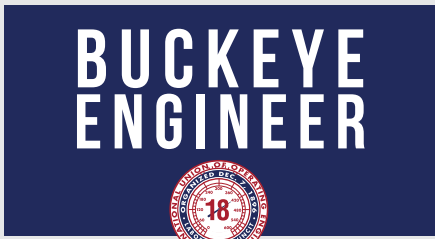


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The quarterly and monthly dues schedule for Local 18 and its Branches and Owner/Operator members is as follows:

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

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

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

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Michael R. Bertolone, Business Manager



Brothers and Sisters, welcome to 2022! We have decided that it is time for a new look for the *Buckeye Engineer* magazine, starting with the new year. This monthly publication has evolved over the years into what you see here today, and we are excited to roll out the new version. Moving forward, we will continue to add new sections and highlight the membership of Local 18, all while keeping you informed about your Local. We will also be exploring options for members to have the ability to opt-out of receiving the printed version and instead receive an emailed digital version. This option would only apply to members who would choose the digital version, and those who do not would continue to receive this as usual in their mailbox each month.

Local 18 finished the year in great shape, and we have all of the past officers and staff to thank for setting us up for a bright future. We are excited about all of the things that this new year will bring to this organization. In last year's issues, we shared with you the numbers for the funding on both the state and federal levels for infrastructure, and we cannot wait for the projects to kick off.

All of Local 18's districts will experience numerous projects due to the funding, leading to job opportunities for our members. In order to be prepared for the upcoming work, we encourage everyone to get to your nearest training facility to renew certifications and obtain new ones at the same time.

The largest project we hope to start in 2022 is the highly anticipated Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Opened in 1963, the double-decker Brent Spence Bridge was built to carry 80,000 vehicles a day and now carries twice that volume. An extra lane was added in 1985, but congestion still exists and is getting worse. It has one of the

highest crash rates for interstate highway bridges in the nation and has suffered damage due to these crashes.

A \$2.7 billion plan calls for keeping the Brent Spence Bridge and building a new bridge directly next to it, alleviating traffic around the Cincinnati region. This proposal has been on the shelf for years, and the design has been ready to go. There was just no funding to go along with the plan. Now that the federal infrastructure bill has been passed, it can become a reality, and we are ready to build!

We are excited about all of the things that this new year will bring to this organization.

Late last year, we also announced a membership software program for all good standing members. We are currently uploading all of the membership records and developing the referral portion as we speak. Once the software is created, we will use it behind the scenes

to ensure the bugs are worked out before rolling it out to the members. When the entire program is complete, it will work within the current Local 18 app and be accessible on the Local 18 website. Having the ability to register for work, check dues status, work history, and access documents online is something we have all wanted for some time now. It is too early for us to have a go-live date; however, we will be sure to notify the membership as soon as we know.

The new year looks bright and should bring numerous job opportunities to all our members. Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming membership meetings as well as the semi-annual state membership meeting at the end of this month in Columbus. We will be honoring all our new life membership recipients at the January state meeting, so come on out to help congratulate them.

We look forward to seeing everyone at a union event in the near future. Until then, be safe and look out for one another.

About the cover:
Beaver Excavating moving dirt for a new cell at Sunny Farms Landfill in Seneca County.

Local 18 Calendar

- Jan. 1** – Scholarship application
Apr. 1 period
(More information on page 37.)

JANUARY

- 1** New Year's Day
- 3** All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 10** All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 12** District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
(No meetings until April)
- 17** Martin Luther King Day
- 17** District 6 Info. mtg. –
Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 19** District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
(No meetings until April)
- 29** Executive Board mtg. –
Columbus District Office, 1:00 p.m.
- 30** Semi-Annual State mtg. –
Hilton Columbus/Polaris,
8700 Lyra Drive, 10:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- 7** All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 12** District 4/5 Labor History Class –
District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 14** All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 16** District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
(No meetings until April)
- 16** District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
(No meetings until April)
- 19** District 2 Labor History Class –
District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 21** District 6 Info. mtg. –
Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 21** Presidents' Day

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President



Thomas Byers

It's a new year, and another work season has come and gone. We entered 2021 with cautious enthusiasm that our work outlook would remain plentiful and that negotiations on the statewide Highway Heavy and Building Agreements would be successful. We were blessed with very good work hours across the state, and our membership's skill level and work ethic were rewarded by very respectable wage increases at the bargaining table.

The outlook for next year, and possibly the next five years, is very exciting if the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act delivers the funding that it promises. When combined with the existing budgeted funds, this funding will mean plenty of well-paying jobs for operating engineers.

As always, when there is an abundance of work, the non-union contractors start popping up to try and gain a foothold and take our work. The Local 18 Organizing Department is out in the field every day monitoring projects, tracking upcoming work, and knocking on doors to meet the non-union companies and employees and

educate them about the benefits of signing an agreement with Local 18. I started my career on the staff of Local 18 as an organizer, and our motto has NEVER changed. We seek 100% market share!

We have continued working on upgrades to Local 18's computer systems, including scanning signed contracts and member records, incorporating the payment of dues online, and quite a few other behind-the-scenes changes that hopefully will allow us to serve the membership more efficiently. As Business Manager Michael Bertolone mentioned in the November *Buckeye Engineer*, once the upgrades are fully implemented, they are designed to give you access to your records, access documents and forms, register for work online, and more. The process is being tested at every stage to make sure that it is done right.

Thank you for taking the time to read my report, and if you ever have questions, please don't hesitate to call me at Local 18 Headquarters. Also, as always, I want to thank the Local 18 Retirees across the state for making this local what it is today. I am as proud today to be a member as when I began my career as an apprentice operating engineer 29 years ago, and my duty as President of Local 18 is to leave this local BETTER than when I found it.

Retirees



Gary Siesel

Well, another year is gone, and the year 2022 stands before us like a chapter in a book waiting to be written. I hope your chapter for this year is one of hope and happiness.

Mark your calendars for one of the

bigger events for Local 18 Retirees. We're talking about the annual retiree picnic to be held this year in Columbus on August 10th. More information will become available as we get closer to the date; watch your *Buckeye Engineer* for the calendar of events.

Retirees, don't forget about the Scholarship Fund. This is open to you; maybe think about taking an adult night class, college class, or an educational class that interests

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Organizing



Scott Stevenson

2021 was another solid year for Local 18's organizing efforts. At the time this article was written, we had signed over 60 new contractors to one of our agreements that had never been signed before. With the abundance of work in Local 18's jurisdiction in the Highway Heavy, Building, and Energy markets, organizing these contractors allows us to continue growing our membership, beat our attrition rates, and create new job opportunities for Local 18's membership.

We have been actively involved with the agents in pursuing all of the Solar Energy projects. Agents and organizers have been attending all of the public information meetings and hearings pertaining to these projects,

which has enabled us to build relationships with and sign contractors working on these projects and capture the lion's share of the work for the membership of Local 18.

As you have heard before, there has been an issue with a company called Glenn O. Hawbaker in Pennsylvania. They have been found guilty of fringe fraud by the State of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$20.3 million and are on the verge of disbarment in the State. This is causing them to bid more work in our jurisdiction. We are not going to let this stand. We have been working diligently on this and have filed prevailing wage complaints on each project they have worked on in the last two years. We are currently in the process of obtaining information and filing on their current projects. This will continue until they quit bidding work in Ohio, get disbarred by the State, or decide to become a signatory and do things right. I will keep you updated as this situation progresses.

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

- ADT Construction Inc.
- Endpoint Consulting Inc.
- C-MAC Services LLC
- Gallagher Asphalt Inc.
- Hydro Excavators II LLC
- Sweet Water Group LLC
- Tomahawk Crane and Rigging
- Mavor LLC
- Sofidel America
- CE Hughes Milling Inc.
- Pretty Girl Materials
- Lee Machinery Movers Inc.

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

Pipeline



Darrin Morgan

Appalachian Construction Services LLC is working on maintenance and integrity work in Somerset, Ohio. Minnesota Limited is working for Dominion Energy on reclamation; they have approximately 2,100 feet of existing pipe, approximately

three high-pressure farm tap services, and replacements in Auglaize County. A1 Industrial Resources is working for TC Energy near Wooster on lead line connections of various sizes. Contractors Rental is working on maintenance as well as integrity dig ups in Wayne and Stark Counties. Badger Daylighting is working for Enbridge across the state on several hydro-excavating projects

and keeping several operators busy.

Roberts Pipeline is working for Buckeye Partners in Lucas County on integrity and maintenance dig ups.

Gwinnups Restoration is doing work on a couple spreads for TC Energy on the Leach XPress Pipeline. They are working on restoration and environmental cleanup in Noble, Morgan, Perry, Hocking, and Vinton Counties. Union Pipeline is working near Wooster and has several operators working on eight miles of 8-inch new lay for Dominion. Contractors Rental is working for TC Energy in Belmont County on a mile and a half of relay 6-inch steel. InfraSource Construction continues on 68,000 feet of 20-inch steel pipe and two stations in Hamilton County at the Cincinnati Corridor.

Minnesota Limited is working for Vectron in Green County on 48,000 feet of 20-inch relay. InfraSource Construction

continues emergency response integrity digs installing valves for Duke Energy in Boone and Hamilton Counties, Kentucky. Otis Eastern continues working several crews for Enbridge on various integrity and geohazard repair work across Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Snelson Companies, Inc. is working for Duke Energy in Butler County building a compressor station, and InfraSource is building the second compressor station for the Central Corridor near Madison. Hencels & McCoy is working in Boone & Campbell Counties for Duke Energy on multiple meter stations.





SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Safety



Brett LaFaso

I have researched government sources to find fatal accidents, so we are able to learn from them and help our members stay safe. I did this in an effort to educate our members on the devastating and life-changing event

that is involved with a fatal accident. One of the most informative and complete sources for this information is Mine Safety and Health Administration website (MSHA.gov). With the goal of reaching the public with this information, MSHA has developed the "Fatalgram." With its rather morbid name, it leaves no doubt as to the subject matter it discusses. I have four such reports I wish to share with the Brothers and Sisters of Local 18.

On January 19, 2021, at a non-union quarry in Orem, Utah, a miner backed a haul truck to the edge of a dump point that was over steepened by a loader removing material at the bottom of the slope. When the edge of the bank failed, the haul truck traveled backward and overturned, landing on the roof of the cab. The miner was fatally injured.

To prevent an accident of this type:

- Always dump material in a safe location. If ground conditions aren't reliable, dump loads a safe distance back and push the material over the edge.
- Never load material from the toe directly below an active dump point. This may lead to an over steepened and unstable slope.
- Never drive haul trucks beyond cracks on the top of the dumpsite.
- Always construct substantial berms as a visual indicator to prevent overtravel. Clearly mark dump locations with reflectors and/or markers.
- Always wear a seatbelt.

- Maintain communication between equipment operators and loaders.

On March 5, 2021, at a non-union quarry in Mt Sterling, Illinois, an employee was fatally injured when the excavator he was operating rolled over into a body of water.

To prevent an accident of this type:

- Construct berms or install guardrails on roadways where a drop-off exists. Ensure berms and guardrails are at least as high as the mid-axle height of the largest equipment using the roadway.
- Examine and maintain roadways to prevent slope instability such as over steepened banks, sloughs, and cracking on the roadway and bank.
- Always wear seatbelts when operating mobile equipment.
- When working near water, wear flotation devices and ensure combination seat belt cutter/window breaker tools are installed in equipment.

On April 19, 2021, at a non-union quarry in Elsa, Texas, an employee stopped his haul truck in front of his personal truck to get his lunch. While standing and eating his lunch, the haul truck rolled forward, pinning the miner between the haul truck and his personal truck, fatally injuring him.

To prevent an accident of this type:

- Do not leave mobile equipment unattended unless the controls are placed in the park position, and the brake is set. NEVER use a steering column-mounted "dump brake" for parking.
- When parking mobile equipment on a grade, chock the wheels or turn them into a bank. Maintain equipment braking systems in good repair and adjustment.
- Position yourself in a safe location away from potential "danger-zone" areas.

On July 21, 2021, at a non-union surface coal mine in Wright, Wyoming, a miner received fatal injuries while adding a boom extension to a crane. The miner was working

under the boom to remove the boom pins when the boom struck him.

To prevent an accident of this type:

- Never perform work under raised machinery or equipment until such machinery or equipment has been securely braced in position, blocked, and secured against motion. Be alert for hazards that may be created while the work is being performed.
- Conduct repairs from a safe location per manufacturer's recommendations. Verify the release of all stored energy before initiating repairs.
- Use a lifting device that is compatible with the load being lifted and ensure that blocking material is competent, substantial, and adequate to support and stabilize the load. Always use the manufacturer's safety devices or features to secure components against motion and secure assemblies that rotate to prevent movement.

I hope that these reports on fatal accidents will give us pause to think about our task at hand and how to do it as safely as possible. The livelihood of our families, our signatory contractors, and our union depends on it. STAY SAFE!

Retirees

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you. You can always contact our fringe office to see what classes qualify.

For this year, please consider attending a district retiree meeting and luncheon. At most meetings, a speaker is invited to share knowledge with the group, and there's always time for catching up with fellow retired Operating Engineers. I hope to see you there!

In closing, I read this quote somewhere: "DO NOT REGRET GROWING OLDER. IT'S A PRIVILEGE DENIED TO MANY." With that, here's hoping your year 2022 is a good one!



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Fringe



Carol Wilson

On behalf of the entire staff at the Fringe Benefit Office, we want to wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year in 2022.

It is that time of year to apply for a scholarship from the Ohio Operating Engineers Education

and Safety Fund. The application period is currently open for eligible members and dependents through April 1, 2022. You can apply online through the member portal at ooexg.com or access the application through the Member Fringe Benefits tab on the IUOE Local 18 app. Applications are also available in all district offices and at the Fringe Office. Applicants pursuing an education in a construction-related course of study may be eligible for a higher award amount. Awards will be granted for the academic year beginning June 1, 2022, and ending May 31, 2023. This is a great program for members and their families to expand their knowledge and sharpen their skills.

The Trustees of the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan are partnering with Life Line Screening in 2022 to conduct important preventive health screenings to identify underlying risk factors for vascular disease, stroke, high blood pressure, abdominal aortic aneurysms, peripheral arterial disease, high cholesterol, and diabetes, including A1c. These screenings are free of charge to eligible members and their spouses. Please call (800) 697-9698 to schedule an appointment for your screening if you have not already participated. It only takes a few minutes of your time, and it will help you and your doctor make sure you stay healthy. All members and spouses who participate in the screenings will receive a \$25 CVS gift card from the Health and Welfare Plan.

Please be advised that The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") recommends an annual flu vaccine for

anyone six months of age and older. This year's flu vaccination offers protection against four of the influenza viruses expected to be circulating during the current flu season. It is not too late to get your flu vaccine, and the Health and Welfare Plan covers them at 100%, up to \$50 per calendar year. In addition, as of November 19, 2021, the CDC recommends COVID-19 booster shots for all adults who have been vaccinated with the

U.S. authorized vaccines. For those who received the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the booster shot should be administered at six months or more after the initial series. For those individuals who received the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are recommended for those who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

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ACA requirements for 1095-B



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Carol A. Wilson
Administrator

To: All participants of the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan

Re: ACA Requirement for 1095-B on Income Tax Reporting.

Below is a snippet of the new requirements for healthcare eligibility:

Section 11081 of Pub. L. No. 115-97, 131 Stat. 2054, 2092, enacted December 22, 2017, and commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, reduces the individual shared responsibility payment to zero for months beginning after December 31, 2018.

Because the individual shared responsibility payment is reduced to zero in 2020, an individual does not need the information on Form 1095-B in order to compute his or her federal tax liability or file an income tax return with the Service.

If you would like to receive a 1095-B, please send an email to 1095B@ooefbp.com or a written correspondence to:

Ohio Operating Engineers Fringe Benefit Programs
Attn: 1095-B
1180 Dublin Road
P.O. Box 12009
Columbus, Ohio 43212-0009

After receiving the request, the 1095-B will be mailed on or around February 1, 2021, or within 30 days, if the request is received on or after January 4, 2021.

If you have questions regarding the 1095-B, please call 1-800-282-1767, Option 2.

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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 in 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 also filed an Unfair Labor Practice (“ULP”) charge with the NLRB alleging a breach of the Union’s duty of fair representation. The Board eventually issued a Complaint alleging that Local 18 breached its duty of fair representation. The Union has denied all wrongdoing defended the matter at a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”). The ALJ recently issued a decision finding the Union in breach of its duty. The Union is in the process of appealing 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, and a hearing has been held. We are in the process of preparing post-hearing briefs to the Arbitrator.

LOCAL 18 v. DEBORAH BEHELER (ULP I): Union member Deborah Beheler filed an unfair labor practice charge with the NLRB alleging that Local 18 refused to process her grievance for arbitrary or discriminatory reasons and operated its hiring hall in an arbitrary, discriminatory, and/or bad faith manner. The Union denied all wrongdoing and participated in the Board’s investigatory process. Recently, the Board dismissed this charge due to lack of merit.

LOCAL 18 v. DEBORAH BEHELER (ULP II): Union member Deborah Beheler filed a second unfair labor practice charge with the NLRB alleging that Local 18 again operated its hiring hall in an arbitrary, discriminatory, and/or bad faith manner. The Union again denied all wrongdoing and again participated in the Board’s investigatory process. The Board also dismissed this charge due to lack of merit.

LOCAL 18 v. ALAN STONE, INC.: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer’s use of a non-signatory subcontractor. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement reached between

the Union and the OCA. The employer, however, has refused to comply with that settlement. As a result, the Union was forced to file a Petition in federal court to confirm and enforce the settlement award. Recently, this matter was resolved after the employer made payments required by the settlement.

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 & Award denying the Union’s grievance. The matter is now closed.

LOCAL 18 v. INFRASOURCE (Grievance): The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer’s decision to end a Union member’s employment. An arbitrator was selected, and a hearing date was set. In the interim, the Union was able to negotiate an acceptable settlement. 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, and a hearing held. We are scheduled to resume that hearing later this month.

LOCAL 18 v. SOFIDEL AMERICA (ULP): During negotiations for a first CBA, the employer provided annual bonuses and benefits to all employees except Local 18 members. The Union filed a charge with the NLRB alleging that the employer’s actions are an attempt to discourage membership in the Union. The Union dismissed these charges after the parties were able to reach an agreement on a CBA. This matter is now closed.

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Shops



Ronald Krohn, Jr.

Brothers and Sisters, I hope when you read this, you are in good health, that you have spent quality time with your families over the holiday season and that you cherished that time with them. The year 2021 turned out to be another year of COVID-19 guidelines. Fortunately, our contractors were able to keep the members working safely in the shops.

Throughout the state, we completed all our contract renewals for 2021 and welcomed Alta Heavy Equipment Services to the equipment shops. The Shop Business Representatives, along with the Stewards, will be negotiating the following contract renewals in 2022:

- Ohio CAT Western Region
- Ohio CAT Pump & Shoring
- Towlift, Inc.
- Skyworks, LLC
- The McLean Company
- Columbus Equipment

- Barnhart Crane & Rigging
- Selinsky Force
- Southeastern Equipment

We held our Statewide Shop Steward Meeting in October and had a strong showing once again. At those yearly meetings, we review contract language, work situations, and review resolutions to issues we encounter throughout the year while maintaining the integrity of Local 18. I would like to thank the shop stewards for their continued drive and dedication as they uphold the contracts that are negotiated. They are truly the heartbeat in our shops.

The equipment shops continue to have a need for mechanics, and if you know of anyone interested in starting a career with Local 18, please contact me or your district representative for more information.

As always, work safely and continue to look out for your Brother and Sister fellow members. A special thank you to Michael R. Bertolone, Business Manager, and Thomas P. Byers, President, for their continued support and vision for Local 18 as we continue to grow.

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Fringe

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The Board of Trustees has committed to an ongoing effort to improve the long-term stability of the Health and Welfare Plan, and they have determined that there will be rate changes for retiree and surviving spouse coverage. The new rates will go into effect January 1, 2022. Notices were mailed in October to retirees and surviving spouses regarding the rate changes. If you have questions about your monthly retiree or surviving spouse premium, please contact the Fringe Office. The Trustees appreciate your continued support when they find it necessary to make changes to keep health care coverage available and affordable to the members.

Your Pension Fund is currently paying out \$13.4 million monthly or \$160.8 million annually to 7,456 retirees and surviving spouses. As always, the trustees, staff, investment consultants, and actuaries are continually monitoring the Pension Fund to maintain its financial integrity and viability for the current retirees and the working participants who will retire in the coming years.

Please be sure to keep our office updated if you have a change of address, need to update your marital status, or add a dependent. We are here to assist in any way possible when it comes to your fringe benefit matters, so please feel free to contact us at (800) 282-1767 or (614) 488-0708.

Steward Training



Joe Casto

As you know, last year's classes were canceled due to COVID-19, but for 2022 we are BACK! I look forward to getting back into each district for these classes. Even though the classes were canceled, our stewards never missed a beat.

Thank you to all the stewards across all aspects of Local 18; you trudged through continuing to perform your steward duties with professionalism as you always do. THANK YOU. We are preparing for the

one night introductory/refresher classes for 2022, and they are scheduled as follows:

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| District 4/5 | Wednesday, April 6, 2022 |
| District 2 | Wednesday, April 13, 2022 |
| District 3 | Wednesday, April 20, 2022 |
| District 6 | Wednesday, April 27, 2022 |
| District 1 | Wednesday, May 4, 2022 |

All classes will begin at 7 p.m., and a boxed meal will be served at 6 p.m. This class is for all members, new and old, whether you have served as a steward in the past or not. I urge everyone who would like to attend to contact your district office and sign up.



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Stationary Engineers



John Cullison



Eric Eastwood



Daniel Hoopes

Happy New Year, Brothers and Sisters of Local 18S. We hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and hope that 2022 will be a great year for you in both health and spirits.

Since our last Buckeye Engineer report in November of 2021, the Local 18S Business Agents have negotiated and will be soon ratifying the following contracts:

- The City of Shelby (Units A&B)
- Meigs County 911 (new agreement)
- Cuyahoga County Technicians (Wage Re-Opener)
- Hepner Air Filter
- Westin Cleveland Downtown Hotel
- Anne Grady Center

The 18S Business Agents will begin negotiations on the following contracts in the first half of 2022:

- CBRE – Stationary Group
- Willow Island Plant of Zoetis
- Canton Drop Forge
- National Gas & Oil Cooperative
- Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority
- 1100 Superior of Cleveland, LLC
- OhioHealth Nelsonville (Wage Re-Opener)

Local 18S represents 27 members working for the City of Shelby. Members are employed in the following city departments and plants: Municipal Electric Distribution, Municipal Utilities Office, Municipal Water Treatment Plant, Municipal Wastewater

Treatment Plant, and the Service Department (which consists of the Division of Sewer Maintenance, Division of Streets, and Division of Water Distribution). The Shelby bargaining unit members continue to do an excellent job of providing and

maintaining the city services to the more than 9,000 residents of Shelby.

The City of Shelby has an agreement with the nearby town of Plymouth to provide mutual aid for repair of electrical distribution lines. Over the past year, the members working in Municipal Electric Distribution have provided their expertise

to both municipalities for the repair and upkeep of distribution lines. In 2018, The Shelby Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant upgraded and expanded to their current facility, which our members continue to maintain for a smooth operating facility. In closing, the Stationary Agents would like to take this opportunity to thank our stewards for their hard work and dedication and thank all of the 18S members for supporting this great union. As we wish Business Representative John Hardesty well in his retirement, we welcome John Cullison as his replacement and the newest representative of the 18S Department. We would also like to thank Business Manager Michael Bertolone and President Thomas Byers for all of the support and guidance they give to the Stationary Department.

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WORKING for ZMHA in Zanesville is Skilled Trade Engineer Dale Price.



ON THE JOB for Zoetis is Utility Operator Jeremy Seth Barnhart.



BUSY for AQUA Ohio in Franklin County are Operating Engineers (l-r) Ryan Ballenger, Ed Diserio, Brett Hendrickson and Dusty Barr.

Cleveland



Tom Perevosnik



Jack Klopman II



Jacob Siesel



Robert Park, Jr.

John Capek, Jr.,
Organizer

Work in District 1 continues to be going strong even as the work season slows for winter. Please take advantage of the many classes the Training Centers offer to improve and maintain your skills or get new certifications in the off-season.

In Northern Cuyahoga County, in Cleveland, Baumann Enterprises has the demolition of vacant structures on West 25th Street. DiGioia Suburban Excavating has storm sewer repairs off Aetna Rd. and Aggworx Inc. has site work and underground for a new apartment building on Detroit Rd.

Also, in Cleveland, Eclipse Construction has the replacement of the steps for the new pedestrian bridge at the North Coast Harbor, Marra Services has the storm sewer repairs on East 78th St., and Independence Excavating and Vantastic Crane Service are working on the addition for Minute Men on Cedar Rd. in Cleveland. All Erection & Crane is assembling a new gantry for the Great Lakes Shipyard.

Triad Engineering has the storm sewer repairs on West 11th St. and on Seymour Ave., and JD Williamson has the bridge repairs on Grayton Rd. over I-480, both in Cleveland. Northeast Ohio Trenching has the sewer tie-ins on Church St. in Cleveland.

The Shoreline Storage Tunnel has started at Glenview Park and Gordon Park in Cleveland; McNally/Kiewit SST JV and Nicholson Construction are busy with its construction. The Westerly Storage Tunnel has Jay Dee Obayashi along with subcontractors Northstar Contracting and Marra Services busy with the project.

Chagrin Valley Paving has bridge repairs on Scranton Rd. over I-90. Independence Excavating is working on the New

Amazon Center on Canal Road. Independence Excavating and Kelly Steel Erectors are working at The Cleveland Food Bank on Coit Ave. in Cleveland. Cleveland Cement, All Erection & Crane, Berkshire Construction, 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 St. in Cleveland. Sitetech Inc. has

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WORKING for Hallmark in Thompson is Bill Johnson.

Toledo



Brett LaFaso



Kipton Siesel



Ismael Gutierrez, Jr.



Jerid Donley

John Townes,
Organizer

District 2 has had a very good work season in 2021. Many members have had great work opportunities and have taken advantage of our Training Centers to not miss a chance at a job due to a lack of knowledge or skill. Updating current skills and learning new ones is the most effective way to insulate ourselves from extended unemployment that can happen due to weather or a change of season. Here are some current and upcoming projects in District 2.

Vernon Nagel has been awarded an intersection improvements project in Van Wert County, which includes 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., which is located north of the City of Van Wert. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin this spring, with completion slated for late fall.

Helms & Sons recently finished reconstructing S.R. 66 and S.R. 190 in Delphos. New catch basins, curb and gutter, signage, sidewalk, traffic lights, and new asphalt put the finishing touch on upgrading this section of town.

Geddis Paving & Excavating is finishing their minor reconstruction project on S.R. 15 in Hancock County. The company removed the existing intersections of both Twp. Rd. 196/S.R. 15 and Twp. Rd. 198/S.R. 15 and replaced them with cul-de-sacs. Re-grading of the median ditch along S.R. 15 was performed as well to ensure proper drainage. This project kept several operating engineers busy for a few months this fall.

By the time you read this, Eagle Bridge should have completed two bridge replacements on S.R. 698 over Tiderishi Creek in Hancock County. Both bridges

were replaced with three-span continuous concrete slab on reinforced concrete substructure. New approaches, guardrails, and new asphalt completed these much-needed bridge replacements.

Industrial Resource Group continues to employ a couple operating engineers on the Hardin Solar II Project, maintaining access roads. This 170 mega-watt solar farm is located west of Kenton. Cem-Base performed

the access road stabilization, and Kirk Excavating performed the collection system road bores this past summer.

Roese Pipeline continues its blanket work with Dominion Gas, replacing old, antiquated distribution gas lines in and around Allen County. Roese is currently working on a steel project in the Columbus Grove area.

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

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WORKING on a building demolition project in Bowling Green is Schaedler Enterprises.

Columbus



Robert Hughes



Chad Creeks



Garold Baker



Brent McCarty



Frank Uhl II

Jeremy Hinkle,
Organizer

As winter 2021 begins in District 3, Kokosing has operators on their two ODOT projects in downtown Columbus. The first is the “2-E” project, where I-70 and I-71 intersect. It’s a major reconstruction/realignment with cast in place and MSE retaining walls. There were multiple bridge demos with new, redesigned replacements. Subcontractors have included U.S. Utilities Contractor Co., 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 project is the Broad St./I-71 Columbus Crossroads. This project includes reconstructing the Broad Street Bridge over I-71, the elimination of entrance and exit ramps, lane additions, and retaining walls. Subcontractors include M P Dory Co., Complete General Construction, Armstrong Steel, Paul Peterson Co., and West Fairfield Inc.

Work at The Ohio State University is booming with multiple major projects, including the expansion of the Wexner Medical Center main hospital, the new OSU/Nationwide Children’s Hospital Ambulatory Center, an animal research center, a large greenhouse, and an additional steam/power plant. It was announced that four to five additional projects are slated to start within the next year. George J. Igel & Co. has had several projects on the OSU campus this season. Nationwide Children’s Hospital announced that a second tower would be added to its main hospital. This will be a four-year project at the cost of an estimated \$3.3 billion.

Shelly & Sands is busy on a reconstruction project on South Hamilton Rd. This job goes south from I-70 to Refugee Rd. and

includes widening, new sidewalks, box culverts, storm sewer additions, and over 700 structures to be installed.

Distribution and Maintenance work is keeping RLA Utilities, Miller Pipeline, and Northern Pipeline busy with about 50 crews. Columbia Gas announced 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 have been busy with street reconstruction, paving, water line replacements, and sewer upgrades.

In Westerville, Kokosing is working on the Hoover Reservoir Spillway. Strawser Paving will be in the City of Westerville this season. In New Albany, Complete General

Construction has Operators installing a new 42-inch sanitary sewer trunk line. It is more than 4,400 linear feet and has an average depth of 40 feet. Project Mustang has Keller North America working on micro piles. George J. Igel & Co. is digging the footers and has operating engineers spread out across dirt and pipe crews on this long-term project. Operators with Capital City Crane, ALL Crane, and PKX are also working at Project Mustang. Shelly & Sands has operators busy on a North Hamilton road-widening project. R.B. Jergens is building a cell at the SWACO Landfill in Grove City. They have also built a new leach aid pond and rerouted the piping for the leach aid. This project is due to be completed in 2022. Kokosing

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RESURFACING by Strawser Paving on Bixby Rd. in Groveport.

Franklin



Jeff Powell



Jason Baker



Justin Gabbard



Michael Young



Tony James



**Thomas Ross,
Organizer**

The district had no problem staying busy throughout the 2021 season. The weather cooperated, and so did the budgets from the Municipalities, ODOT, and Private Development. With the Amazon Hub still under construction at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, it has influenced a lot of development in and around the airport, which has kept many of our members really busy, even in the winter months, and it looks like it will be that way for some time to come.

Northwestern Counties

R.B. Jergens is working at the Republic Waste Landfill in Celina. The company is relocating 42,000 tons of trash and moving 50,000 yards of dirt. R.B. Jergens will continue through the 2022 work season on the remaining parts of this landfill closure.

Bluffton Contracting Inc. has finished a new sewer extension for the City of Wapakoneta on Harden Pike; the company laid 2,400 feet of 16-inch plastic force sewer main and had two separate 30-inch jack and boars and directional drilled over 1,000 feet of the main.

The Shelly Company finished their 2021 paving season in the Cities of Bellefontaine and Springfield. In late October, Shelly's milling crews were on the jobs, and the paving crews finished laying the asphalt in mid-November. Eagle Bridge started a bridge reconstruction on I-75 just north of Piqua. Over the late fall, the company built a temporary bridge in the center median of the highway that will allow traffic to be switched in early winter to demo the existing bridge structures. Barrett Paving laid the temporary asphalt for this project. Kinnison Excavating has finished the water

service upgrades for the City of Springfield. The company replaced over 300 lead water services and upgraded the existing water meters. Also working in Springfield over the late fall was A&B Asphalt. The concrete crew was busy replacing sections of existing concrete sidewalk and curbs, then Phenix Stabilization stabilized the existing roadway, and A&B laid the asphalt. Howell Contracting just finished a water main extension on U.S. Rt. 40 in Springfield. The company laid 11,000 feet of 24-inch ductile water main and Precise Boring of Ohio directional drilled 5,000 feet of 12-inch ductile pipe that will allow new developments along Nation Road. John R. Jurgensen continues on I-75 in Springfield. Over the fall, Jurgensen slip formed paved over 20,000 feet of concrete mow strip that will allow

the highway mowers to cut the grass without using weed eaters.

Security fence installed 1,400 posts for the new cable barriers and finished installing the last of the 11,000 feet of new guard-rail. In the spring, John R. Jurgensen will be returning to lay the final layer of asphalt to complete the project. Miller Brothers Excavating is working off Air Park Drive in Vandalia on a site development project. Over late fall, the company started to move the 225,000 yards of material needed for the two new 500,000 sq. ft. building pads. Just up the road at another building project, Midwest Steel is erecting a five-story building. Over the past six months, the company has set all the structural steel and is currently finishing setting some equipment mezzanines inside

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OPERATING an excavator for W.G. Stang in Vandailia is Richard Robinson.

Akron



Joe Casto



Darrin Morgan



Preston Yuzwa



Thomas Larkins



Brad Marshall

Jon Townsend,
Organizer

HAPPY NEW YEAR from District 6. We hope everyone had a blessed holiday season. We look forward to a prosperous 2022.

In **Ashland County**, Sarver Paving has members doing maintenance on their asphalt plant and equipment. B.O.G is putting finishing touches on the bridge replacement project inside Mohican State Park.

In **Richland County**, Shelly & Sands has a few operators staying busy at the U.S. Rt. 30 major reconstruction project in Mansfield. Shelly & Sands also has mechanics doing maintenance work at their Mansfield Shop. Beaver Excavating is finishing up the site work at the new Lexington High School. R.G. Smith has a couple operators doing maintenance work in Shelby at the Tube Plant. Stein Inc. is keeping about 22 members busy processing slag at the Cleveland Cliffs steel mill in Mansfield. KT-Grant is also in the mill doing maintenance work. KMI Terminal has a few members performing repairs and filling tanks for the spring.

In **Wayne County**, Bogner Construction has several operators working at the new cafeteria and student center for the College of Wooster as well as the new Wooster Hospice Center. Stanley Miller Construction continues work on the West Salem Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project. Bogner Construction is also busy with a new addition for McElroy Packing in Orrville. NDK is moving dirt at the new Wooster Brush Company project in Wooster.

In **Stark County**, Wenger Excavating is installing water and sewer lines in the new TSC Distribution Center in Navarre. Beaver Excavating has the site work, Xtreme Elements has the concrete work, and Northstar Asphalt will be doing the asphalt work. Sitetech, NDK, Xtreme Elements, Michel's

Foundation, Kelly Steel, and Eclipse Companies are working at the new Amazon Fulfillment Center in North Canton. In Alliance, Marucci & Gaffney Excavating Company is busy on the U.S. Rt. 62 bridge deck replacement project, and Kenmore Construction has the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project. B.G. Trucking is doing bridge repairs in various locations throughout Stark County.

Beaver Excavating is putting the final touches on the new Loves Truckstop on Shuffel Rd. in North Canton. Barnhart Crane and Canton Erectors are keeping several operators busy with crane rentals

and repair work. Blackhorse Bridge has the Price Street Bridge Replacement Project in Canton. Miller Pipeline has several crews working on distribution line replacement for Columbia Gas in Alliance. Shelly Company is busy installing new streetlights and sidewalk upgrades on Portage St. in North Canton. DiPietro Excavating has several operators working on the site work package at the new North Canton Middle School. Stanley Miller Construction is finishing the upgrades at the Louisville Wastewater Treatment Plant. Beaver Excavating, NorthStar Asphalt, Schnabel

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WORKING on the ramp project at S.R. 603 and U.S. Rt. 30 near Mifflin is Shelly & Sands.

January and February Local 18 Training Schedule

Richfield (800) 842-9419

January 7-8	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	February 12	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
January 8	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	February 14-18	40-Hour HAZWOPER
January 15	8-Hour Forklift Combination	February 16	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
January 17-21	40-Hour Crane I	February 16-18	24-Hour MSHA
January 18-19	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 17	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
January 21-22	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	February 18	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
January 24-28	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew	February 19	8-Hour Load Securement
January 29	8-Hour ICRA	February 19	8-Hour Signal Person
January 31- February 3	32-Hour Asphalt Milling	February 21-25	40-Hour Crane I
February 1-4	32-Hour OSHA 30/STP	February 22-23	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment
February 3-4	16-Hour Trench Safety	February 24-25	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment
February 7-10	32-Hour Asphalt	February 26	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation
February 9-11	24-Hour Skidsteer	February 28- March 4	40-Hour Crane II
February 11-12	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP		

Cygnets (888) 634-6880

January 6-7	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 19	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation
January 8	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	February 19	8-Hour Forklift Combination
January 8	8-Hour Signal Person	February 19	8-Hour Labor History - District 2
January 15	8-Hour Forklift Combination	February 21-25	40-Hour Welding
January 22	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	February 21-23	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
January 29	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher	February 24-26	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
January 31- February 4	40-Hour HAZWOPER	February 26	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
February 7-11	40-Hour Crane I	February 28- March 4	40-Hour Crane I
February 7-11	40-Hour Grader	February 28- March 4	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew
February 8-10	24-Hour MSHA		
February 16-17	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP		

Logan (888) 385-2567

January 3-7	40-Hour HAZWOPER	February 5	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
January 8	8-Hour Forklift Combination	February 7-11	40-Hour Plan Reading
January 8, January 15	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP (2 Saturdays)	February 7-9	24-Hour Skidsteer
January 10-13	32-Hour OSHA 30/STP	February 9	8-Hour Forklift Combination
January 10-14	40-Hour Lift Director	February 10-11	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment
January 15	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	February 12	8-Hour Load Securement
January 17-21	40-Hour Crane I	February 14-18	40-Hour Crane I
January 24-28	40-Hour Support Equipment & Maintenance	February 14-18	40-Hour Grader
January 29	8-Hour Tier IV Emissions	February 18-19	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP
January 31- February 2	24-Hour Skidsteer	February 18-19	16-Hour Trench Safety
February 2-3	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 19	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher
February 3-4	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	February 21-25	40-Hour Welding
February 4	8-Hour Signal Person	February 26	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
February 4-5	16-Hour Trench Safety	February 28- March 2	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
		February 28- March 3	32-Hour Asphalt Milling

Miamisburg (800) 635-4928

January 8	8-Hour MSHA Refresher	February 12,	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP
January 15, January 22	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP (2 Saturdays)	February 19	(2 Saturdays)
January 29	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	February 14-17	32-Hour Asphalt Milling
February 1-2	16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 21-24	32-Hour Asphalt
February 1-3	24-Hour Skidsteer	February 21-25	40-Hour Plan Reading
February 7-11	40-Hour Directional Drill	February 21-25	40-Hour Crane I
February 9-11	24-Hour GPS Grade Control	February 26	8-Hour MSHA Refresher
February 10	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	February 28- March 4	40-Hour Crane II
February 11	8-Hour Signal Person	February 28- March 4	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew
February 12	8-Hour Labor History - District 4/5		
February 14-18	40-Hour Crane I		



Drug testing – What actually is a refusal?

Unfortunately, a refusal is not always just as simple as not going to a drug/alcohol test. There is a bit more to it than that, and members are regularly surprised when they end up in Local 18's Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace Intervention Program for the "stupid" rules at the testing facility or other various things that might come up while being tested.

First and foremost, a REFUSAL to take a drug/alcohol test will be reported as a POSITIVE drug/alcohol screen, whether it is a DOT test or a NON-DOT test. If an employer tells you it is time for a drug/alcohol screen, you must comply. It could be for a pre-employment screen, a random screen, a screen due to suspicious behavior on the job, or required due to an on-the-job accident.

The professionals on staff at the testing site make sure that official procedures are followed, not you.

Make sure you follow these rules and requirements when going for and when taking a drug/alcohol test:

- When you are told that you must get a drug/alcohol screen, you must show up for your appointment at the testing facility and show up on time. If you are directed to the collection site, you must show up in a timely manner.
- NO ONE wants to be observed while providing a urine sample. Absolutely NO ONE. Here it is though, the big BUT – if an employer orders it or if a collector doing their job has a reason to order it on the spot, you MUST be observed. Guaranteed, they do this day in and day out, and it is nothing they haven't seen before.
- When it is an observed test, and they need you to turn around, raise and lower clothing – do it – they have a reason for it.
- When you are ordered to remove your hat, coat, gloves, coveralls – just do it.
- You must take a second test if, by chance, you are ordered to take a second test by the collector or the employer.



- You can't have anything on your body designed to carry clean urine or urine substitute.
- No Adulterating, substituting, or tampering with the specimen.
- Do NOT walk out of the site without permission from the official at the testing site. You CAN NOT leave the testing site before the ENTIRE process is complete and you have been dismissed.
- You must provide enough urine, saliva, or breath to conduct the test. If they say you haven't provided enough, it is not enough.
- If a medical exam is deemed necessary, you must comply.
- You must sign the certification statement to have the test performed.
- You have to cooperate with the testing facility and testing rules – You CAN NOT act in a confrontational manner and act disruptive to the testing process.

The people at the testing sites are the professionals at their jobs, and they need to be allowed to do their jobs as required. If a drug/alcohol test is ordered for you, take the test, and follow the facility rules. When members call in surprised by their recent problems with a contractor and

Local 18 and tell me they didn't refuse a drug/alcohol test, all I can do is remind them that drug and alcohol testing is a part of Local 18's Collective Bargaining Agreements. I remind them there is a reason for the testing and that rules need to be followed. I remind them and then get them signed up with Local 18's Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace Intervention Program. A REFUSAL is a POSITIVE.

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

On October 21, 1998, the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act was signed into law. Effective for plan years on or after that date, group health plans, insurance companies and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) offering mastectomy coverage must also cover reconstructive surgery as determined in consultation with the attending physician and patient.

The Health & Welfare Plan takes the responsibility seriously. Coverage includes:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed.
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to present a symmetrical appearance.
- Prostheses and treatment of physical complications at all stages of the mastectomy procedure. This includes lymph-edemas, which are swellings of the hand and arm on the operated side.

These benefits are subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance that apply to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan.

If you have any questions about this, or other health care benefits, please contact your health care representative, or call the Customer Care number listed on your identification card.

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work on the new parking garage for Metro-Health Medical Center on Scranton Rd. in Cleveland.

Terrace Construction has valve and hydrant repairs throughout the city of Cleveland. Miller Cable has the replacement of electrical conduit at North Marginal Rd. in Cleveland. Delta Railroad Construction, RailWorks Track Services, and Cook Construction are making track repairs for RTA under Tower City in Cleveland.



WORKING for Hallmark in Thompson is Bernie Long.

At West 25th St. and Lorain, 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.

Catts Construction has the ADA ramp repairs in Tremont. In Euclid, Sitetech Inc. 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. B&B Wrecking and Excavating has the demolition of a steel warehouse on Forbes Rd. in Bedford Heights in addition to the demolition of Beechmont Towers on Chagrin Rd. in Woodmere.

In Rocky River, F. Buddie Contracting has concrete repairs for Saint Christopher Church on Detroit Rd., KMU Trucking & Excavating has site work for new condos along Lake Rd., and DRS Enterprises and Huffman Equipment Rental have the site work for the Bradstreet Landing Fishing Pier on Lake Rd.

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.

Kokosing Construction continues working on Phase 3 of the Opportunity Corridor in conjunction with Independence Excavating. Kokosing Construction also has various plant upgrades at the Nottingham Wastewater Treatment Plant on Chardon Rd. in Cleveland and at the Euclid Wastewater Treatment Plant on Euclid Ave. in Euclid.

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 has the replacement of the bridge on West 44th St. over I-90. Union Industrial Contractors has the replacement of two culverts on Briar Hill Drive in Solon.



OPERATING a crane for Great Lakes Construction on the Westerly Storage Tunnel Shaft 1 pump station in Cleveland is Gabe Sauvinsky.



ON THE JOB for ASW Pipeline in Conneaut is Dave Lesperance.

Walsh Construction has the removal of the deck on the west side of the I-480 Union Workers Memorial Bridge; once that is finished, they will start pouring the deck to complete the project. Shelly & Sands Inc. has bridge repairs on Valley Parkway in Cleveland at Lorain Rd., I-90 and I-480.

Cook Paving & Construction has site work for the new Cleveland Community Center on East 66th St. in Cleveland, in addition to making various upgrades at Kauffman Park in Lakewood. Marra Services and

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Huffman Equipment Rental are replacing an outfall on Summit Ave. in Lakewood.

Fabrizi Trucking & Paving has the Burke Brooke Interceptor on East 49th St. in Newburgh Heights. Fabrizi is also replacing the water lines on Morewood Parkway in Rocky River and on Lauderdale Ave. in Lakewood, as well as reconfiguring the Detroit Rd. Interchange from Lakewood to Rocky River.

Don Wartko Construction, ASW Pipeline 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 old Brookpark Ford Engine Plant in Brookpark. Tri Mor Corporation has the road widening on Sprague Rd. in North Royalton and Parma. Ronyak Paving Inc. has the Pearl Rd. reconstruction in Parma Heights and Parma. Union Industrial Contracting has the bridge replacement on Cedar Point Rd. in North Olmsted. Independence Excavating has the site work at the old VA Hospital in Brecksville.

Work at Cleveland Cliffs has many members busy working for Stein Inc., Matt Construction, Kelley Steel Erectors, Bulk Transport, and KT-Grant.



OPERATING a crane for Vantastic Crane Service on the Westerly Storage Tunnel Pump Station Shaft 1 in Cleveland is John Kerry.



DOING the site work for the new Great Lakes Power Headquarters in Thompson is Hallmark.

In Ashtabula County, Capp Steel Erectors has the disassembly of a reclaimer at the Norfolk Southern Dock in Ashtabula. Berkel and Company has the drilling for the foundation of a new warehouse at the Tinder Morgan Pinney Dock in Ashtabula. Koski Construction Company has the road project on Lake Ave. in Ashtabula. ASW Pipeline LLC has the gas line replacement on U.S. Rt. 20 in Conneaut. Union Industrial Contracting has the sewer project in Geneva-on-the-Lake.

In Lake County, Platform Cement has the site work for the new Cleveland Clinic in Mentor. CIR Inc. has the water line on Fairfax Ave. in Mentor. J.D. Williamson has the bridge project on S.R. 306 over I-90 in Mentor. Marous Brothers Construction has the site work for a new senior living center in Mentor. Ohio Bridge has the replacement of the bridge on Markell Rd. in Waite Hill. Ronyak Paving Inc. has the paving on Lakeland Boulevard in Willoughby.

In Geauga County, Marrucci & Gaffney Excavating Company has the road widening project on S.R. 87 in Middlefield, and Burton Scot Contractors has the paving. Eclipse Companies has the road widening project on Auburn Rd. and U.S. Rt. 322 in Munson. Precision Engineering &

Contracting has the restoration work for the new Geauga County administration building in Chardon.

In Lorain County, on Diamondhead Drive in Avon Lake, InfraSource Construction has new gas services. On Lear Rd. in Avon Lake, Tri Mor Corporation has the paving of a new road for a subdivision. At the Avon Lake Ford Plant, Cook Paving & Construction has the grading of stone for the parking lot expansion. At Lubrizol in Avon Lake, Crossroads Asphalt has the milling of the parking lot. On Jaycox Rd. in Avon, Chagrin Valley Paving has the road resurfacing project. Also in Avon, Xtreme Elements LLC has the replacement of the sidewalk ramps on Chester Rd.

On S.R. 90 in Sheffield, Mosser Construction has the widening of a railroad bridge on the east- and westbound sides. On Abbe Rd. in Sheffield, Industrial Resource Group is building a car wash. Also, on Abbe Rd. in Sheffield, KMU Trucking & Excavating has the site work for a subdivision. At the Lorain County VA Clinic in Sheffield, Di-Gioia Suburban Excavating has the drain tile for the parking lot. On Butternut Ridge Rd. in North Ridgeville, InfraSource Construction has the replacement of the gas

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main services. On Bagley Rd. in North Ridgeville, Premier Asphalt has the paving of the parking lot for a new Drug Mart store. On U.S. Rt. 20 in Elyria, Chagrin Valley Paving has the joint repairs. On Fowl Rd. in Elyria, Xtreme Excavating has the site and underground work for a subdivision. On Boone Rd. in Columbia Station, Fechko Excavating has the site and underground work for a subdivision.

On Liberty Ave. in Vermilion, Herk Excavating has the site and underground work for rehab homes. On Leavitt Rd. in Amherst, Diggers of Ohio has been digging the utilities for a Biggby Coffee Shop. At the new Firelands High School in Amherst, Herk Excavating has the grading of stone for the parking lot. At the intersection of S.R. 113 and Baumhart Rd. in Amherst, Karvo Companies has the roundabout. Miller Pipeline has the gas services on Washington Ave. and W. 19th St. in Lorain. Additionally, in Lorain, 2D Construction has the utilities for a warehouse on Baumhart Rd. and Mosser Construction has the replacement of the clarifiers at the Black River Wastewater Treatment Plant. Chagrin Valley Paving has the paving of the parking lot and driveway entrances at the FAA Traffic Control Center in Oberlin. RMH Concrete has the Water Fountain Project on College St. in Oberlin.

In Medina County, on Seville Rd. in Wadsworth, H.M. Miller Construction has the



BUSY for Boss Excavating on the Waverly Oaks Apartments on Detroit Rd. in Cleveland is excavator operator Marc Kahn.

gas main and gas services on Nottingham Way. Stanley Miller Construction has the box culvert on Ridge Rd. in Sharon Center. DiGioia Suburban Excavating has the site and underground work for a subdivision on 130th St. in Hinckley. Fechko Excavating has the site and underground work for the new Redwood Apartments on Lake Rd. in Medina. Fabrizi Trucking & Excavating has the footers and grading for the building pad at the Sandridge Food Corporation in Medina. Industrial Resource Group has a car wash on Pearl Rd. in Medina. Trafftech Inc. has the relocation of electric lines on S.R. 18 in Medina. Karvo Companies has the water

line replacement on Windfall Rd. in Medina. Sitetech Inc. has the grading of stone for the parking lots at the Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina.

In Erie County, on Merriweather Rd. in Sandusky, Smith Paving and Excavating has the sewer castings. Mosser Construction is building a new elementary school on Hancock St. in Sandusky. Erie Construction Group has the resurfacing of both River Rd. and Darrow Rd. in Huron. Great Lakes Demolition has the demolition of the old Carneuse Lime & Stone Plant in Huron. Smith Paving and Excavating has the sidewalks on Sanford St. in Vermilion. Additionally, in Vermilion, Buckeye Excavating & Construction has the storm sewer on Mapleview Drive, APS Construction has the expansion joints on the Liberty Avenue Bridge, and Erie Construction Group has the resurfacing of S.R. 113 in Milan.

In Huron County, on Cleveland Rd. in Norwalk, D&M Earthmoving has the site work for a warehouse. In Norwalk, RMH Concrete has the sidewalks and curb project at the McDonald's restaurant. Underground Utilities Inc. has the new sanitary lines on Townsend St. in Greenwich. In Monroeville, R.A. Bores has the water main on U.S. Rt. 20. InfraSource Construction has the gas services on various streets in the City of Bellevue, and Cioffi Construction has the restoration work.

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WORKING in the sand dryer at CSI Sands on Ships Channel Dr. in Cleveland is Mark Wilson.

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LOCAL 18/SCOTT FOUT v. STON-ECO, INC: The Union filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to discipline a Union member. An arbitrator has been selected, and a hearing date has been set.

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. We are in the process of selecting an arbitrator to preside over this matter.

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Harrod and Lafayette, serving all residents of both communities. The completion date will be October 2022.

Well over \$800 million have been spent on funding 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 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%. Separately, IPS has also picked up a substantial amount of work at North Star that will keep our members busy.

Just off 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, with Tennile Creek Excavating performing stabilization for the drives and beautification of the site and Foundation Steel setting the structural steel. Nova Tube and Steel is a Canadian-based company that processes and distributes carbon steel, stainless steel, and aluminum products and operates as an intermediary between primary metal producers and manufacturers. The plant will be 250,000 sq. ft. and will utilize the latest advanced manufacturing technology with Ohio talent to support

the growing demand in the North American market.

In Wood County, Rudolph Libbe is busy with just over \$1 billion of work between two large building projects. The first is 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 site work start earlier this year. The mass excavation and bulk of the earthwork will be done by Nick Kostecki Excavating. Rudolph Libbe will self-perform the rest of the site work, and they will have Capital City Group in for crane support. This job has an aggressive schedule, but with the large workforce of operating engineers on this project, they are really moving along. Most, if not all, of the walls and temporary roof should be up by the end of the year, with the permanent roof starting the first of the year. 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. Next is the 1.2 million square foot Peloton manufacturing facility in Luckey, Ohio. This project is very similar to the First Solar project when it comes to subcontractors. The major difference is Henry Gurtzweiler, Inc. for crane support with the steel erection. GEM is also on site for the site utilities. This project started in August of 2021 and has a completion date of winter of 2022.



40-year award recipient Lee Laird.

This facility, when it is up and running, will build Peloton bikes and treadmills.

E. S. Wagner continues rebuilding I-75 between Dorr St. and South Avenue. Currently, both inbound ramps are closed to tear out and realign the ramps to enter I-75 from the right lane side, not the left, which will be a major safety improvement. The main objectives of this project are the ramps' reconstruction and widening I-75 from two lanes to three both ways through the area. In normal times, the ramp from the outbound Anthony Wayne Trail to southbound I-75 is used by about 7,555 vehicles per day, while the inbound Anthony Wayne Trail's entrance to northbound I-75 is used by about 6,711. The project is scheduled to be completed in late 2022.

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**MILLING on S.R. 66 in Delphos for Ebony Construction
Mike Johnson on the mill and Vaughn Keller in the broom.**



25-year members (l-r) Steve Sifleet, Shawn Duncan, Ken Baker, Matthew Berry.

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

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

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

Miller Brothers Construction recently completed working on a major project of widening of about three miles of I-475/U.S. Rt. 23 in western Toledo and Springfield Township, which started in 2019. The project added a third lane to Toledo's western beltway in both directions between Central Ave. and Airport Highway. A separate



CLEARING brush along C.R. 424 west of Antwerp for Paulding County Engineers is Brad Young.

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

In Sandusky County, there continues to be improvements to the Ohio Turnpike ramp over S.R. 53. Kokosing Construction began work in early April which involves removal at the Ohio Turnpike bridge over S.R. 53, replacing the ramp bridge and the

S.R. 53 interchange with a roundabout. Also included is deck replacement of the Fangboner Road Bridge. This project is ongoing and is expected to be completed by the end of December.

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 complete driving piling for the earthen berm bridge 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 hasn't had many opportunities. The pedestrian bridge will be complete by the end of the year.

Miller Brothers Construction continues work on a three-span steel beam bridge to replace the ailing Marengo Street Bridge built in 1915. The bridge closed to vehicular traffic in April 2016 because of its deteriorated condition. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

A recently released project called Phase 2 will bring a number of other amenities such as:

- 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.

With an expected abundance of upcoming work, may the 2022 work season find you well and prosperous.



BUSY for Jeffers Crane Service at the new Turkey Hill gas station in Findlay is Tim Fate Jr.

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Construction has members working on the I-71 and U.S. Rt. 62 project in Grove City. This is part of the I-71 widening to six lanes.

Shelly & Sands has operators working 12-hour days at Rickenbacker Airport on runway improvements. Also working at Rickenbacker, Elite Excavating is installing new 36-inch sanitary sewer. Danbert Construction has operators working on Zuber Rd. in Grove City installing new underground conduit for AEP. Shelly & Sands has operators working on the Columbus St. extension in Grove City.

In Licking County, Kokosing Construction has multiple operators busy working



WORKING for Gregori Construction on N. Court St. in Circleville is Aaron Johnson.



KEEPING busy for Decker Construction in Etna Licking County is Andrew Haskett.



WORKING for Bituminous Pavement Systems in Lockbourne is Austin Kayser.

on the U.S. Rt. 40 rebuild from Etna to Kirkersville. 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, along with installing sanitary and storm sewer. Fabrizi Trucking & Paving has two projects in Newark. The first is on 4th St., new sanitary and storm pipe, combined with new water line services in a much-needed upgrade. The second is on 40th St., featuring main line water, storm, and sanitary sewers. Shelly Company has paving crews working in Granville on street improvements. Miller Brothers has operators working on dirt and pipe crews in Heath on Keller Rd. on a warehouse project site. Fields Excavating is installing new water line along S.R. 310 in Pataskala.

Our members in the Local 18 shops have been working hard this year. A steady workflow continues in the equipment shops of Columbus Equipment, Ohio CAT, RECO, 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. The highway shops of Cummins and W.W. Williams have had a steady stream of work coming in from semi-trucks and city buses. W.W. Williams cold members have been nonstop with

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RETIREE CALENDAR

JANUARY

23 District 1 mtg.

FEBRUARY

2 District 3 mtg.

24 District 1 mtg.

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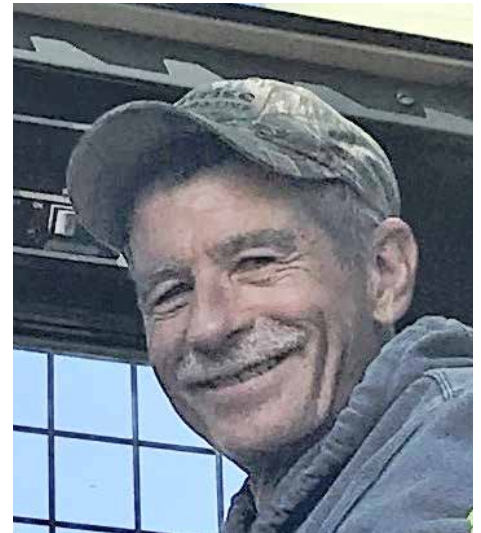
orders for new refrigeration units on food hauling trailers.

In Franklin County, Kenmore Construction is working on two vent shaft air-purifying sites for the City of Columbus. Meanwhile, in Pickaway County, Kenmore Construction, along with Miller Brothers, is getting started on building a new road near Commercial Point; the new road will go from S.R. 762 to S.R. 104, about a mile north of S.R. 762. Miller Brothers is installing pipe and building pads in Lockbourne for two warehouses. Contract Dewatering is on site to control groundwater. Working on a new factory for Dupont in Circleville, Early Construction and Stevens have had members busy in Pickaway County.

Gavin Power Plant has several operators working for Gallia Fuels treating the coal, with Enerfab doing the maintenance. Beaver Excavating and AMS are working on the landfill expansion and hauling the ash at the Kyger Creek Power Plant.

Multiple contractors are working at the Piketon A-Plant on landfill cells and demolition. In Ross County, Axis Civil has a culvert replacement. Fluor and Ison Excavating are both working on maintenance at the Coke Plant in Franklin Furnace. Axis Civil will be replacing a culvert on S.R. 677 in Vinton County.

In the town of Sunbury, Helms & Sons has Phase 1 of a new sewer line at Walnut Creek. Park Enterprise and Trucco Con-



OPERATING a swing cab for Capital City Group in Lancaster, Fairfield County is Larry Hardwick, Jr.



WORKING for ALL Crane in Columbus is Jeff Smith.



KEEPING busy for Capital City Group in New Albany is David Dials.

struction both have residential site work in Delaware County's emerging housing market. George J. Igel & Co. has two pipe crews at the Jerome Village housing development installing several miles of water and sewer line.

Operators with Kokosing are working on the Marion Wastewater Treatment Plant. 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. Lake Erie Construction has both Wyandot and Crawford County guardrail replacement packages.

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MOVING two million yards of dirt for a new cell at the Tunnel Hill Landfill in Perry County is Beaver Excavating.

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Trucco Construction has operators working on dirt and pipe crews on a site project on North Columbus St. in Lancaster for a retirement community. Kokosing Construction is starting the Lawrence Street Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion in Lancaster; this is an \$18 million, two-year project.

Complete General is on a bridge replacement on S.R. 266 near Stockport. ALL Crane, PSC, and George J. Igel & Co. have operators working in Hocking County on



OPERATING a paver for Shelly Company at Southpoint Ohio in Lawrence County is **Derrick Barnes**.



ON THE JOB for Shelly & Sands in Zanesville is **Mitchel Smith**.

the construction of the new Lodge and Hotel at Old Man’s Cave at Hocking Hills State Park.

Meanwhile, Shelly & Sands is getting started working on rebuilding and widening S.R. 60; this two-year project starts at Duncan Falls and finishes at the Morgan County line. In Zanesville, at the Eastpointe Business Park, Barton-Malow and Stevens Engineers have members installing water, storm, and sanitary lines as well as setting steel and furnace components at the AMG Vanadium project, which is due to be completed in early 2022. George J. Igel & Co. is on site driving piling, and Mascaro Construction has operators setting steel and digging footers.

Rock River Construction is hard at work on a new sanitary sewer mainline in Nelsonville. Trucco Construction has operators installing new water lines, storm and sanitary for the Stimson Ave. rebuild in Athens. Fields Excavating has two pipe crews busy



BUSY for RLA in Zanesville is **Robin Carpenter**.



WORKING for Shelly & Sands in Groveport is **Neil Polley**.

working on the U.S. Rt. 50 sanitary project that goes from Albany to Athens. This is a two-year project installing gravity and force main, with Fields Excavating subcontracting Precise Boring to install the force main. Kirk Brothers has operators working on improvements to the Athens Wastewater Treatment Plant. Kirk Brothers is also building the new wastewater treatment plant for the City of Nelsonville.

Special thanks to our members and retirees for their continued support. We wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2022.



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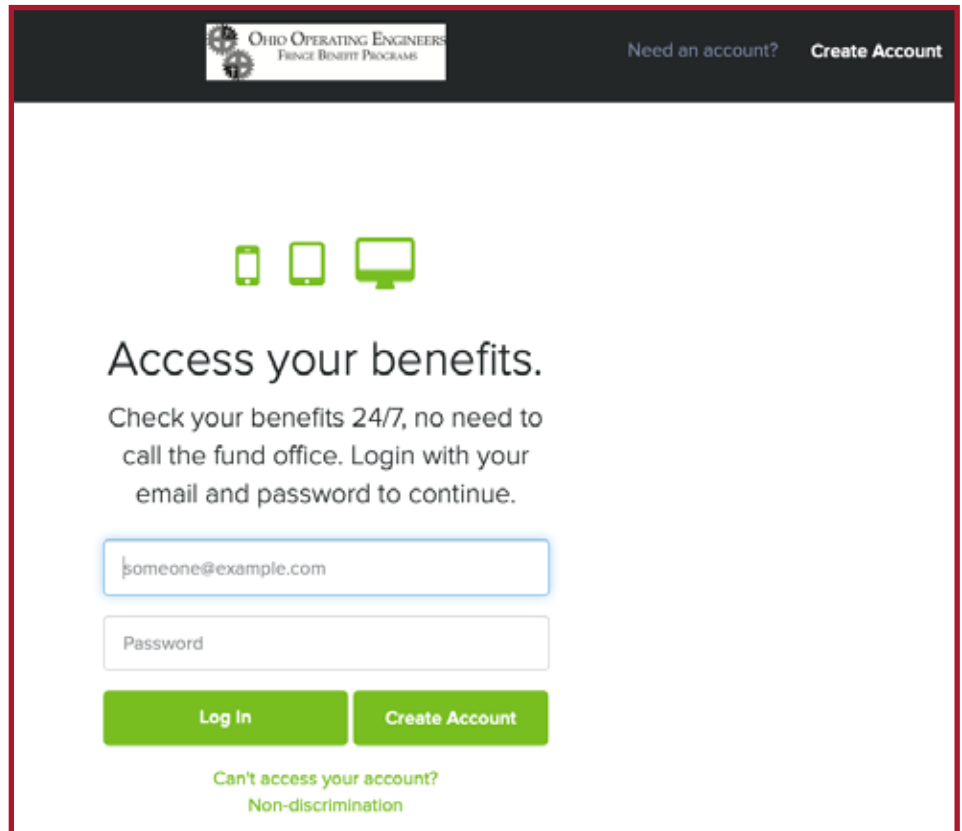
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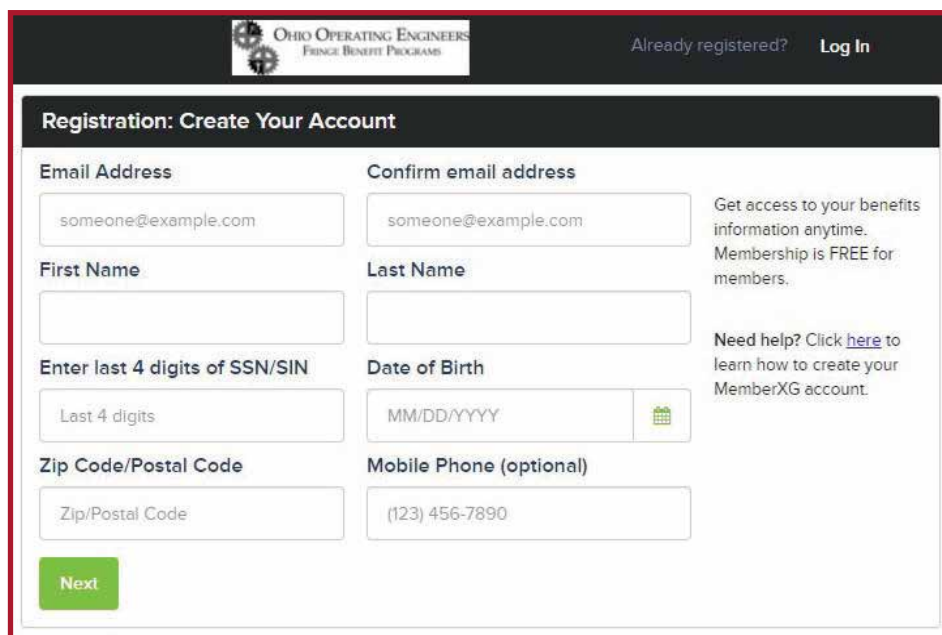
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- live demographic information for members and dependents
- eligibility
- contribution records
- pension credits
- pension options
- pension projections
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In order to establish your online account access, you will first need to click on the Create Account link or + sign if using your mobile phone or tablet located in the upper right corner of your screen.



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



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

Once you submit your information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Last four digits of your SS#
- Date of Birth
- 5 digit Zip Code that matches file at Fund Office
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- 3 Answers to Challenge Questions

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Please note:

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

You can still access your benefit information via Local 18's website at www.oe18.org/members/fringe-benefits/

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

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the building. Also working on this project is Viking Erectors. They are setting the insulated panes on top of the precast walls, and in early fall, Piqua Steel set the electrical transformers for this facility.

R.B. Jergens is in the final phase of construction on U.S. Rt. 40 by the Dayton International Airport. The company finished the final concrete exit ramps in mid-November. In the spring, John R. Jurgensen will finish this project, laying the final course of asphalt on I-75, just north of Vandalia in late November. Eagle Bridge had completed the demolition of the CSX Railroad Bridge over the interstate. This bridge has been abandoned for years and needed to be removed due to parts of the bridge falling into traffic. Piqua Steel was on this project in late October, removing the steel I-beams. Barrett Paving finished its 2021 paving in Huber Heights. Welfle performed the asphalt milling, and Blueridge Custom Sweeping performed the power sweeping. Barrett then laid the topcoat of asphalt to complete this project. On I-75 at Edwin C. Moses, The Ruhlin Company has started Phase 4 of this highway project. Northbound traffic was moved to the inside lanes of the roadway in mid-November, allowing the company to remove the outside lanes during the winter months. The bridge over Edwin C. Moses on the outside lanes will be demolished, and Ruhlin will then start the reconstruction of the bridge. John R. Jurgensen has finished the 2021 asphalt project in the City of Dayton.



INSTALLING a water main for Kinnison Excavating in Centerville is Dave Kinnison, operating an excavator.

Over the fall months, the company milled and filled over 25 city streets. Also in Dayton, Eagle Bridge has finished the two-year bridge replacement on 3rd St. over the Great Miami River. This bridge project has kept a number of Local 18 contractors busy over the last two years, including Ebony Construction, who milled the old bridge deck and laid the new asphalt for the project. Also, Tri-State Concrete poured the sidewalks and new approaches.

Capital City Crane set the concrete beams over the river, and Security Fence installed the lighting and traffic signals. The reopening of this bridge in December will allow travel from the west side of the river to reach downtown more efficiently.

Distribution and Maintenance

Center Point Energy has been keeping a number of Local 18 contractors busy in the Dayton area over the last year. KS Energy is working on a number of projects in Dayton. On Amherst Place, they are replacing 10,000 feet of 2-inch gas main and installing 118 new residential services on Oxford Avenue. The company has installed 50 services and replaced 5000 feet of plastic gas main. Miller Pipeline is also working on a number of jobs in Dayton as well. On Catalpa St., Miller Pipeline is laying 5000 feet of 2- and 4-inch plastic gas main and is replacing 107 services. On Findlay St., Miller is replacing an 8-inch gas main and is running new services to the industrial buildings in the area.

Shop

At the Ohio CAT shop in Troy, the mechanics have been working on a certified power train rebuild of a Caterpillar 770

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APPRENTICE Adam Butler working for Schumacher Crane in Hamilton County.



FIRST year apprentice Nicholas England working for Tri-State Concrete in Hamilton County.

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End Dump. Over the fall, the machine was completely disassembled, and all the power train components were rebuilt. After the frame was repainted, the rebuilt transmission and engine were reinstalled. This kind of rebuild gives Ohio Caterpillar customers a factory warranty on the machine at a discount rate versus buying a new machine. The Columbus Equipment Shop in Huber Heights is also working on a variety of machines for its customers. The mechanics are installing attachments on excavators that allow operators to drive sheet piles and forestry attachments to pick up logs and cut them to length. They are installing flotation tracks that enable an excavator to float on water as well.

Southwestern Counties

In Preble County, John R. Jurgensen will be returning this season to the I-70 resurfacing project that runs through Preble County to finish the paving of the eastbound lanes. Some of the subcontractors for the project are Bansal, with the installation of new lighting at the entrance and exit ramps, M P Dory Co. is installing all the new guardrail, and Donegal Construction Corporation performed the milling of the old asphalt on this project.

Barrett Paving has completed several projects for ODOT in Preble County. One is on U.S. Rt. 127 that started on the north side of the City of Eaton and continued north to the county line. The second one started on S.R. 732 east of the City of Eaton through Washing and Gasper Townships, which included

milling and resurfacing these routes with new asphalt. Welfle performed the milling and Blue Ridge Sweeping doing the cleanup.

Barrett Paving has also completed the Preble County Engineer asphalt resurfacing project for 2021 on various county roadways. In Butler County, there have been two new roundabouts installed replacing the old intersection in the area. Ford Development has performed the work at the old intersection at Butler Warren Rd. and Socialville Foster Rd. and W. Chester Rd. that aligned all three roads into the new roundabout. Subcontractors on site were Elex Electrical installing the new street lighting and John R. Jurgensen performing the paving on this project. In Trenton, the heavily used four-way signaled intersection at Wayne Madison Rd. and Trenton Rd. is being replaced with a new roundabout by R.B. Jurgens as the General Contractor. The subcontractor was Landview Services doing the reseeding, sod, and restoration. John R. Jurgensen had laid the new asphalt on this project as well.

In Warren County, in the spring, Barrett Paving will be starting back to work on the reconstruction of Miami St. in Deerfield Township. The scope of work will include a complete street replacement with all new curb and sidewalk and new storm sewer, and the water main will be replaced by Donald W. May Contracting. Barrett has also completed a street rehab project on Lebanon Rd. in South Lebanon with new curb and sidewalks that were installed by Oglesby Construction.



WORKING for Midwest Steel in Vandailia, operating a RT forklift is Kenny Chappel, Jr.

Rack & Ballauer has completed the intersection of S.R. 741 and Kings Mill Ave. in Mason. This project was to help ease the flow of traffic in this intersection. This intersection was changed from a four-way intersection to a three-way intersection, including widening the lanes and adding additional turn lanes. Elex Electrical installed the new traffic signals and street lighting, Oglesby Construction did all the concrete curbs and sidewalk, and Landview Services did all the landscaping and restoration for this project.

Shops

The Southeastern Equipment Shop in Monroe is staying active with prepping new equipment for sales to customers, along with warranty and service work. The field mechanics are staying busy working on the machines that don't come into the shop.

The McLean Company in West Chester is very busy with service and repairs to asphalt paving equipment and milling machines getting ready for the 2022 season. The shop and field mechanics for RECO Equipment in Monroe are extremely busy servicing, maintaining, and repairing scrap handling equipment all over western Ohio and down into Kentucky.

The Barrett Paving Shop is very active getting ready for the 2022 paving season, working on pavers, track hoes, and dozers.

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OILING for Maxim Crane in Hamilton County are (l-r) Clinton Evans and Seth King.

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At the Cleveland Cliffs Steel Mill (AK Steel) in Monroe, McGraw Kokosing is performing routine maintenance for the mill, including manlift rentals and surveying for the proper alignment of the rollers and other equipment that flatten the steel during processing. There are several other maintenance contractors at the mill as well. Brand Energy and Graecor are also performing building, grounds, and machinery repairs inside the plant, keeping many of our operators busy even during the winter months.

Vesuvius, USA is running several shifts with the degassing process that sprays a gas into the molten steel in the kettle to help remove excess carbon to keep the iron from getting too brittle. Over in the slab yard, TMS International is performing a procedure known as scarfing the slabs. It is a process that involves using a torch that cleans the surface of the steel slabs of impurities, which is the last step before it goes to the roller mill to be made into coils.

KT-Grant has been in the mill for many years performing the cleanup and knocking out of the slag that has stuck to the kettles, troughs, and or spilled out during the steel making process.

In the transportation facility, Maxim Crane is on site with loader maintenance for the plant. Bulk transport mechanics are busy with repairs to the pot haulers, reach stackers, and other material handling equipment for the mill.



BUSY for Shelly Company, operating an asphalt roller in Springfield is Shawn Hanes.



DEMOING a abandoned railroad bridge in Vandailia is Eagle Bridge.

Over at the onsite coke producing facility, MPW Construction Services is manning the locomotives and conveyors that handle the coke.

Across the road, on the south side of the mill, Stein is operating the slag yard, handling and recycling all the slag that is a by-product of the steelmaking process.

Eastern Counties

In Highland County, Castle Contracting continues work on the 300-Megawatt, 2,000-acre Highland County Solar Farm. Castle Contracting is doing the site clearing, dirt-moving, and trenching for underground electrical lines for this project. Also, in Highland County, Distel Construction has completed work on installing 1,000 feet of 8-inch water line in the town of Hillsboro.

In Clinton County, John R. Jurgensen continues work on the U.S. Rt. 22 reconstruction project. This project has John R. Jurgensen installing 2,000 feet of new water main, 3,000 feet of new 12- to 60-inch storm piping, 70 new catch basins, and manhole structures. Oglesby Construction will be on site to install 2,500 feet of new curb and gutter, along with new bike path pavement.

In Greene County, John R. Jurgensen has completed work on the U.S. Rt. 35 Super Street project. John R. Jurgensen widened both the east- and westbound lanes of U.S.

Rt. 35 from Factory Rd. to Trebein Rd. The project consisted of excavating the existing highway on the east- and westbound lanes and installing 5,000 feet of new 12- to 42-inch storm piping. Shelly & Sands completed reconstruction of the bridge structures. Mt. Carmel Stabilization completed the soil stabilization, Bansal Construction completed the electrical work for the traffic signals. John R. Jurgensen has also completed work on Phase 1 of the four-lane resurfacing and bridge reconstruction of I-675. John R. Jurgensen milled and paved 15 miles of new asphalt. Complete General Construction assisted with the bridge reconstructions, working on bridge overlays and new reflection walls on 18 bridges.

Also, in Greene County, R.B. Jergens completed work on Phase 1 of the County Line Road widening project in Beavercreek. This project consisted of the installation of one-half mile of 12-inch storm piping, 20 catch basins and manhole structures, one mile of curb and gutter, one-half mile of five-foot sidewalk to the east side of the project, and a half-mile of 10-foot sidewalk to the westside of the project. John R. Jurgensen completed the paving on the project.

In Brown County, Brown County Asphalt completed the S.R. 125 resurfacing project in Hamersville. This project consisted of

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100,000 square yards of milling and 4,100 cubic yards of new asphalt replacement. The company has also completed the Brown County Asphalt Paving Program, which consisted of milling 1,300 cubic yards on various county roads and replacing it with 1,300 yards of new asphalt.

In Clermont County, Rack & Ballauer completed the major widening of Old State Route 74 in Eastgate. Local 18 members moved thousands of yards of dirt, installed new curb and gutter, along with 6,000 feet of new storm piping, manholes, and catch basins. RLA Utilities moved the natural gas pipeline for this project, and Barrett Paving and Materials completed the paving on this project. Also, in Clermont County, MCM Management completed the demo project at the old Beckjord Power Plant in New Richmond. The 11 members who worked on this project safely removed 1,000 tons of various types of metal and over 100,000 yards of crushed concrete. On Beechmont Ave., Kokosing Construction is busy completing the Beechmont Bridge Project. Local 18 members working for Kokosing have completed placing 23,000 yards of dirt fill and installed 3,200 feet of steel piling. Kokosing will also be installing a 70-foot by 11-foot by 16-foot box culvert that will serve as a bike path under the ramp that will



MECHANIC Gregory Kable working for Ohio CAT in Sharonville.

connect the Beechmont and Lunkin Airport bike paths. Also, in Clermont County, Barrett Paving completed the 2021 Road Resurfacing Project. This project consisted of milling 62,000 square yards of asphalt and replacing it with 37,000 tons of new asphalt.

In Eastern Hamilton County, Barrett Paving has completed the Broadwell and Mt. Carmel Road Milling and Paving Project. Barrett Paving milled 42,000 square yards of existing asphalt and replaced it with 9,000 tons of new asphalt.

Distribution and Maintenance

Miller Pipeline completed the installation of 16,000 feet of 4- and 8-inch natural gas pipeline on Maple Ave., Redwood St., and Middle St in Fairborn. Miller also has 45 business and residential services to connect.

Mainline Pipeline

Minnesota Limited has just about completed 9.5 miles of 20-inch lift and lay natural gas pipe from the village of Cedarville to the township of Wilberforce in Greene County. This has kept 12 Local 18 members busy.

Shops

The Ohio CAT - AG shop in Washington Court House continues repairs and services to various types of farm machinery to help farmers prepare for the spring planting season year.

John R. Jurgensen Shop in Sharonville has kept approximately 40 mechanics busy with repairs and services to numerous pieces of



OPERATING a rubber tire hoe in Dayton for Miller Pipeline is Don Sapp.

equipment well into the late fall and early winter to help them get a good start for their busy upcoming work season.

Hamilton County and Northern Kentucky

2021 has been a great year for our members working in the Hamilton County and the Northern Kentucky counties of District 4/5. District 4/5 has been known historically for being a district heavily supported by Heavy Highway, Building, and Distribution work. This year we added major pipeline projects usually not found in abundance in this area.

InfraSource began work on the Duke Corridor project in the winter of 2021. Phase 1 of the project consists of 68,000 ft. of 20-inch new lay gas line that runs from the City of Blue Ash through the Cities of Evendale, Reading, and Cincinnati and eventually ends at a metering station in the City of Norwood. This project provided thousands of work hours for our members and employed over 60 operating engineers. While InfraSource performed the station installations and most of the pipework, they relied on Aaron Enterprises to do most of the boring under roads and railroads and all the directional drilling on the project. Aarons Enterprises provided work for a dozen of our members and recently completed their work on the project. Mid America Services performed the hydro-excavating on the project. This project also created a lot of work for our local contractors. Badger Daylighting assisted with the hydro-

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LOWERING an electrical transformer into an underground vault with a Broderson crane for PSC in Dayton is David Fisher.

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excavating on this project as well several other projects in our district. Queen City Blacktop and Rack & Ballauer are the paving contractors working on the project; Tri-State Concrete and Oglesby Concrete are doing concrete restoration, with Andis LLC clearing the overburden on the project and Maxim Crane performing the heavy lifting. RLA Utilities, a District 4/5 distribution and maintenance contractor, is working in Cincinnati near the Corridor project locating utilities and preparing transmission gas line for future Duke projects.

Walsh Construction is getting close to wrapping up the I-74/I-75 interchange in Cincinnati. The job is expected to complete major construction by late December, with only minor work lasting into 2022. This project provided work for many of our local contractors as well as several contractors from other states. John R. Jurgensen is performing the paving on the project. Security Fence is performing the electrical work, along with the guardrail, fencing, and signage. Maxim Crane did the big crane work. The job, at its peak stages, employed over 50 operators, including the various subcontractors who performed work on the project.

Up the road from the I-74/I-75 interchanges project, Great Lakes Construction



OPERATING a slip form concrete paver on I-70 In Springfield is Milton Dukas.



BUSY for Miller Pipeline in Dayton is Shaun McGill, operating a hydro excavator.

and Keller North America repaired the ramp slippage from Colerain Ave. to I-74 West in Cincinnati. The road was secured by improving the drainage system and installing a tie-back system to stabilize the slope and prevent the soil from future erosion.

Complete General Construction is busy expanding the east and west ramps of U.S. Rt. 42 from I-275 in Hamilton County. The redesign of the ramps included traffic signal relocation, also performed by Complete General, along with drainage upgrades. Complete General is also replacing a 66-inch culvert on nearby Hauck Rd. This culvert improvement should keep members working well into the winter months. Complete General is also rehabbing the bridge on Springdale Rd. over I-275 in Colerain Township.

R.B. Jergens is working in Blue Ash on three roundabouts. These roundabouts are designed to ease congestion and improve traffic at the intersections of Reed Hartmann Hwy., Ronald Reagan Hwy., and Hunt Road. The roundabouts will all be tied together with decorative concrete for

added aesthetics in this heavily traveled area. John R. Jurgensen is responsible for paving on the project. Future phases of the project will also involve some relocation of water and sewage piping as well as drainage improvements.

Eclipse Construction is working near Kilby Rd. in Harrison. The highway began eroding and was in serious need of repair to prevent further damage to the driving surface. The repair took several months and provided work for several of our members. Brucon Excavating is also busy in the area installing gas line for Duke Energy. Brucon is a newly signed distribution and maintenance contractor.

Northern Kentucky

Local 18's jurisdiction in Northern Kentucky consists of Boone, Kenton, Campbell, and Pendleton counties. With the recent addition of the new Amazon warehouse at CVG Airport, which is still under construction, the Northern Kentucky expansion has been unprecedented. Kokosing

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Construction recently completed the first phases of the project, which employed dozens of operating engineers in the project's excavation, with help from Trumbull Construction. The project also made several upgrades to the airport to help with the extra air traffic the airport is experiencing.

New runways at CVG Airport had to be added for the additional air traffic. The Harper Company provided the concrete paving on the project. Harper provided over 500,000 square yards of concrete, 15,000 linear feet of drainage and 430,000 tons of aggregate base on the project. Bansal Construction was key to the successful completion of the project by providing extensive electrical work on the project. Bansal installed the taxiway edge and runway lighting. They also installed the instrument landing systems along with related cabling, including manholes and much more. Spartan Construction helped with the excavation and draining on the project. Blueridge Custom Sweeping helped keep the project clean and safe for both the workers and the general public commuting in the area.

Michels Pipeline recently completed a 20-inch gas pipeline that ran from Florence to Hebron, KY. The project lasted several months and employed 20 operating engineers. Case Boring provided the boring on the project, and Right-A-Way Clearing cleared the right-of-way for the new lay pipe. Over on Houston Rd. a few miles away from the Michels project, Henkels and McCoy performed a 490 ft. road bore of 12-inch pipe under Houston Rd. to replace an existing 16-inch gas line that was being abandoned. InfraSource is also busy



WORKING for Schumacher Crane in Hamilton County is Philip Newton.

working on natural gas lines in Northern Kentucky. This project included maintenance, anomaly digs, line relocating, and valve replacements. This project is expected to be completed at the end of 2022.

John R. Jurgensen continues to have a huge footprint in Northern Kentucky. You can find operating engineers working on Graves Rd. in Hebron, Mt. Zion Rd. in Florence, and the Richwood exit from I-75. Coppage Construction is also busy with a major excavation on Mt. Zion Rd., which includes moving over a million yards of soil and utility installation. Coppage is also working at CVG Airport doing a mass excavation for Amazon.

Shops

Columbus Equipment, Ohio Caterpillar - Sharonville and Richwood, RECO Equipment, and Southeastern Equipment are the

permanent shops in Hamilton County and Northern Kentucky. Columbus Equipment repairs Komatsu, Takeuchi, and Roadtec Equipment along with cranes and other equipment. Ohio Caterpillar repairs Caterpillar Heavy Equipment, Generators, Trucks, and many other power units from several manufacturers. RECO Equipment specializes in Liebherr scrap processing machines as well as Link-Belt equipment and many other manufacturers. Southeastern Equipment specializes in Case Equipment along with Gradall and many other



OPERATING an excavator in Springfield for Kinnison Excavating is Gary Burke.

manufacturers. The operating engineers at these shops and the field mechanics from the contractors keep us working by diagnosing and repairing the machines we need to work. These operating engineers and the companies they work for are essential to the growth and productivity of the local.

As we close out 2021 and start 2022, the district staff would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication through yet another difficult year. We also want to wish everyone a very safe and very prosperous 2022. For those who are not working in the winter months, please take full advantage of one of the training sites and don't forget that there is a membership meeting on the second Monday of every month. Take care and be safe.



KEEPING busy in Celina on a landfill is R.B. Jergens.

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Foundations, DiPietro Construction, and ALL Crane have work at the new plaza at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Beaver Excavating continues with the major construction of the U.S. Rt. 30/I-77 interchange in Canton. DRS Enterprises has a few operators working on an erosion control project for the US Army Corps of Engineers in Massillon. Kinsey Excavating & Trucking has a couple crews working on replacement distribution lines for Dominion in Canton. Edward C. Levy keeps about 60 operators working on slag processing at the Timken Co. in Canton, while Stein Inc. has about 30 operators working for Republic Steel in East Canton.

In **Tuscarawas County**, Stanley Miller Construction has the marina and shoreline rehab project in New Philadelphia. DRS

Enterprises has the dam rehabilitation project in Zoar. Beaver Excavating has the site work at the new Tusky Valley School. South of Dover, Turnkey Tunneling is working on the culvert replacement under I-77.

In **Coshocton County**, Stevens Engineering is busy building an addition on the Cleveland Cliffs mill in Coshocton. Capital City Crane has several members busy with crane rentals and maintenance work.

In **Summit County**, R.G. Smith and Enerfab are constructing a storage tank at Cargill in Akron. Karvo is working on the sidewalks and landscaping at the S.R. 619 roundabout project in the City of Green. Blackhorse Bridge has storm sewer and bridge reconstruction at Inglewood Drive in Hudson. Ronyak is doing the paving and resurfacing on River Rd. Kenmore is



50-year member Gerald Kuthy.

working on the overpass bridge construction, storm sewer installation, and paving at the I-77/U.S. Rt. 224 project. Reumac has the stabilization work on the project.

Beaver Excavating and Nicholson Drilling are drilling the foundations at the Phase 2 ODNR Dam Project at Portage Lakes. Great Lakes Construction continues plant improvements and expansions at the Akron Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Cuyahoga Valley. Chagrin Valley Paving has the Twinsburg Road reconstruction project in Macedonia. The Ruhlin/Shelly & Sands Joint Venture will keep several operators busy through the winter with sewer and overpass reconstruction on the Akron Beltway project.

Boss Union has the site construction for the new Tallmadge Fire Station Building project. Lockhart Concrete has water line and sewer construction at E. Tallmadge Road. Shelly & Sands is hoisting and placing the barrier wall on the S.R. 14/I-480 project in Twinsburg. Fechko Excavating is installing all the utilities for the Whitehorn Residential Development project in Richfield. Don Wartko Construction is installing gas lines for Dominion Energy at Silver Lake. Eclipse, ALL Crane, and Xtreme Elements are working on the Summa Hospital building addition in Akron.

In **Jefferson County**, Flatiron Construc-
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PAVING at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton is Northstar Asphalt.

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tion, Triton Construction, and Richard Geottle Inc. are busy working on the new bridge project spanning across the Ohio River from Brilliant to Wellsburg, WV. James White Construction has operators working at the new Indian Creek High School in Wintersville. Songer Services has a member doing maintenance work in the JSW Steel mill in Mingo Junction. NPL has members staying busy with gas distribution on S.R. 43 in Wintersville and in Bergholz. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating is working on a road-widening project on S.R. 7 in Steubenville.

At the Cardinal Plant, Skanska and Brand Scaffolding are working on outages. Also in the plant, R.B. Jergens has several members relining the ash ponds as well. JD& E and Murphy have operators assisting with pipe work at the ash ponds. At the W.H. Sammis Plant in Stratton, Enerfab, Brand Scaffolding, and Maxim Crane have several operators working on an outage. Great Lakes Construction is working on relining the ash ponds in the plant.

In **Harrison County**, Songer Services has operators doing maintenance work on Fractionation 5 inside the MarkWest Plant

in Hopedale. NPL has a crew replacing distribution lines in Cadiz. Shelly & Sands is doing some joint repair work on U.S. Rt. 22. Kirk Bros. has an operator working at the water treatment plant in Cadiz.

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

In **Monroe County**, Kiewit is close to wrapping up the gas-fired powerhouse in Hannibal. Cast & Baker are rerouting a road on S.R. 537 in Graysville.

In **Belmont County**, Swank Construction has members working on the I-70 bridge replacement project going from Bridgeport to the Pennsylvania line. JD&E and James White Construction are doing site work for a new water treatment plant in Bellaire. The APEX transfer station operators are busy keeping trucks moving outside of St. Clairs-



ON THE JOB for Winters Excavating in Brimfield at the Fire Station Project is Tyler Sharnsky.

ville. Shelly & Sands mechanics are keeping things running in the shop on S.R. 331 in East Richland. Alan Stone is fixing a slip on S.R. 147 in Neffs.

In **Guernsey County**, Luburg has several members doing site work outside of Cambridge for a new AEP warehouse. Maxim Crane, McCarls, Stevens, Murphy Consolidated, and Grae-Con are all working at the new Guernsey County Powerhouse south of Byesville. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating has a slip project on U.S. Rt. 40 outside of Old Washington.

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

In **Carroll County**, Miller Pipeline has a couple crews replacing gas lines in Malvern. Lee Machinery and Canton Erectors are in and out of the old Colfor building site, dismantling and shipping out presses. The Apex Environmental Landfill is remaining steady, with about 90 members on site handling the landfill duties.

Make sure to work safe this winter and use your downtime to upgrade your skills and renew your certifications. Call one of the Training Centers to check the availability of classes.

2022 Labor History classes scheduled

Classes are by reservation only.

Date	Location	Instructor
February 12, 2022	District 4/5 – Middletown Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
February 19, 2022	District 2 – Toledo Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
March 5, 2022	District 3 – Columbus Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
March 12, 2022	District 6 – Akron Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
March 26, 2022	District 1 – Cleveland Union Hall	Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker

2022 Steward Training classes scheduled

Date	Location	Instructor
April 6, 2022	District 4/5 – Middletown Union Hall	Joe Casto
April 13, 2022	District 2 – Toledo Union Hall	Joe Casto
April 20, 2022	District 3 – Columbus Union Hall	Joe Casto
April 27, 2022	District 6 – Akron Union Hall	Joe Casto
May 4, 2022	District 1 – Cleveland Union Hall	Joe Casto

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WORKING for ZMHA in Zanesville are (l-r) Stewards David Conkle and Jason Harren.



ON THE JOB for CMHA is Ken Ballard.



ACCEPTING his 25-year member pin is Paul Boyce, working for the City of Painesville.



BUSY for CBRE in Indianapolis is Lead Engineer Robert Cass.



KEEPING busy for CBRE in Louisville, KY is Operating Engineer Justin Smith.



CELEBRATING the holiday season with Meigs County EMS members are (l-r) Business Representative John Hardesty, along with Jack Lemley, Shawn Hawley, Sandy Smith, Seth Wells and Harley the therapy dog.

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MILLING the Giant Eagle parking lot in Elyria for NES is Anthony Campbell.



PERFORMING site work at Sandridge Food in Medina for Fabrizi Trucking & Paving is Dylon Bryant.



WORKING for CSI Sands on Ships Channel Dr. in Cleveland is Jeremy Braseman.



OPERATING a front end loader for Keller – North America on the Sherwin-Williams project in downtown Cleveland is Jonte Dille.



BUSY for CSI Sands on Ships Channel Dr. in Cleveland, operating a front end loader is Jeff Massey.

Scholarship Application Period

The Education and Safety Fund scholarship application period runs from January 1, 2021 through April 1, 2021. Applications are available at the Fringe Benefit Office, or at any Local 18 district office, as well as on Local 18's website, by clicking on the "FRINGE BENEFITS" link below the "MEMBERS" tab, or by going directly to <https://memberxg.gobasys.com/OOEFBP>.

Scholarships are available to members of Local 18 who are eligible for benefits from Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan, or who have at least one month of eligibility in the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date that the application is received at the Fringe Benefit Office. Qualified dependents may

also be eligible for a scholarship if they meet the requirements established by the Board of Trustees.

Special Dependent Scholarship Award

Once again, the Education and Safety Fund Trustees will be awarding a special scholarship to an eligible dependent child with a declared major in a construction industry-related course of study. If interested for consideration of this special award, the Trustees require that a two-page, double-spaced, essay is submitted, along with your scholarship application and proof of your major. The essay should include answers to the following:

1. What is the reason you are pursuing a construction industry-related major?
2. Who or what influenced you to pursue a construction industry-related major?
3. What is your connection to the IUOE Local 18?
4. What are your long-term plans?

If you have submitted an essay in a prior year, please be sure to write a new essay. All scholarship applications and essays must be submitted to the Fringe Benefit Office by April 1, 2022.

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WORKING for Ohio CAT – Eastern in Zanesville is Cody Ludwig.



ON THE JOB for Ohio CAT – North Canton are (l-r) Aaron Carlisle and Hunter Zeigler.



BUSY for Ohio CAT – Cadiz is Robert Call.



ACCEPTING his 40-year membership pin, working for Columbus Equipment in Massillon, is John Knepper.



WORKING for Ohio CAT – Eastern in Zanesville is Collin Pargeon.



KEEPING busy for Barnhart Crane and Rigging in Canton is Roger Roe.



ON THE JOB for Ohio CAT – Eastern Zanesville is Scott Malenda.



BUSY for Ohio CAT – Cadiz is Matt Mullins.

In Memoriam

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

Robert Fish (D-4/5)	June 2
LM George Ray (D-6)	July 1
LM John Snyder (D-3)	September 16
LM Beryl Downing (D-3)	October 16
LM George Hower (D-1)	October 24
LM David Starkey (D-3)	October 25
LM Mark Singleton (D-6)	October 30
LM Jerry Grooms (D-4/5)	October 31
Brian Heston (D-6)	November 3
LM Russell Algren, Jr. (D-4/5)	November 9
LM Ronald Slack (D-1)	November 9
LM Ben Bates (D-2)	November 10
LM Larry Miller (D-3)	November 10
LM Larry Galusha (D-2)	November 14
Timothy Barker (D-1)	November 15
Gregory Koerber (D-4/5)	November 15
LM Robert Lowery (D-3)	November 15
LM Cecil Storts (D-3)	November 15
LM John Roviscanec (D-1)	November 17
LM Carl Harbert, Jr. (D-1)	November 19
Joseph "JJ" Pahanish (D-6)	November 19
LM Vincent Scirpo (D-1)	November 19
LM Stephen Schlosser (D-6)	November 23
LM Paul Miller (D-1)	November 30

Publications Available

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

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

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WE TAKE APPLICATIONS YEAR-ROUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.LOCAL18TRAINING.COM.

Official Notice

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

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

We urge all members to make every effort to attend.

Thomas Byers
President

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District 2

Tracy A. Schmidt, Joint & Survivor (early retirement).

District 3

Gregory P. Dingess, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Richard W. Jesse, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Michael W. McCoy, (early retirement); and Monroe III Slone (normal retirement).

District 4/5

Roger Burchett, Jr., Joint & Survivor (early retirement); and Dennis W. Ely and Jerome P. Schnapp, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements).

District 6

Steven M. Brown, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Paul D. Clark I, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); Ronald C. Cramer, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Ray S. Duell (early retirement); Ronald W. Hoffner, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Tim K. Keiser, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); and Gregory T. Monsanty, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).