites while you were off during the winter months. Our industry is constantly changing and evolving, and we need to keep up with the new technology. We want to thank our Business Manager Mike Bertolone for his guidance and direction, President Tom Byers, Line Officers, and the Executive Board for their dedication. Please be safe, have a prosperous season, and try to attend your monthly membership meetings when possible.

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on site working on the new theatre as well as additional football fields to continue developing the Hall of Fame complex. Wenger Excavating continues underground utility work at the new Tractor Supply distribution center in Navarre. Beaver Excavating has several operators staying busy at the U.S. Rt. 30 and I-77 major reconstruction project.

DiPietro Excavating has operators on site work and underground at the new school projects in North Canton, while Forest City Erectors is doing the concrete work at these locations. Stanley Miller Construction is working on the Kenyon Ave. Bridge in Canton. NorthStar Asphalt is busy at the U.S. Rt. 30 and S.R. 43 intersection rehabilitation project. Great Lakes Construction continues with concrete replacement at the Akron Canton Airport.

Stein keeps many operators busy processing scrap and handling the slag at the Republic Steel Mill in Canton, while Edw. C. Levy Co. does the same at the Timken Mill on the opposite side of Canton. Barnhart Crane and Canton Erectors are both staying busy with crane rentals across the area. Deep South Crane has operators at the Marathon shutdown. Stanley Miller Construction has the bikeway improvements near Fulton Road. DRS Enterprises is continuing with the bank stabilization of the Ohio and Erie Canal in Massillon.

In **Portage County**, Mr. Excavator has building demolition work, new site work, and utility installation for the urgent care building project on state S.R. 14 in



OPERATING a skid steer for Karvo in Hudson is James Johnson.

Streetsboro. Marucci & Gaffney Excavating are removing the bridge deck at the S.R.14/S.R. 5 overpass in Ravenna. The Shelly Company has four lanes of milling and resurfacing on the I-480/S.R. 14 project and is also milling two lanes and paving in Streetsboro on Frost Road.

DTJ Enterprises has the site work at the Davey Tree headquarters project in Kent. Shook Construction is working on the building package at the Kent Schools field house project. Independence Excavating, Keller, and DTJ Enterprises are working at the White Hall Building project at Kent State University.

Shelly & Sands and Catts Construction



BUSY in Portage County doing slip work for Shelly is Gerald R. Talmon.

continue water line and storm sewer improvements on the S.R. 14 widening project. Tri-Mor and VMI are working on the Lakes of Aurora water line projects in Reminderville at Captain's Cove. Winters Excavating has the hardscape and site work at the I-76 rest area projects east- and westbound. Karvo is working on the parking area paving, curb construction, storm sewer, and retention basin.

Shelly started milling work at S.R. 303 and S.R. 700 in Garrettsville, as well as resurfacing S.R. 44 in Shalersville. Eclipse Excavating is installing storm sewers on the S.R. 82 paving project in Mantua.

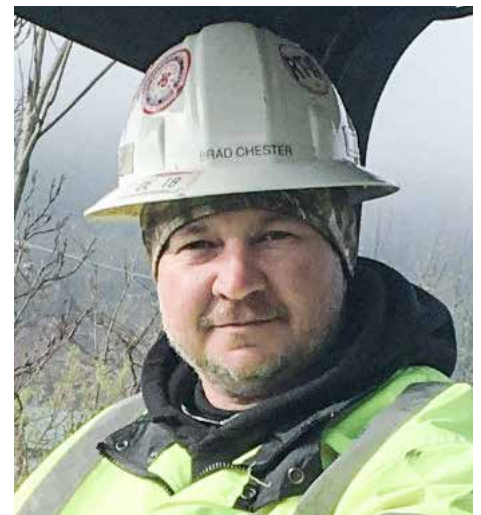
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HARD AT WORK for Shelly & Sands in Bellaire is Amy Stewart.



WORKING on a S.R. 91 sidewalk project in Hudson is Antonio Ferrise.



ON THE JOB for Shelly & Sands in Bellaire is Brad Chester.

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In **Summit County**, Catts Construction is working on the Hudson sidewalk project on S.R. 91. Precision Engineering has site work construction at the Hudson Middle School Athletic Complex. Mr. Excavator is doing site work and utility installation at the Macedonia Crossing. Ruhlin/Shelly & Sands joint venture is working on utility installations, bridge structure, foundation construction, pavement stabilization, and ramp construction at the central interchange beltway project in Akron.

Shelly has resurfacing in Richfield at I-77 for the Ohio Turnpike Commission. Great Lakes Construction has overpass reconstruction at U.S. Rt. 21 and the turnpike in Richfield. Fechko has sanitary sewer installation and pump station work on state S.R. 303 in Richfield. Blackhorse Bridge has reclamation work at the Inglewood Drive Bridge reconstruction in Hudson.

Kenmore Construction is working on overpass construction, storm sewer instal-



ON THE JOB for Cast & Baker in St. Clairsville is Olivia Bays.

lation, and paving at the I-77 improvement project in Akron. Beaver Excavating has site work and reclamation at Phase 2 of the

ODNR Dam project at the Portage Lakes. Lockhart Construction has a box culvert replacement at Swartz Road. Xtreme Elements is pouring concrete at the Summa Hospital project and Forest City Erectors is handling the hoisting work on the project.

In **Jefferson County**, Flatiron Construction and Triton Construction are busy working on the new bridge project spanning across the Ohio River from Brilliant to Wellsburg, WV. Shelly & Sands has a crew working at the Jefferson County Airport, expanding and extending the runway. Shelly & Sands also has bridge replacements on S.R. 7. James White Construction has operators working at the new Indian Creek High School in Wintersville and finishing up at the Steubenville High School baseball fields.



REMOVING bridge deck in Akron over I-77 for Ruhlin is Robert Oswalt.

Songer Services has a member doing maintenance work in the JSW Steel Mill in Mingo Junction. NPL has members working on gas distribution in several cities and towns throughout the county. Skanska and Brand Scaffolding are working on outages at the Cardinal Plant. Also in the plant, R.B. Jergens has several members relining the ash ponds. At the Sammis Plant in Stratton, Enerfab, and Brand Scaffolding have operators working on maintenance projects. Great Lakes Construction is working on relining the ash ponds in the plant.

In **Harrison County**, Songer Services has
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KEEPING busy for Winters Excavating at the I-76 Rest Area Project in Portage County is Josh Hershberger.

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an operator doing maintenance work on Fractionator 5 inside the MarkWest Plant in Hopedale. NPL has a crew replacing distribution lines in Cadiz. Beaver Industrial has an operator working on a new press box at the Harrison Hills football field. Parks Drilling has a couple crews assisting with power line projects throughout the county.

In Washington County, inside the Eramet Plant, AECOM has a few members doing outage work. Worley Engineering has an operator staying busy assisting with



BUSY for Winters Excavating at the I-76 rest area project in Portage County is Tim Markham.

maintenance work inside the Krayton Plant. Ruhlin is doing renovation work on the locks at the Muskingum River in Beverly. Tri-State Concrete Pumping has members working in the shop in Belpre and throughout various counties in the state pumping concrete. Trucco has a couple members working on the on-ramps and off-ramps at the northbound rest area on I-77. Stevens Engineering has operators doing foundation work in Belpre.

In **Monroe County**, members working for Cast & Baker are rerouting a road on S.R. 537 in Graysville, and Shelly & Sands has a crew working on an intersection on S.R. 26.

In **Belmont County**, Swank Construction has members working on the I-70 bridge replacement project going from Bridgeport to the Pennsylvania line. JD&E



WORKING for Winters Excavating at the I-76 Rest Area Project in Portage County is Tyler Sharnsky.

and S.E.T. are doing site work for two different water treatment plants in Bellaire. The APEX Transfer Station operators are keeping trucks moving outside of St. Clairsville. Shelly & Sands mechanics are keeping things running at the shop in East Richland. Shelly & Sands has a couple bridge replacements on S.R. 7 in Shadyside and a crew building a new bike path in Bellaire. Colaianni Construction is working in Bellaire building a new visitors' bleacher and a fieldhouse at Bellaire's football field. Complete General has a crew replacing a bridge on S.R. 214 going over I-470. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating is replacing a slip on C.R. 16 outside of Martins Ferry. NPL has couple of operators doing gas distribution work in Martins Ferry.

In **Guernsey County**, Luburgh has several members doing site work outside of Cambridge for a new AEP warehouse. Maxim Crane and Grae-Con are working at the new Guernsey County Powerhouse south of Byesville. Alan Stone has a couple members working on a slip project on U.S. Rt. 22.

In **Carroll County**, the Apex Landfill is keeping about 90 operators busy with all

facets of the landfill, from unloading train cars to running the scale house.

Stay safe out there, look out for your brothers and sisters and take care of one another. Hope to see you at the next meeting.



OPERATING a loader at the Ruhlin/Shelly & Sands joint venture at the Interbelt Project in Akron is Fallon Rock.

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ATTENDING the District 6 Steward Refresher Class are (l-r) John Cox, Jr. and Mike Starn.



WORKING for Meigs County EMS is new member Josh Lipscomb.



STRIPPING the floor onsite for the Zanesville Metropolitan Housing Authority is Chuck Drumheller.



KEEPING busy at Jones Lang LaSalle PNC Tower Cleveland is Derek Stevens.

leader in commercial real estate services and investments. Our members are responsible for the general preventive maintenance and



FIXING a door onsite for the Zanesville Metropolitan Housing Authority is Jason Haren.

corrective repair of buildings, industrial systems, equipment, and grounds. Their duties will range from monitoring the fire system to performing a vibration analysis on a noisy chiller unit. We currently serve 48 members in the CBRE group with a wide variety of skills such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, roofing, heating and cooling, welding, and even locksmiths.

Zoetis, located in Willow Island, West Virginia, discovers, develops, manufactures, and commercializes medicines, vaccines, and diagnostic products complemented by biodevices, genetic tests, and precision livestock farming. Zoetis serves veterinarians, livestock producers, and people who raise and care for farm and companion animals in more than 100 countries. We have five members in our production department at Zoetis who maintain three hundred sixty-five days a year, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week operations at the plant located on the Ohio River.

In closing, we would also like to thank all of our brothers and sisters of Local 18S who have stepped up and made their sites great places to work and the members who supported their union by becoming stewards, helping to take care of day-to-day issues and problems. We would also like to thank Business Manager Michael R. Bertolone and President Thomas P. Byers for all the support and guidance they have given the Stationary Department.

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WORKING for Cummins, Columbus is Jeff Roland.



BUSY at W.W. Williams Brunswick is Life Member Steve Smole.



ON THE JOB at Alta Heavy Equipment in Oakwood Village is Brandon Heim.



KEEPING busy for Complete Hydraulics in Bolivar is Dave Baker.



WORKING for RECO Equipment in Monroe is Larry Tucker.



BUSY for Barnhart Crane & Rigging in Canton is Neil Heisroth.



ON THE JOB for Southeastern Equipment in Columbus is Ronnie Jenkins.



KEEPING busy for W.W. Williams in Hubbard is Miles Mastell.

In Memoriam

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

LM Dencil Hall (D-1)	Nov. 15, 2019
LM John Rhoads (D-6)	May 30, 2021
LM Pearlless Phillips (D-4/5)	March 19
LM Kenneth Nisch (D-2)	March 29
LM Marvin Dickmann (D-2)	March 31
LM Tony Velotta (D-1)	March 31
LM Paul Hermiller (D-2)	April 2
LM Dianne Smallwood (D-4/5)	April 3
LM Roger Scritchfield (D-6)	April 7
LM Raymond Beardmore (D-6)	April 12
LM John McConnell (D-6)	April 13
LM Arthur Blair (D-1)	April 14
LM Richard Allison (D-2)	April 19
LM Richard Rosswurm (D-2)	April 20
Mark Rathburn (D-2)	April 22
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LM Steve Mayor (D-1)	April 26
LM William Vice, Jr. (D-3)	April 26
LM William Barton (D-4/5)	April 29
Brian Stanley (D-1)	May 2
LM Bernard IaCampo, Jr. (D-1)	May 4
LM Michael Kohl (D-6)	May 11
LM Harold Unrue, Sr. (D-6)	May 13

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

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, June 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive.

The Executive Board will meet on Saturday, June 11, 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



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