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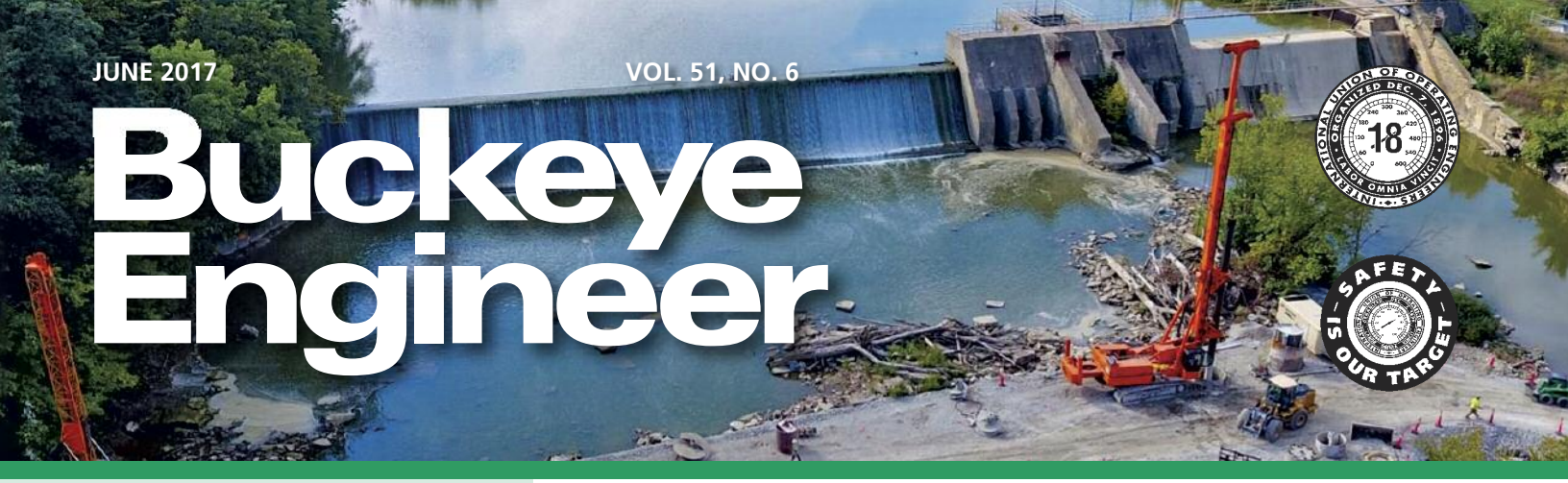

Local 18 CALENDAR

JUNE

- **5** All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- **6-8** Steward Class D-2 – Union Hall
- **10** 8-Hour Forklift, Industrial & Rough Terrain – Miamisburg Training Center
- **12** All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- **13-15** Steward Class D-3 – Union Hall
- **14** Dist. 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- **19** Dist. 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- **20-22** Steward Class D-4/5 – Union Hall
- **21** Dist. 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- **24** Executive Board mtg. – Columbus District Office, 1 p.m.
- **25** Semi-Annual State mtg. – Hilton Columbus/Polaris 8700 Lyra Drive, 10 a.m.
- **27-29** Steward Class D-6 – Union Hall
- **30** Deadline for June dues to be received to be eligible to vote in General Officers' election.

JULY

- **3** Deadline for June 30 postmarked mailed dues to be received at Headquarters
- ***3** All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- **4** Independence Day
- ***10** All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- **12** Dist. 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- **15** CCO Refresher – Cygnet Training Site
- **17** Dist. 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- **19** Dist. Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- **22** CCO Refresher – Cygnet Training Site

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REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

Summer officially starts this month, but a look at the work shows it started back in April, which should indicate a good work season for us.

Work on the Rover Pipeline started at the end of March and has continued to pick up steam ever since, supplying jobs for the members of districts 2 and 6. We currently have more than 3,000 Operating Engineers on that project.

Then in mid-April the Leach Express and Utopia pipelines kicked off, supplying hundreds of jobs for all the districts across the state. We were anticipating the Nexus Pipeline starting as well, but it has been delayed until fall. This should allow some of Rover to be complete and our members could then move on to the Nexus project.

Summer's starting but our work season is well along

As you read this edition of the *Buckeye Engineer* ballots are in the mail for your consideration on the recently negotiated OCA (highway) and AGC (building) agreements. Take the time to review the summary of changes to the agreements and vote your choice. These proposed changes are the result of numerous hours of negotiations by your representatives. We hope you agree with us that these are good solid agreements which will keep us competitive and maintain our market share in the industries. Voting is your right in this country. Everyone should take a few minutes to carefully review and vote your ballot, then drop it in the mail.

ODOT's budget for 2017 is around $2 billion which is comparable to that of each of the last two years. By the end of Governor Kasich's term in office we will have had the best work seasons in Local 18's history. The large amount of work available draws contractors from other states trying to cash in on these projects, creating an increased number of bidders and more competition for our local contractors.

Right-to-Work (RTW)☠ hasn't gone away. Currently there are RTW☠ bills in the statehouse. With the lobbying efforts of Local 18, OCA, AGC and Act Ohio we are encouraged they will not get enough support to move out of committee. We have begun to get involvement by the AFL-CIO to coordinate efforts with Local 18 and Act Ohio in our RTW☠ advertising campaigns so that a united message can be delivered.

Also, there is a bill in the statehouse to eliminate prevailing wage in Ohio. Again, we think we have enough support to keep it from moving. It goes to show that some legislators will not give up trying to take away your right to earn a decent wage and working conditions. Continue to spread the word: Right-to-Work☠ is wrong for Ohio. Tell your friends and neighbors to get involved. RTW☠ will hurt not only union members but All workers! It is a race to the bottom. Elimination of prevailing wage would mean that minimum wage would be the only requirement for state, city or county projects.

At the April Executive Board meeting, the Board approved a resolution to allow Local 18 to create a 60-year recognition program. All living members who have achieved 60 continuous years in Local 18 will receive a 60-year recognition pin. Once the pins are available, letters will be mailed to those members inviting them to their home district meeting to receive their award.

Work safely and have a productive and prosperous employment season.

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DUES SCHEDULE

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

The following quarterly and monthly dues schedule for Local 18 and its Branches and Owner/Operator members is effective until October 1, 2017 **when a new dues schedule will go into effect.**

Local 18 $63.75 per quarter
+3% Administrative Dues*

Local 18A $63.75 per quarter
+3% Administrative Dues*

Local 18B $63.75 per quarter
+3% Administrative Dues*

Local 18C $48.75 per quarter (Shops)
+2% Administrative Dues*
only when working for Dealer/Rental Shops. 3% Administrative Dues when working for other shops, i.e., Highway Heavy Companies*

Local 18C $54.75 per quarter (Stone Quarries, Material Yards, etc.)

Local 18D $23.50 per month

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

Local 18RA $63.75 per quarter
+3% Administrative Dues*

Local 18S Two times the employee's hourly rate plus $9.00 per month to be paid monthly

Owner Operator members
$147.75 per quarter

Reduced Dues $42.75 per quarter

Jefferson S. Powell
Financial Secretary

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

*On October 8, 2012 at all district membership meetings, the membership approved an amendment to Article VIII, Section 1, of the Bylaws, increasing the administrative dues to 3% of gross wages for all members of Local 18 except Local 18C Quarry and Sand & Gravel Pit members, Local 18D, Local 18G and Local 18S members. The membership also approved an increase of administrative dues to 2% of gross wages for 18C equipment shop members. The Executive Board, at its October 28, 2012 meeting, approved January 1, 2013 as the effective date for implementation of the dues increase.

LOCAL 18 INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF REVENUE RECEIVED AND EXPENSES PAID (Arising From Cash Transactions and Depreciation) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue Received			
Members' Dues and Other Revenue	$17,690,355	$2,967,342	$20,657,697
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	1,132,273	(1,132,273)	
Total Revenue Received	$18,882,628	1,835,069	20,657,697
Less: Direct Expenses			
Per Capita Taxes	2,226,071		2,226,071
Dues Refunds	15,031		15,031
Death Benefit to Members	35,000		35,000
Total Direct Expenses	2,276,102		2,276,102
Net Excess of Revenue Received over Direct Expenses	16,546,526	1,835,069	18,381,595
Operating Expenses			
District Office Salaries and Expenses	7,548,537		7,548,537
Headquarters Salaries and Expenses	2,363,527		2,363,527
Net Rental Loss	12,683		12,683
Membership Group Life Insurance	239,026		239,026
Local Newspaper Expense	553,563		553,563
Total Operating Expenses	10,717,336		10,717,336
Excess of Revenue over Expenses before General and Administrative Expenses	5,829,190	1,835,069	7,664,259
General and Administrative Expenses	1,829,013		1,829,013
Net Excess of Revenue Received over Expenses Paid	4,000,177	1,835,069	5,835,246
Net Assets			
December 31, 2015	27,360,991	4,852,748	32,213,739
December 31, 2016	$31,361,168	$6,687,817	$38,048,985

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Collections from Members		$20,606,088
Interest Received		39,227
Collections for Rent		3,720
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(14,103,371)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities (Below)		6,545,664
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from Sales of U.S. Treasury Bills	$8,097,168	
Proceeds from Sales of Automobiles	30,990	
Investment in Promissory Note	(2,000,000)	
Purchases of U.S. Treasury Bills	(8,082,285)	
Purchases of Certificates of Deposit	(508,753)	
Purchases of Land and Depreciable Assets	(1,659,294)	
Net Cash Used for Investing Activities		(4,122,174)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		2,423,490
Cash and Cash Equivalents – Beginning of Year		16,396,697
Cash and Cash Equivalents – End of Year		18,820,187
Reconciliation of Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net Excess of Revenue Received over Expenses Paid		5,835,246
Items not Affecting Operating Cash		
Depreciation	706,828	
Increase in Market Value of U.S. Treasury Bills	(12,382)	
Decrease in Prepaid Expenses and Deposits	20,624	
Decrease in Liabilities	(4,652)	710,418
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities (Above)		$ 6,545,664

LOCAL 18 INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(Arising From Cash Transactions and Depreciation)
DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$18,820,187	
U.S. Treasury Bills – More than Three Months Maturity (at Market)	8,094,667	
Prepaid Expenses	38,093	
Deposits	2,875	
Total Current Assets		$26,955,822
Land and Depreciable Assets	13,725,937	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(5,123,795)	
Net Land and Depreciable Assets		8,602,142
Other Assets		
Certificates of Deposit – More than 12 Months Maturity	508,753	
I.U.O.E. Promissory Note	2,000,000	
Charitable Contributions Committee Fund – Bank Account	32,064	
Members' Program Fund	26,416	
Total Other Assets		2,567,233
Total Assets		$38,125,197

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities		
Refundable Fees	96	
Payroll Withholdings	17,636	
Total Liabilities		17,732
Fund Balances		
Charitable Contributions Committee Fund	32,064	
Members' Program Fund	26,416	
Unrestricted Net Assets	31,361,168	
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	6,687,817	
Total Fund Balances		38,107,465
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		$38,125,197

BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

We, the Auditors of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, have participated in a review of the financial statements audited by the independent Certified Public Accountants as of December 31, 2016.

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

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

BOARD OF AUDITORS
LOCAL 18, IUOE
Thomas J. Perevosnik
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Douglas P. Pallye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

We, the Trustees of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, have discussed and reviewed the financial statements audited by the independent Certified Public Accountants as of December 31, 2016.

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

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

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

President

Thomas Byers

The 2017 work season kicked off early with a mild winter and less rain than usual in the spring.

There are major projects underway in all five districts as you will read about in this issue of the *Buckeye Engineer*. In districts 2, 3 and 6 clearing crews got a jump as soon as the permits were issued on the Rover Pipeline project. In District 3 the Leach Xpress Pipeline is manned up and well underway.

Ohio Governor John Kasich signed a great $7.8 billion transportation bill that will keep our members busy on roadwork for the next two years. Dispatchers in March and April were working 10-12 hours a day, and coming in on Saturday. Local 18's focus for the membership has always been, and will continue to be, JOBS FOR THE MEMBERS.

During the winter, the training sites were full with members upgrading their skills and certifications, apprentices were busy with block training, and Labor History classes were held in all districts to educate members about where unions came from and the challenges and dangers that union members and the middle class face today.

A Pipeline Steward class was held, statewide distribution and maintenance stewards met, a statewide Shop steward meeting was held and there were three night Steward Training classes offered in all six districts. Training was also conducted for the staff of Local 18, with classes for the clerks and dispatchers in all offices, as well as training for the business agents and organizers on grievance handling, procedures and negotiations. New business agents attended training provided by the International.

Negotiations were completed for the OCA Highway/Heavy and AGC of Ohio agreements at the end of April and resulted in a great wage package for the next three years. The ballots should arrive in your mailbox early in June. Please take a few minutes and mark your ballot and return them. The ballots will be counted on Saturday, June 17 at the Columbus Union Hall.

Congratulations to the large number of members who will be honored at the June Semi-Annual state meeting for their years of service. It's a big milestone to become a 30-year Life member and an even BIGGER milestone to be recognized as a 50-year member of this union. It is an honor to be able to read the list of names and call members forward to receive their recognition.

Each member receiving an award is asked if he or she would like to address the meeting and listening to these remarks is one of the highlights of every Semi-Annual State Membership Meeting.

Legislative

Mark Totman

The ODOT budget is finished with $4.3 billion in new projects for the next two years for Operating Engineers to work on!

The next budget is the State's Biennial Budget (HB-49) which is estimated to be around $68 billion.

This budget must be balanced every two years, as set forth in Ohio's Constitution.

As you are reading this article, the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor must come to an agreement by July 1, 2017, on a budget deal to keep the state functioning for the next two years.

The problem with this biennial budget is there is an $800 million hole projected for the next two years ($400 million each year of the budget).

Although this is not what we would consider a "budget crisis," anytime the legislature has to make cuts we become keenly aware we will need to be on "high alert" to watch this budget every minute until the votes are in and the Governor signs it. We have to make sure our issues don't become part of the cuts that will certainly be put on the table by some of our adversaries in the General Assembly.

We will keep you updated on this process. Please keep in touch by turning to the new Local 18 website, social media with your fellow operators and just plain old reading of your *Buckeye Engineer* (now online at the new website) and attending your next regular membership meeting.

But by all means STAY TUNED IN! We may need your help contacting your senator or representative to protect our wages and benefits. We have several bills pending at the statehouse that could be amended into the state's operating budget bill.

Hopefully we get through this budget and I will then go into more detail on the Right-to-Work☠, Prevailing Wage and Unemployment Compensation issues we are battling every day at the statehouse now.

Thanks to all the Operating Engineers who put their local first and are contributing to Local 18's PEP PAC. You are the reason we are still winning here in Ohio on all our issues at the statehouse!

Thank you for your continued support!

Legal

Timothy Fadel, Attorney

The following is an updated report of my activities regarding pending cases with Local 18 and its members since my last report in January, 2017.

Local 18 v. Laborers' International Union of North America, et al: Local 18 filed a breach of contract action in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio against the Laborers' International Union of North America ("LIUNA"), the Ohio Laborers' District Council, and several local affiliates of the laborers' union. *That case remains pending.*

Local 18 v. Laborers 310 (CNR Trucking): Local 18 filed a lawsuit in the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County alleging that LIUNA Local 310 unlawfully interfered with Local 18's agreement with CNR Trucking. The Court dismissed the matter and the laborers filed a motion seeking attorney's fees. The Trial Court denied that motion and the laborers appealed. The Union successfully defended against the laborers' appeal. *This case is now closed.*

Local 18 v. Donley's, Inc. & LIUNA 310/LIUNA 894 ("Donley's I, Donley's II and Donley's III"): After Local 18 filed a series of grievances seeking damages as a result of a decision by a handful of Northeast Ohio employers to utilize individuals other than Operating Engineers to operate forklifts and skid steers, the employers conspired with LIUNA 310, LIUNA 860 and LIUNA 894 in order to file unfair labor practice (ULP) charges alleging that a jurisdictional dispute was taking place at several projects in Northeast Ohio. *Local 18 is defending against the matter by asserting its contractual right to seek damages pursuant to the CEA Agreement's work preservation clause. The matter is now pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.*

Local 18 v. Ohio Contractors Association (Hydro-Excavator Equipment Grievance): Local 18 filed a Petition to Compel Arbitration regarding the classification and pay rate for Hydro-Excavator. After a successful appeal by Local 18, the Trial Court issued an Order mandating that the OCA submit the dispute to arbitration in accordance with the terms of the parties' collective bargaining

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Quarries

Doug Leidy

This has been a very busy year. Most of the quarries worked through the winter months performing maintenance.

Most of the time if you have a rail system you can haul a higher volume of stone. Stoneco Wyandot Dolomite Quarry uses the CSX rail system, but CSX is making changes that affect that quarry. The company laid off the second shift and told members they could transfer to Stoneco White Rock Quarry if they wanted to.

The company said it was going to start up a second shift at Stoneco White Rock Quarry and utilize the rail system there. It wasn't affected by the changes, because it uses a different rail system.

Hanson Quarry in Paulding has a yearly lease with LaFarge. LaFarge told Hanson that it would not renew the lease. The company gave the members a 60-day notice that it would be shutting down the plant.

So far this year we have negotiated new agreements with Gerken Custar Stone, Stoneco Northwestern and Stoneco White Rock Quarries. We are currently in negotiations with Stoneco asphalt plants.

Contracts coming up this year to be renegotiated are GEO Gradel, National Lime & Stone and Stoneco Thornville quarries. At this time most of the asphalt plants are performing maintenance.

Stationary Engineers

Doug Pallaye

John Hardesty

Eric Eastwood

The 18S agents have been busy the first five months of 2017, focusing on the following contracts since the beginning of the year: DTE Energy Services, Canton Drop Forge, Westin Hotel/Sage Client and Ohio Health Nelsonville.

There were also two wage openers – One Cleveland Center and Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineers.

Local 18S will be opening the following contracts the second half of this year: Lorain County, Aqua Ohio, Inc.-Tiffin Division, Zanesville Metropolitan Housing Authority, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

As the new administration in Washington D.C. makes changes to the federal budget, local governmental institutions are facing federal and state funding deficiencies. Many of these agencies have just gotten funding back on track from the last recession and are tentative, at best, when it comes to spending.

County agencies, municipalities, housing authorities and sewer districts have all been looking to do some "belt tightening" of their own budgets and, as a result, the uncertainties are affecting Local 18S public sector negotiations.

Local 18S represents 26 members at the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority working under the classifications of Custodial, Maintenance, Team Leader, Head Maintenance, Skilled Maintenance, Maintenance/Locksmith and Maintenance/Technician. Many of these members have been busy on a special project for the past six plus months.

At the Southside A.M.P. (Asset Management Project), an inspection discovered there

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Fringe

Carol Wilson, Administrator

With the relatively mild winter behind us, the work hours at the Fringe Benefit Office have been picking up. In comparing the current fiscal year with the previous one, the hours and contributions are running about the same. This work season looks to be another good one for Operating Engineers.

As you know, the House Republican leaders abandoned the American Health Care Act legislation in March, which was supposed to replace the Affordable Care Act. It looks like the Administration may pursue other options in the future. In the meantime, the Health and Welfare Plan will continue to monitor and comply with the Affordable Care Act. (Written prior to U.S. House action on 5/4.)

Please remember you still have time to take advantage of the free health screenings offered through Life Line Screening. We have already had more than 800 members and spouses participate in the screenings since October.

Life Line Screening partners with clinics, churches and other reputable facilities throughout your community to provide you with convenient access to comprehensive screenings in order to identify high blood pressure, high cholesterol, carotid artery and peripheral arterial diseases, and aortic aneurysms.

In the near future the Health and Welfare Plan will be sending reminder letters to any of our eligible members and spouses who have not yet participated in these potentially life-saving diagnostic tests. To find out when Life

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Steward Training

Joe Casto

With the advent of the numerous pipeline projects currently in progress, we are running with about 500 stewards across the state. This number also includes the heavy highway, building, shops and distribution agreement work.

The Steward Department is preparing for the upcoming 2017 three-night classes which will be held as follows:

District 2	June 6-8
District 3	June 13-15
District 4/5	June 20-22
District 6	June 27-29

All classes will begin at 7 p.m. sharp with dinner served at 6 p.m. in the respective district offices.

Please spread the word on your job sites and encourage your fellow members to attend. You are never too new or too tenured to Local 18 to continue the learning process.

CALL YOUR LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE TO SIGN UP.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Organizing

Scott Stevenson

The 2017 work season is well underway and moving at a very fast pace as are Local 18's organizing efforts.

The ODOT work is coming out at a steady pace as is work for our Distribution and Maintenance contractors. In addition, we are seeing an increase in building projects throughout the state.

The work in Ohio's energy market will be unprecedented this year and in the foreseeable future. The oil and gas industry will be providing work on several large pipeline projects as well at their related facilities. We are tracking the progress of several hydro-electric dam projects in the state. There are numerous wind farm projects and several solar projects scheduled to begin this year and next.

The amount of work coming out in the state is creating more and more organizing opportunities for Local 18. Non-signatory contractors are seeing the benefit of having a highly skilled and professional work force at their disposal that is readily available to fill all of their needs.

As we come closer to achieving our goal of 100% market share in Local 18's jurisdiction, this will continue to create an increasing number of job opportunities for you and the rest of our Brothers and Sisters. This is the result of a lot of hard work and effort put forth by the staff of Local 18 and most importantly, you and the rest of the membership of Local 18. Without your continued support and professionalism, none of this would be possible.

Following are a few of the contractors we have signed together since my last Organizing report:

- Jeff Kuras Excavating
- L.A. Horn Land Clearing
- DM Excavating, LLC
- SJS & Sons, LLC
- Brown County Asphalt, Inc.
- Diesel Drilling Corp.
- RC Construction LLC
- Freedom Companies

Thank you to all of our members and staff who contribute to the success of Local 18's Organizing department!

Fringe

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Line Screening will be in your area, or to schedule an appointment, please call (800) 697-9698.

One of our other wellness programs that is gaining popularity is the telemedicine benefit. Provided through American Well (Amwell), it offers a convenient, fast alternative to sitting in the waiting room of a doctor's office or urgent care facility when you are already not feeling well.

It is very easy to enroll with AmWell by downloading the AmWell app or by signing up on the web at www.OOE.amwell.com. You can have a video consultation with a board-certified, licensed physician in the convenience of your home. This program is available 24/7/365 – and there is no cost to eligible Local 18 members and their dependents.

The Pension Fund remains on sound financial ground due to the diligent monitoring and investment philosophy adopted by the trustees. The net assets of the Pension Fund were nearly $2.3 billion at the time this article was submitted for publication, compared to $2.1 billion the previous year.

The Pension Fund is currently paying out $12 million monthly, or $144 million annually, to 7,388 retirees and surviving spouses.

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Apprenticeship and Training

Don Black, Administrator

We have been steadily working on updating the apprenticeship program and the way we are able to communicate with our members, and make information available. We have updated our website, found at www.local18training.com, and have added numerous features.

Each of our training sites now has its own "page" on the website. Each has the address, hours of operation, and contact numbers for the specific site listed. Found at the bottom of each site's page is the training calendar for that training site.

It is available in GOOGLE Calendar format, and can easily be added to your personal device, whether it be your smart phone, tablet or home computer. All it takes is a FREE GMAIL account, and a few minutes of your time, and you can add the training calendar to stay up-to-date on the training schedule of classes.

Do you use social media? We are also on Facebook! Search for "IUOE Local 18 Apprenticeship and Training." We encourage our members to "Like" our page, so each may receive any and all updates we share. On our page you will find photos of various events and activities that are occurring throughout the state and our local, in which our members, our apprentices and our instructors are involved.

If we have any up and coming events or activities, we will be sure to post them there as well. We are also posting schedule changes and updates for the training calendars on our Facebook page.

We have also been working on new training identification cards for each of our members. The new identification cards will identify the individual as a member of Local 18, and each member's transcript of current certifications (with expirations), as well as a list of other classes taken through the Apprenticeship and Training Program will be on the card. The information can all be read with any FREE QR Code scanner that can be downloaded to your smart phone. It works on all devices, Android, Apple and Windows.

The cards are instantly updated, and our members will not have to be issued a new card for every class they take. It will auto update to reflect the new class, or the expiration of your certifications, including CCO.

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Safety

Brett LaFaso

Here are a few accidents reported to Local 18. The purpose of this column is to educate our members of possible hazards and to suggest ways to avoid them.

On March 11, a member operating a CAT 950M Loader was back-dragging a parking lot when a contract dump truck driver entered the area and parked in the path of the working loader, causing a collision. The contract driver reported he had gotten stuck but there was no evidence to support his claims. The company policy required a spotter to be used for contract drivers while in the area.

To prevent an accident of this type, if you are the truck driver, please be aware of all operating equipment in the area. Always give right-of-way to construction equipment

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Medical Review

Lisa Cianciolo, Medical Review Official

What is Marijuana?

Marijuana is one of the most abused drugs in the world. There is an ever-growing gap between the latest science about marijuana and the myths surrounding it. Some people think since it is legal in some places, it must be safe.

But your body doesn't know a legal drug from an illegal drug. It only knows the effect the drug creates once you have taken it. Marijuana comes from the Indian hemp plant, and the part that contains the "drug" is found primarily in the flowers (commonly called the "buds") and much less in the seeds, leaves and stems of the plant.

When sold, marijuana is a mixture of dried out leaves, stems, flowers and seeds of the hemp plant. It is usually green, brown or gray in color.

Hashish is tan, brown or black resin made from the sap of the marijuana plant that is dried and pressed into bars, sticks or balls. When smoked, both marijuana and hashish give off a distinctive, sweet odor.

There are more than 400 chemicals in marijuana and hashish. The chemical that causes intoxication or the "high" in users is called THC (short for tetrahydrocannabinol). THC creates the mind-altering effects that classify marijuana as a "drug."

Intoxication literally means "to poison by taking a toxic substance into your body." Any substance that intoxicates causes changes in the body and the mind. It can create addiction or dependence, causing a person to want to take that drug even if it harms him or her.

You may have heard someone say that because marijuana is a plant, it's "natural" and so it's harmless. But it's not. Hemlock, a poisonous plant, is also "natural," but it can kill.

The other thing to know is that burning dried leaves and buds and inhaling the smoke into your lungs is definitely not "natural," and, like smoking cigarettes, can be harmful to your body.

As for the medical uses of marijuana, it contains another chemical called CBD (short for cannibidiol). This is the substance most often associated with creating medical benefits. Unlike THC, CBD does not cause a high. Marijuana is a drug like alcohol, cocaine or ecstasy and like these other drugs, it has side effects that can be harmful.

How Is it Used?

Marijuana can be smoked as a cigarette (joint), but may also be smoked in a dry pipe or a water pipe known as a "bong." It can also be mixed with food and eaten or brewed as tea –"edible."

Sometimes users open up cigars and remove the tobacco, replacing it with pot – called a "blunt." Joints and blunts are sometimes laced with other more powerful drugs, such as crack cocaine or PCP (phencyclidine, a powerful hallucinogen).

When a person inhales the smoke from a joint or a pipe, he or she usually feels its effect within minutes. The immediate sensations – increased heart rate, lessened coordination and balance, and a "dreamy," unreal state of mind – peak within the first 30 minutes.

These short term effects usually wear off in two to three hours, but they could last longer, depending on how much the user takes, the potency of THC and the presence of other drugs added into the mix.

As the typical user inhales more smoke and holds it longer than he or she would with a cigarette, it creates a severe impact on the lungs. It has been found that smoking one joint gives as much exposure to cancer-producing chemicals as smoking four to five cigarettes.

When a person eats or drinks marijuana mixed in food or beverage, it may take 30 to 45 minutes to digest, so the length of time for the drug to become activated is longer. In other words, the person doesn't feel the effects immediately. Because of this, people often eat more. When the effects finally hit, the chances of becoming extremely intoxicated and even having a psychotic episode are greatly increased.

Vaping marijuana is done by placing raw cannabis or THC oil in a vaporizer or e-cigarette. While there are claims that this is a "healthier" way to consume marijuana, the effects of vaporizers and e-cigarettes have not been fully researched in large-scale studies.

The mental consequences of marijuana use are equally severe. Marijuana smokers have poorer memories and mental aptitude than do non-users.

Recent studies on young adults who smoke marijuana found abnormalities in the brain related to emotion, motivation and decision-making.

How marijuana has changed over time

The Indian hemp plant (from which cannabis drugs like marijuana and hashish are made) was grown for use as a hallucinogen more than 2,000 years ago.

The amount of THC in the hemp plant determines the strength of the drug. The amount of THC found in marijuana is not consistent, and the level of THC has increased steadily.

By using modern techniques, hemp growers have developed types of cannabis that have much higher levels of THC than in the past. The average strength of the marijuana plant in the U.S. today is around 15-20%. The highest level found in the plant is around 32%. For comparison:

- The pot smoked at Woodstock in 1969 and through the late 1970s contained roughly 1% THC.

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Shops

Ronald Krohn, Jr.

Equipment shops are fully engaged in the 2017 workload as anticipated. This season has started with a bang with the Rover pipeline in full swing. In addition, the Nexus pipeline is poised and awaiting approval, which should begin late this year or early next.

With the governor's team focused on the highway projects across the state, work hours should increase and our equipment shops are up for the challenge. Please contact your district office if you know of any mechanics who wish to pursue a career with Local 18 and our signatory contractors.

We have ratified the RECO Equipment and Cleveland Crane & Shovel contracts and will be negotiating with Gibson Machinery by the time you read this.

I thank our Stewards who have represented our members throughout the years and those who have passed on their experience to the current Stewards. Your work has not gone unnoticed. Local 18 thanks you for your support.

By the time you read this we will have had our statewide Steward meeting that is always well attended. In addition, as a reminder, please attend the Steward Refresher meeting and encourage other members to participate. Check your district office for the times and dates.

Right-to-Work/Workplace Freedom☠ has no rights and has no freedom! It is a slogan to confuse the workforce. You already have rights to work and you are free to choose where you wish to work. Do not be confused that we choose to work union and collectively bargain for our benefits. American by Birth, Union by Choice.

Pipeline

Darrin Morgan

Kipton Siesel

Summer is right around the corner and pipeline jobs are keeping operators busy everywhere!

The Energy Transfer-Rover project has Precision Pipeline occupied with 598 miles of dual 42″ and 24″ pipe starting in southeast Ohio going northwest toward Toledo with 1,070 operators working mainline.

Northern Clearing has approximately 35 miles in Wayne, Tuscarawas and Carroll counties for right-of-way clearing. There are also 23 miles in Belmont County, 28 miles in Henry, Fulton and Defiance counties and 56 miles in Seneca, Richland and Crawford counties.

Right-of-Way Clearing and Maintenance has 48 miles in Belmont, Monroe and Noble counties. Pretec Directional Drilling has 44,317 feet of horizontal drilling in various locations for this project. PeBen will be doing all the stringing work and V.E.C. will have 15 meter stations throughout the Rover project. Subcontractors on the project include SPS (sheet piling), Micon (dewatering), Michels Directional Drilling (36″ Ohio River bore), Atlas Trenchless (HDD), Oz Directional Drilling (2,000 feet 40″), Indianhead Pipeline Services (foam breakers, buoyancy control and seeding), HDD (multiple 42″ HDD Bores), Northern Clearing (20 miles of clearing), and Right-of-Way Clearing and Maintenance (262 miles right-of-way clearing).

Apex Pipeline Services will be building five meter stations in Hocking County. Integrity Kokosing Pipeline Services is working for Columbia Pipeline Group on valve replacement in 41 locations across 70 miles of right-of-way in Holmes, Wayne, Stark and Carroll counties.

U.S. Pipeline has 55 miles of 42″ pipeline in Monroe, Belmont, Harrison and Carroll counties. Letourneau Enterprises will be doing all of the right-of-way clearing. Dunn Transportation & Stringing was awarded a contract for approximately 75 miles of 42″ and 30″ pipe for the U.S. Pipeline project, along with SPS (sheet piling), MDS Boring & Drilling (2,300 feet of 42″ bore), Laney Directional Drilling (4,000 feet HDD bore), Hoover Construction (drilling and blasting) and Pipesak (2,000 super sacks) as subcontractors.

Price Gregory International has 45 miles of 36″ pipeline in Monroe and Noble counties. Supreme Industries will be doing all right-of-way clearing for this job. Subcontractors include Southeast Directional Drilling (5,275 feet) and Penn Line Services (20 miles of hydro seeding).

Minnesota Limited has started work on the Utopia Line (122 miles of 12″). Subcontractors are Brandenburg Drainage (clearing), Ellingson Trenchless (27,000 feet horizontal drilling) and TG Mercer Consulting Services (stringing work).

Welded Construction continues working on 54 miles of 20″ new pipeline for Sunoco in Harrison and Jefferson counties.

J-Wood Contracting has started working on six miles of 20″ new lay for Antero Resources and 3,000 feet of 20″ and 16″ for Rice Energy in Monroe County.

Michels Pipeline has three miles of 36″ for Spectra Energy in Monroe County.

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Credit Union

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As of March 31, 2017 the assets of the Ohio Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union were $6,233,000 compared to $5,940,000 as of March 31, 2016.

Outstanding loans to Credit Union members total $3,420,000. Almost 60% – 58.4% – of deposits in the Credit Union are currently being used in low cost loans to members of Local 18 and their families.

The Credit Union now has discount tickets available to Cedar Point and Kings Island for the 2017 season. (See further information on page 37.) All tickets are available for purchase on our website and tickets for Cedar Point are available in the office. Kings Island is now working with a new company, TicketsAtWork.com, which also offers discounts for Walt Disney World, Sea World, Six Flags and many other vacation destinations. It also offers discounts on hotels, rental cars, theater and movie tickets. Links to all the information can be found on the Credit Union's website at www.ooefcu.org.

Please also remember to tell your Brothers & Sisters about the Credit Union. You're not just a member of the Credit Union, you're part of a family, and that's how we treat each and every one of our members.

Thank you for your continued support!

Ohio Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union

Retirees

Harold Pflager

As I begin my 20th year of retirement I can hardly believe the benefits I have received because I was a Union member.

Although I am not riding around in a $100,000 RV, or out on the lake in a $200,000 yacht, I am comfortable in my life. I am reminded of a quote by Edward Gillem that goes like this, "I am indeed rich, since my income is superior to my expense, and my expense is equal to my wishes."

I wonder sometimes how I arrived at this place in my life, being a person who generally worked with his hands.

I know my skill level in the industry was strong. I was capable of running many types of machinery and always willing to learn more. But that in itself does not produce the standard of my life. The fact I was a strong Union man, although important, does not entirely equate to my situation.

But the third item makes both the other two important and completes the reason for my success and that of many other members' similar success. That item is working with a contract. It is a contract negotiated by your Union officers that sets the living standard for each of our lives. Take away any of these three items and the standard will fall.

Good Union members who support their Union – capable, skilled, reliable workers and conditions regulated by a known contract, made my life successful as it will or has yours.

The Right-to-Work☠ people would like you to think you can get something for nothing and then convince you that you don't have to pay Union dues to get the benefits of Union membership.

When Union members buy this premise their standard of living begins to fall. They end up by losing $6,000 plus a year in increased earnings by being a loyal Union member, for savings of $1,000 a year in Union dues. Not a good exchange.

Additionally, as a Union loses its ability to negotiate good contracts because of a lack of funds and active members the standard of employment falls, wages and conditions decline and eventually all members become at will employees.

Remember, the only right you have as an at will employee is to quit. All other things that deal with your living standard and retirement are in the hands of the employer and are determined by his/her will.

My working life as an Operating Engineer ended 20 years ago, but my strong Union participation did not. I encourage all retired Union members to use this article to outline what Right-to-Work☠ does and does not do for the working person.

To the working members, stay strong in your Union membership and remember the benefits it will accord you in your working life and retirement.

District 1 — Cleveland

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District 1 is having a very busy work season. At the same time, remember to work safely and to take advantage of the training centers to keep certifications current, obtain new certifications and to upgrade skills to be qualified to fill the jobs as they become available.

Independence Excavating continues demoing the old East 72nd St. First Energy powerhouse and is still working on the pedestrian tunnel beneath the new 33-story downtown Cleveland Hilton Hotel. The company is also reconstructing Scranton Rd. in the Cleveland Flats with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving doing the paving.

Independence is rebuilding the Superior Ave. pump station with help from Super Excavators and SX Foundations on the east bank of the Flats.

On the west bank, Nerone & Sons is constructing the Centennial Trail for the Cleveland Metroparks. Moretrench is assisting Great Lakes Construction on the Canal Rd. bridge repair in the Flats.

Karvo Paving will be resurfacing I-90 in Cleveland and also I-480 in Brooklyn. Perk is rehabilitating Cedar Rd. in Cleveland Hts., with Shelly doing the milling and paving. C. A. Agresta is rehabilitating Noble Rd. in Cleveland Hts., with Carron Asphalt Paving doing the milling and paving.

Construction of the new CSU engineering building near East 24th St. and Chester Ave. has members working for Precision Engineering & Contracting, Platform Cement, General Crane and All Crane.

"The Edge," a CSU housing project near East 18th St. and Prospect Ave., has EJS Construction manning two house elevators and Sitetech doing mass excavation for the parking garage. Subsurface Constructors did the stone column foundations for Sitetech and McKinney Drilling did the soldier piles for the shoring of the excavation.

Walsh Construction continues working on the new Easterly tunnel dewatering pump station near the Shoreway and East 140th St. Vandra Brothers Construction is doing full depth repairs and complete resurfacing of East 152nd St. in the Collinwood neighborhood of Cleveland.

Work on the Dugway storage tunnel is ongoing near East 140th St. in Cleveland keeping Salini Impregilo Healy JV, Triad Engineering, Marra Services and Northstar Contracting very busy on the new tunnel and shafts. Hopefully by the time you read this, Salini Impregilo Healy JV's massive tunnel boring machine will be in operation.

Another tunnel project, the Doan Valley storage tunnel at I-90 and East 140th has been awarded by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and should be starting about the time you read this. This project will be constructed by McNally/Kiewit DVT JV and will provide work for years to come for members.

McNally Tunneling continues shaft excavations and mining at the Dugway South sewer on Cleveland's east side, with DiGioia Suburban Excavating doing the open-cut sewers. Newly signed Ward & Burke Tunneling is doing the Westerly low level relief sewer on River Rd. and Elm Ave. on the west bank of the Flats, with Nerone & Sons doing the pump station rehabilitation.

Triad/McNally JV continues shaft excavations and mining operations at the East 140th St. consolidated sewer project that, once completed, will dump into the Dugway storage tunnel. Fabrizi Trucking & Paving has the open-cut sewers on this project. Marra Services will be starting work on the Kingsbury Run sewer project on Kinsman Rd., on East 117th St. and on East 149th St. in Cleveland.

Kokosing Construction continues working on the clarifier tanks at the Euclid wastewater treatment plant, where its tower crane continues running concrete. Kokosing also has ongoing tank work and upgrades at the Southerly wastewater treatment plant and will be starting the second stage of the lift station at the Southerly plant, the I-77/I-490/Broadway Ave. bridge repair in Cleveland and the I-77 South ramp widening.

Shook Construction is starting new sludge pit rehabilitation at the Southerly plant.

Cleveland Cement Contractors, Howard Concrete Pumping, Chieftain Trucking and KMU Trucking & Excavating are busy building the 20-story One University Circle luxury apartment complex and parking garage at Stokes Blvd. and Euclid Ave. in University Circle. House elevators have been erected and are being operated by Burkshire Construction.

Work on Phase I of the Opportunity Corridor continues with Perk, McTech and Mr. Excavator on the project which will connect I-490 to the University Circle area once all three phases are complete.

Phase II is now underway with Great Lakes getting started. Subcontractors Lightning Contractors, B & B Wrecking & Excavating and Chieftain Trucking are doing the demo and the underground. Phase III is out for bid.

The new "Centric" site in Little Italy is a mixed-use project with close to 300 apartments, retail space and a parking garage. Chieftain Trucking has the site work and Cleveland Cement Contractors the concrete.

Members are working on the new Cleveland Clinic/CWRU Health & Education campus at East 100th St. and Euclid Ave. Forest City Erectors has erected the steel and is operating the house elevators, Independence Excavating is on site work and Howard Concrete Pumping continues to pump concrete.

J. D. Williamson continues constructing a pedestrian bridge over I-90 near East 185th St. Marra Services is rebuilding a dam on Euclid Creek near East 185th and the East Shoreway.

Aggravo is working for Burton Scot Contractors building a parking area for the Collinwood athletic complex on East 152nd St. Burton Scot is also doing runway and safety area improvements at the Cuyahoga County Airport in Richmond Hts., concrete repairs at various locations for the city of Westlake and resurfacing of East 71st St. in Cleveland.

R. J. Platten is still busy doing site work for the Linked @ 59 doctors' office site in Cleveland at East 59th and Euclid Ave.

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District 2 — Toledo

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With last year's work picture leaving us with the feeling it couldn't get much better, 2017 has rolled in with one of the best work outlooks in Local 18 history.

With new construction and turnaround work at both auto plants, a major expansion at Toledo Hospital, a new Promedica headquarters building downtown, an ongoing power plant construction project, and record pipeline construction in District 2, it looks like 2017 is going to be one for the record books.

With that being said, Mosser has begun work reconstructing a bridge on S.R. 51 in Lucas County. The company will replace the concrete deck and abutment backwalls and install an aesthetic vandal protection fence.

Kokosing's work continues on the I-75 major reconstruction in the county. Currently the northbound lanes are routed onto lanes that will be the southbound side. That pattern will remain in effect until sometime in the early summer when northbound lanes are ready for traffic. After that, southbound I-75 will be moved to its side of the new bridges and existing southbound I-75 will be rebuilt and transformed into those lanes as an exit and entrance lane for I-280. The project has a completion date of June, 2018.

Barton Malow is currently working at the GM Powertrain expansion. It is working on a 551,000 square foot addition to the west end of the existing facility as well as on a 100,000 square foot addition to the south of the existing facility. Together the additions will increase the facility's total footprint by one-third.

Black and Veatch is nearing completion of its Oregon Clean Energy Plant project. This included construction of an 800 megawatt natural gas fired power plant with two modern gas turbines and one steam turbine. The plant is expected to be completed and operational by mid-June.

Land has been acquired by the city, and there have been talks of building a carbon copy of this plant to the south of this new facility.

In Wood County, E.S. Wagner continues working on ODOT's S.R. 25/I-475 interchange reconstruction. The existing interchange is being developed into a diverging diamond interchange configuration. This is the type of interchange in which the two directions of traffic on the non-freeway road cross to the opposite side on both sides of the bridge at the freeway. This is a significant improvement in safety, since no long turns must clear opposing traffic and all movements are discrete, with most controlled by traffic signals.

Kokosing Construction has begun the mainline pavement reconstruction on the Ohio Turnpike in Sandusky County. This work consists of removing 5.90 miles of pavement in the right two eastbound lanes and shoulder. Bridge maintenance work includes abutment slabs, approach slabs and other associated concrete repairs.

Kokosing is close to completing the Ottawa River storage basin project. The 36-million gallon CSO basin has been completed and is currently being backfilled. Other work currently being performed is construction of the pump station that will catch the heavy overflow and send it to the wastewater treatment plant as the water recedes.

Promedica Toledo Hospital has broken ground on its state-of-the-art Generations of Care tower project. The project is expected to employ more than 1,000 local construction workers. Tower construction began in January and will wrap up with placement of the last beam during the fall of 2017.

Work will continue for another two years as mechanical, electrical and pumping systems are installed, new parking lots are built and interior and exterior finishes are completed. The new tower is expected to open for care by the end of 2019.

Maxim Crane currently has two tower cranes on site. Other contractors on site are Capital City Crane, Miller Brothers, Granger, Dave Zimmerman Contractor, Sherman Excavating, Great Lakes Demolition and Eagle Excavating.

E.S. Wagner continues working on the International Park storage basin at the city-owned park located on the east side of the Maumee River. The construction of the 6.9-million gallon storage facility includes a 5.2-million gallon storage basin, pump station, two diversion/screening structures and associated 84" and 108" conveyance piping.

Helms & Sons Excavating is finishing its sidewalk replacement on Cable St. in Lima. This project continued to keep a couple operators busy to date.

Eagle Bridge is repairing several bridges on I-75 and S.R. 103 in Allen County by replacing bridge decks, guardrail and asphalt, and making any other needed structural repairs.

In Hicksville, Vernon Nagel is replacing storm sewers on Bryan, Main and Beech streets. Geddis Paving will resurface the pavement, Smith Paving will repair all concrete and K&R Landscape will do any seeding/landscaping. Also in Hicksville, UUI is replacing sanitary sewer and water main and making drainage improvements along Clearview Drive and Haver Drive at the Clearview Subdivision. Smith Paving will repair any concrete and Gerken Paving will lay new asphalt.

Bryan Excavating is working on the Defiance County Evansport pump station replacement which entails replacing the existing wet well/dry well with a new concrete submersible pump station, controls and miscellaneous piping. This project should be complete in early July.

In Hancock County, Beaver Excavating was awarded the next phase of the I-75 third lane reconstruction. Orange barrels are already back on I-75 in the Findlay corridor from the S.R. 15/I-75 interchange north to C.R. 99.

This will be a three-year project with nearly one million cubic yards of dirt being moved to construct the expanded highway right-of-way and new bridge ramps, Shelly & Sands will reconstruct the north two miles of this project, replacing one box culvert and widening I-75. Vermillion Tree performed the clearing, Cuyahoga Fence removed the existing fence and will install a new one when needed and Ebony Construction will mill all the asphalt. Shelly and Ebony will share the resurfacing responsibilities, Lake Erie Construction will install signs and guardrails as needed and Deitering Landscape will perform all seeding and landscaping.

Miller Brothers Construction is finishing its I-75 third lane project just north of C.R. 99 to approximately the North Baltimore exit. All major reconstruction was completed last year with only Shelly and Lake Erie putting their finishing touches on this project.

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District 3 — Columbus

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Work in Franklin and the surrounding counties is in full swing with many new and ongoing projects employing numerous Operating Engineers.

The I-270/U.S. Rt. 33 interchange in Dublin with Complete General on the job has all lanes now open. Remaining work is the very extensive landscaping package being performed by Complete General and John Loehner. Buds and MP Dory have been working on various sections of the I-270 barrier wall and signage upgrades.

There was a fatal fiery tanker wreck over the winter that shut down and caused significant damage to eastbound U.S. Rt. 33 to the northbound I-270 bridge. As a result, the bridge had to be repaired which is extending the completion date slightly.

At the I-270/S.R. 315 interchange, George J. Igel and Ruhlin joint venture are completing improvements that tie into their I-270/U.S. Rt. 23 project. Among several subcontractors on this job are Shelly, Follow the River, Toledo Caisson, STI Construction and All Crane. Because of an aggressive work schedule this job will be completed this year ahead of schedule.

Complete General was low bidder on the major reconstruction of I-70 at I-270 on the west side of Columbus from Wilson Rd. past Rome-Hilliard Rd. It includes several bridges, lane additions and sound walls. All traffic is currently using the westbound lanes. Demo of the eastbound lanes resumed in mid-January. Shelly, Cem-Base and Strawser Paving are some of the subs.

On I-71 South in the Grove City area, Shelly & Sands was low bidder on a lane addition which includes a new bridge over White Rd. and a new noise wall.

The city of Columbus has several treatment plant projects underway. Kokosing has been at the Hap Cremean water treatment plant for the past three years with tank replacements and facility upgrades. The company continues working on the Dublin Rd. water treatment plant expansion. Work on this plant has been let out in four phases with Kokosing being awarded all four phases. Kokosing was also low bidder on the Parsons Ave. water treatment plant expansion, with work to finish this year.

The city's OARS tunnel project has been underway for more than five years and employed three dozen Operating Engineers who have been working three shifts. Kenny-Obayashi has the contract to build the 4.4 mile long by 22-foot diameter tunnel that will separate the city's storm sewage for treatment.

On September 4, 2015, the tunnel boring machine finally saw daylight again as it reached the final shaft at Neal Ave. Work is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. During the course of the past five years, the project employed more than 60 operators at its peak.

The Blacklick Sewer Interceptor was bid in March, 2016 and was awarded to Michels/Jay Dee joint venture under the name Blacklick Constructors. This is a four-mile long tunnel on the east side of Franklin County which should take three years to complete.

George J. Igel has all the site work and is excavating two shafts at the launch site. Capitol Tunneling has a 120-foot long by 12-foot diameter road bore being dug by hand on the project. Igel started mining the second week in April and started a second 10-hour shift at that time.

Elsewhere throughout Columbus, Danbert is working for AEP on electrical upgrades to duct banks and vaults. The company is also installing water lines and doing some street reconstruction off Hudson St. downtown for the city of Columbus.

Also in downtown Columbus, S.G. Loewendick is busy demolishing some of the older buildings for Lifestyles Communities. The developer's plan is for construction of a 10-story building with retail shops and residential living above.

Three new offices and a parking garage are planned for Children's Hospital this year. One of the office buildings is already under construction on Livingston Ave., as is the parking garage with McDaniels and Maxim Crane on site.

George J. Igel is on a parking garage project at COSI, that when finished will have two levels underground and a park on the surface. The company drove 880 sheets of piling and excavated 35 feet deep. Igel also has the concrete package.

The outlook for work in Franklin County is incredible with several large projects to bid out plus ongoing work.

There has been a great deal going on in Delaware County. Igel has started work on S.R. 315 in Powell, drilling 1,200 holes for piling on a slip repair. KD Complete Clearing did the clearing and Park Drilling drilled holes for AEP to relocate its power lines. Miller Pipeline had several crews working around Powell, replacing gas lines for Columbia Gas.

Trucco Construction is working on a new water line from the O'Shaughnessy Reservoir to Clark Shaw Rd. in Powell that will be around 40-feet deep in some places. Peterson Industries is building the pump station with Michels Tunneling boring 216 feet out into the reservoir.

Igel and Kokosing both worked on the new Gemini Parkway and Worthington Rd. connection in Polaris. Kenmore Construction will be widening and adding turn lanes on Old State Rd. between E. Powell Rd. and Polaris Pkwy.

Double Z has two intersection widening projects underway. One is at County Line Rd. in Westerville and the other is at Worthington and Big Walnut roads in Lewis Center.

Igel has a design build bridge project on county roads 49 and 255 outside of Sunbury.

In Union County, Dew Excavating and Park Enterprise did the site and underground work on a housing development on Creekview Drive in Marysville. On S.R. 31, also in Marysville, Double Z is working on a bridge deck replacement and Shelly will be repaving the road.

Elsewhere in the city, Ruhlin is working on bridge deck replacements on S.R. 42 and Brock and Scottslawn roads.

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District 4/5 — Franklin

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The early spring rain in District 4/5 made somewhat of an on-again, off-again start, but it did not stop the orange construction barrels from blooming. ODOT, county engineers and MSD have been generous to the district as have the building trades, as well as NMA projects that carried on through the winter, with several more getting ready to start.

Southwestern Counties

In Hamilton County, Rack and Ballauer continues working for the Hamilton County Engineers, with a minor road widening on Pippin Rd. that includes a new storm sewer and curb.

Kokosing Construction kept operators busy on the Martin Luther King Drive/I-71 project in Cincinnati. Scheduled for this year will be to complete the new ramps from Martin Luther King and East McMillan St. to I-71, as well as installing new storm sewer, completing the subgrade and installing a concrete water way behind the retaining walls.

John R. Jurgensen is also working on this job and will be responsible for laying the asphalt. Kokosing has switched traffic, and is currently working on the deck placement for I-71 over Eggleston Ave.

The company has a minor road widening on Martin Luther King Drive at Dixmyth Ave. in Cincinnati that includes installation of a new storm sewer and sidewalks.

Queen City Ave. is undergoing a water main replacement, with the work being performed by Ford Development. Turn Key Tunneling is completing the road bores.

There are many construction projects in Butler County. Jurgensen continues to haul in dirt to the Hamilton Crossings project, a new overpass that crosses the CSX tracks that run along Pleasant Ave. The company will move Pleasant Ave. west for a new intersection at the top of the overpass. In addition, the company is also starting to lay storm sewer pipe.

Ford Development is putting the finishing touches on the River Rd. water main replacement in Hamilton. The company has replaced more than 10,000 feet of cast iron duct tile water main.

Eagle Bridge has started widening the Pershing Ave. bridge deck in Hamilton with Hydrotech slated to hydro blast the bridge deck surface for a new surface. Eagle Bridge is also working on a total bridge replacement on S.R. 126 and Cochran Rd.

Northern Kentucky

R.B. South has several crews staying busy with an SD1, working in various locations throughout the region. The company will be replacing outdated sewer lines for both commercial and residential services. This project is expected to keep Operating Engineers busy for several years.

Coppage Construction is working on a warehouse building expansion on Turfway Rd. and Aero Parkway, in Florence. The company is spreading top soil and performing various other finishing touches to the property. Coppage has also picked up a new parking lot project at the industrial park on Transport Drive in Walton.

Nelson Stark has moved more than 450,000 yards of dirt, and will be installing the entire pipe package for two new warehouses on Litton Lane in Hebron. Capital City Crane is setting the pre-cast panels, with Tri-State and Maxim Crane Works setting the roof trusses.

Hayes Drilling is drilling foundation for a new building at an existing manufacturing facility in Walton. Evers Steel Construction is setting forms and pouring concrete.

Northwestern Counties

Miller Brothers is at the Fort Loramie State Park in Shelby County where it has excavated 14,000 cubic yards of dirt and driven 4,000 square feet of sheet piling for a new spillway. Over the summer it will be installing more than 300,000 pounds of rebar, and then pouring more than 3,000 cubic yards of concrete for the spillway.

CJ Mahan has an ongoing project at the Indian Lake spillway in Logan County. Half of the existing spillway has been demolished, and the company then started forming and pouring concrete for the first half of the new spillway.

At the Country Estates in Tipp City, Kinnison Excavating is installing 15,000 feet of eight-inch plastic sanitary sewer pipe, and installing 26 new manholes. After completion of this first phase, it will continue installing new eight-inch ductile iron water main along with more than 10,000 feet of new one-inch copper pipe, for residential services.

John R. Jurgensen finished a runway project at the Moraine Airpark. There were 60,000 square yards of milling done with 5,000 tons of new asphalt laid.

In Dayton, Kokosing continues working on I-75 southbound to the U.S. Rt. 35 Westbound ramp. In mid-summer, Buckeye Concrete Pumping will be on site pumping concrete for the new 1,200-foot long, 30-foot wide, 8½ inch thick bridge deck. After the new deck has cured, the company will start on new bridge parapet walls.

Complete General is working on I-75 northbound to the U.S. Rt. 35 eastbound ramp in Dayton. In April, the existing 330-foot bridge deck was removed. The company has been placing rebar, getting ready to pour the new bridge deck.

Eagle Bridge kept a number of Operating Engineers busy throughout the spring on the Helena St. bridge project, also in Dayton. A total of 130 16" round tube piles have been driven into the abutments and the center pier. Buckeye Concrete Pumping has been on site doing the pump work. Both bridge abutments have been completed, and the company is finishing the center pier.

Barrett Paving has started a greenscape project on Shroyer Rd. in Kettering. It will remove a turn lane to accommodate new landscape islands which will be installed by Tri-State Concrete. Welfle will be milling more than 80,000 square yards of asphalt, and Barrett Paving will self-perform the paving portion of the project.

Complete General is working on U.S. Rt. 35 over the Great Miami River in Dayton. This four-phase bridge overlay project kept Hydrotech busy throughout the summer with more than 10,000 square yards of hydro demolition per phase. Ebony Construction is doing the concrete milling for each of the phases. After the deck surface is prepped, Complete General will overlay the existing deck with a latex mixture.

In Centerville, John R. Jurgensen is working on the city-wide asphalt rehabilitation project. There are 85,000 square feet of milling and 8,000 tons of asphalt to be laid.

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District 6 — Akron

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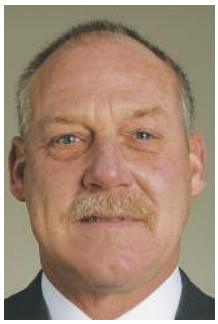

Mike Cramer
Organizer

Work in District 6 is at an all time high with more than 1,000 miles of pipe to be put in the ground on various pipelines and many highway and building projects in the works. The demand for highly trained and skilled Operating Engineers has never been higher.

In Portage County, Kenmore Construction continues pavement work and utilities at the Summit St. roundabout in Kent.

Chieftain Trucking & Excavating has ongoing site work and utilities at the Kent Police and Administration Building, with Xtreme Elements pouring the cement and General Crane handling the hoisting.

Don Wartko is installing 8,600 feet of distribution pipeline for Dominion on S.R. 43 in Kent. W.G. Tomko is installing and excavating for utilities at the Kent State University administration building.

Xtreme Elements is pouring sidewalks and building floors at the law administration building at The University of Akron in Summit County.

Shelly & Sands is repairing an erosion slip at I-271 South in Richfield. The company continues storm sewer and pavement replacement at the S.R. 18/I-77 intersection in Fairlawn.

Canal Construction has a building addition and water line work at the district sewer office on Akron Peninsula Rd. At the Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel on Cuyahoga St. in Akron, Kenny Obayashi is preparing for the arrival of the tunnel boring machine and continues shaft excavation, with Kenmore working on above-ground excavation.

Beaver Excavating continues construction at the Long Lake Dam at Portage Lakes. Mr. Excavator is working on the site excavation for the Ellet High School in Akron. Snavely Construction and Platform Cement are constructing a new building at a site on Interstate Parkway in Richfield, and hauling the material to the Local 18 Richfield Training Center for its new building addition.

S.E.T. Construction is installing the storm sewer and catch basin on a S.R. 91 project in Stow. Lockhart has started work on Phase III of Akron's Freedom Trail.

Building work in Akron and Barberton this year looks to be busy with additional work and new construction to start this year for Cleveland Clinic and Summa Health Systems.

Don Wartko has started installing distribution gas line for Dominion in Cuyahoga Falls.

D.R.S. has 8,900 feet of distribution work on S.R. 91 in Twinsburg. Kenmore continues paving on the U.S. Rt. 224 major widening in Akron. Great Lakes Construction has started excavating at the Rack 22 C.S.O. project on Cuyahoga St. in Akron, with Grout Systems on site sheeting and drilling tie backs.

Great Lakes also has started staging building materials at the Akron sewer treatment plant on Akron Peninsula Rd. Mr. Excavator and Xtreme Elements are building the site for the new Select Medical Building on S.R. 18 in Fairlawn.

Lockhart Construction is well underway with the Firestone School demolition and has been awarded the site package. Shelly & Sands continues drilling caissons and driving piling at the central interchange on S. Main St. in Akron. Utility Installation continues with the demolition and reconstruction of the Wolf Ledges bridge.

Carroll County Constructors continues constructing the cooling building at the Carroll County energy facility. Utility Contractors has water line improvements on S.R. 9 in Carrollton. Central Allied is nearing completion of the S.R. 43 intersection widening in Malvern and was awarded the S.R. 9 intersection widening in Carrollton.

Apex Landfill in Amsterdam has increased the amount of trash it takes in so it has increased the number of operators to around 100 members covering about 1,200 acres. Miller Pipeline is working on a gas line installation and residential house connections in Carrollton.

In Stark County, at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, work has been good on the demolition and building the new south stands and press box. Beaver Excavating and All Crane have operators setting the steel. Beaver should be breaking ground for the new four-star hotel and conference building after the Hall of Fame football game in August.

The city is demoing and clearing the area for the sports and entertainment complex. Beaver is creating two additional football fields at this time to bring the total to five fields at this point. Reumac Stabilization is doing the dirt stabilization on the fields. The total project is expected to cover 100 acres.

Elsewhere in Canton, Central Allied has operators installing water and sewer lines, new curbs and sidewalks and widening Market St. from 55th St. to Applegrove St. Shook Construction has operators at the Canton wastewater treatment plant and at the Massillon wastewater plant installing new tanks and piping.

1127 Construction has crews at Market St. and off Fohl Rd. installing 4,500 feet of new gas line for Dominion. Kinsey Excavating has operators on Market St. installing 1,000 feet of gas lines also for Dominion. Miller Pipeline has operators replacing 3,000 feet of gas line in Alliance for Columbia Gas. DRS Drilling has

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SETTING new billboards for All Crane on S.R. 8 are Colin Cress and Bob Brown (l-r).

RULES FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION – 2017 GENERAL ELECTION

Rules for the nomination and election of Officers and Members of the Executive Board of Local 18 and its branches, and for the nomination and election of District Advisory Board members from the five Districts of Local 18 and its branches.

CONDUCT AND SUPERVISION

1. The ten (10) members of the Election Committee, elected at the March, 2017 District Membership meetings, plus the Chairman appointed by the Business Manager, held their first meeting March 18, 2017 to formulate rules and to supervise the nomination and election of Officers, Executive Board members and District Advisory Board members, in accordance with the International Constitution and in accordance with Article XIII of the Local 18 Bylaws.

All meetings of the Election Committee are executive meetings. A quorum of the Election Committee consists of six (6) members.

2. Proper notification had been given to all members that the Election Committee would be elected – two (2) members from each District – and that nominations for Officers, Executive Board and District Advisory Board of Local 18 would be made at the regular district meetings on June 12, 2017. These notices were published in the "*Buckeye Engineer.*" The June 12, 2017 District membership meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. at the following addresses:

District No. 1 – 3515 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115
District No. 2 – 2412 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43614
District No. 3 – 1188 Dublin Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43215
District No. 4/5 – 3860 Towne Blvd., Franklin, Ohio 45005
District No. 6 – 1721 Triplett Blvd., Akron, Ohio 44306

3. In accordance with provisions of Article XIII, Section 10 of the Local Union Bylaws, the Election Committee has engaged the services of Graff, Ballauer & Blanski, P.C., C.P.A.s together with the law firm Baum Sigman Auerbach & Neuman, Ltd. to assist in the conduct of the election. The C.P.A.s and attorneys under the direction of the Election Committee, shall carry out the election procedures and operations. They shall assist the Election Committee in determining from the Local Union's records, the eligibility of nominees for office and the eligibility of members to receive ballots. Questions as to election procedures should be addressed to Graff, Ballauer & Blanski, P.C., Two Northfield Plaza, Suite 200, Northfield, IL 60093. Their telephone number is 1-847-881-2540. The direct E-Mail address is info@gbbcpa.com.

The tallying of computerized paper ballots shall be carried out by TrueBallot, Inc. at the Local 18, I.U.O.E. headquarters office in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 26, 2017.

OFFICES TO BE FILLED

4. In accordance with the Bylaws of Local 18, I.U.O.E., the Officers to be elected shall be: Business Manager, President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, and from each District, three (3) representatives to the Executive Board. In addition to these Constitutional Officers, there shall be elected three (3) Auditors, a Conductor and a Guard. The term of office of the foregoing officers shall be three (3) years.

5. There shall be twenty-two (22) Advisory Board members to be elected in each of the five (5) Districts of Local 18 who shall represent the following interests insofar as said interests are represented within the District: Local 18, Local 18A, Local 18B, Local 18C, Local 18G, Local 18S, Local 18RA, Building Construction, River and Lake Construction, Heavy Construction, Paving Construction, Excavating Construction, Sewer Construction, Supply Yard Dealers, Equipment Dealers, State Employees, County Employees, City Employees, Sand and Gravel Employees, Slag Pit Employees, Scrap Yard Employees and Plant Stationary Maintenance Engineers. These twenty-two (22) members, together with the District Representative and District Business Agents, will comprise the Advisory Board of the District. The term of office of Advisory Board members shall be three (3) years.

ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION

6. To be eligible for election as an Officer, Executive Board member or Advisory Board member, a member of Local Union 18 and its branches must have been a member of the Local Union for a period of not less than two (2) years immediately prior to the election. In addition, to be eligible for election, a member must have been in continuous good standing for a period of one (1) year preceding the month of nomination. However, to be eligible for election to the office of Business Manager, a member must have been a member in continuous good standing for a period of two (2) years preceding the month of nomination. In order to be a member in continuous good standing, dues must have been paid within the thirty (30) day grace period, pursuant to Article XXIV, Subdivision 7, Section (c) of the International Constitution.

The eligibility of the members of Local 18 and its branches who are candidates for Officers, Executive Board members and District Advisory Board members to be nominated, elected and hold office, shall be established under, and consistent with, the eligibility rules contained in the Constitution of the International Union of Operating Engineers, or subsequent rule changes by the General Executive Board, and in the Bylaws of I.U.O.E. Local 18.

7. Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 12 of the Local Union Bylaws, to be eligible for nomination at the June District Membership meeting, candidates for the office of Business Manager, President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, Auditor, Conductor, and Guard, must each secure on Nomination Petitions provided by the Election Committee, the signatures of a minimum of 200 members or the signatures of two percent (2%) of the entire membership, whichever is less. To be eligible for nomination to the position of Executive Board at the June District membership meeting, Executive Board candidates must each secure on Nomination Petitions provided by the Election Committee the signatures of a minimum of 200 of their respective District members or the signatures of two percent (2%) of their respective District membership, whichever is less. The signed Nomination Petitions must be submitted to the chairman of the District membership meeting at the time of nomination at the June 12 District membership meeting.

A nominee must submit a separate petition for each office that he or she is running for. Also, slate petitions are not permitted. Nomination Petitions will be available to members making a request in person in any of the five District Offices on and after April 3, 2017. Petitions will also be available to members on or after April 3, 2017 through a written request to the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of the Union, by certified mail at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. The request must include the requesting member's register number or alternatively the member's last four digits of his or her social security number, and whether it is for union wide or Executive Board office for which the Petitions are requested. The Petitions will be sent to the member's home address. Nomination Petitions will not be made available to candidates prior to April 3, 2017.

Members requesting Petitions for union-wide office shall be initially given at least 20 Petitions, enough for 400 signatures. Since members requesting Petitions for Executive Board need the signatures of 2% of the respective District membership, they shall initially be given 6 Petitions. If a member comes back and/or requests a reasonable additional amount, the request shall be complied with. The District Office staff employee responsible for Petition distribution shall request confirmation of membership status of the member requesting the Petitions. Under no circumstances shall Petitions be given to non-members or suspended/expelled members or owner-operator members. Instructions for completing and filling out the Petition are printed on the back of the Nomination Petitions.

In accordance with Rule 20, Petitions for any particular candidate shall not be displayed or circulated on Union property during business hours, except in Union parking lots or at Union membership meetings. The District Offices shall maintain sufficient control of the Petitions in order to prevent anyone from removing all of the available supply and thereby affecting the ability of other members to get Petitions. Members are advised that they can make additional copies of both sides of the Nomination Petitions. The District Offices may copy both sides of the Petitions on the Districts' copy machine or at an outside copy service and make them available to the members.

In the event a signature on a Nomination Petition fails to meet one of the following criteria (1) the signature lacks a valid register number, or (2) the signature lacks the last 4 digits of a valid social security number, the signature will be deemed invalid. Signatures failing to meet the criteria do not invalidate the entire Petition.

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M&B Asphalt has had a successful off season by picking up several resurfacing projects in Hancock and Seneca counties which will keep their operators busy.

Also in Seneca County, BCC-Ohio is working on a S.R. 53 bridge replacement. The deck will be hydro-demolished by Hydro-Tech, and then an overlay will be poured. Smith Paving will be replacing any concrete items and Lake Erie will be installing guardrail and a vandal protection fence. This project has a completion date of July 7.

On the pipeline front, District 2 is dispatching manpower to Precision Pipeline for spread "D" of the Rover pipeline, which is warehousing in North Baltimore. This spread is a dual lay 42" National Gas pipeline that begins at S.R. 587 just south of Fostoria and runs west to Defiance.

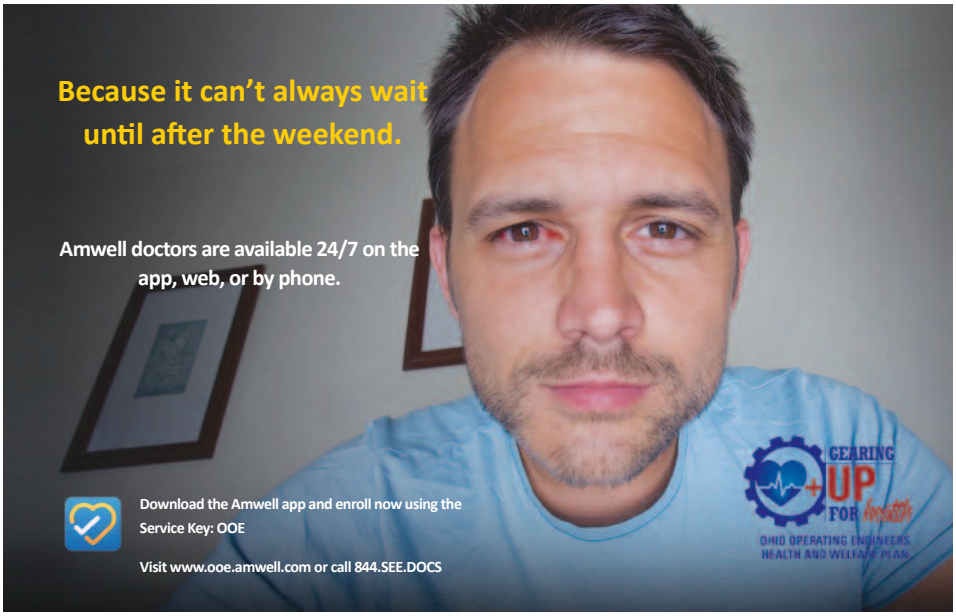
The dual lay stops before it reaches the compressor station off S.R. 66 north of Defiance and turns into a single lay 42". It exits the compressor and runs north/northeast into Michigan. A good portion of the right-of-way should be complete, and the ditching and tie-in crews are hard at it. Pretech & Michaels Directional Crossing are performing the HDDs working seven days around the clock. At peak, Precision Pipeline will employ approximately 250 Operating Engineers on this spread, which has a tentative completion date of November 1.

From the District 2 staff we wish you a fruitful and safe work season in 2017.

REMOVING robots for GEM at the Toledo Jeep plant is Jason Hill.

TAKING DOWN signs for Lake Erie Construction on S.R. 25 in Perrysburg is Curtis Markley.

MILLING S.R. 53 in Ottawa County is Michael Johnson working for Ebony Construction.



Safety tips for highway work zone workers

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) reports that every year, approximately 100 workers are killed and another 20,000 workers are injured in highway and street construction accidents. Data from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) reveals that 55% of these fatalities occur within the work zone area itself.

Flaggers and workers on foot face the greatest risk of being struck by vehicles or construction equipment since they are often invisible to motorists or equipment operators. Those workers who operate construction equipment are most likely injured by collision, overturning equipment or being caught in running equipment.

Most highway work zone workers frequently operate in conditions involving low light, reduced visibility, poor weather or vehicle congested areas.

How Workers Can Protect Themselves from Injury

The following are some of the best safety tips that a worker can adopt to protect

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Also, if there are a sufficient number of signatures on a petition, except the number of signatures does not include enough members in good standing as of March 31, 2017, the nominee will be contacted as described in the next paragraph, with an opportunity and procedure to provide more signatures that are valid to cure the deficiency.

These notifications will be mailed via regular and Certified – Return Receipt on or before June 20, 2017. The nominee will then have an opportunity to submit additional petitions/signatures for validation. The additional petitions/signatures must be received by the Certified Public Accountants of the Election Committee, Graff, Ballauer & Blanski, P.C., 2 Northfield Plaza, Suite 200, Northfield, IL 60093 on or before 5:00 p.m. CDST, July 7, 2017.

8. Nominations will take place at the regular District meetings on the night of June 12, 2017. The names of all candidates must have been placed in nomination by a member in good standing. Nominations must be accompanied by a written submission of each nominator's and nominee's name and register number to avoid uncertainty or ambiguity. Election Committee members present from that District can visually inspect said written submissions. The Election Committee members of each district shall supervise and assist in conducting the nomination of candidates for Officers, Executive Board members and Advisory Board members in their district. The Chairman of the District meeting shall be responsible for aiding the nominator in providing the necessary register number or other form of identification of the nominee, if necessary.

At all District Membership meetings of Local 18 on the night of June 12, 2017 the Election Committee members present may appoint one (1) or more good standing members in attendance, but not to exceed three (3) including Election Committee members, to assist the two (2) Election Committee members in supervising and assisting in the nominations within that district of members to become candidates for Officers, Executive Board members and Advisory Board members.

If, neither of the members of the Election Committee for that district is present at the June 12, 2017 District Membership meeting, the Chairman of the District meeting shall appoint up to three (3) good standing members from the members present, to assist in the nominations.

9. No member who is an owner-operator, an employer contractor, or other bona fide employer of members of Local Union 18 or its branches shall be considered eligible to run for office, to nominate members for office, or to vote for candidates in this 2017 General Election. An owner-operator is a member who owns either directly or indirectly (marriage and/or family) an economic interest in a business which engages in the work scope, as defined in any of the Local 18's collective bargaining agreements, utilizing any construction equipment described therein.

10. Members presently retired from the craft or on pension, as defined in Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Section (b) of the International constitution, and registered apprentice engineers, will not be eligible for nomination and election. However, they shall be entitled to vote if they meet the membership eligibility requirements to receive a ballot, and they shall be entitled to nominate candidates at the June District Membership meetings.

11. The district in which an Executive Board Member is nominated to serve must be his/her home district (district where their membership records are held) and, unless exempt under Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Subsection (b) of the Constitution of the International Union of Operating Engineers, they must have been continuously registered or referred to work from that district for one (1) year immediately prior to the month of nomination.

12. No member shall be eligible for election who has not, during the year – and in the case of one seeking the office of Business Manager, two (2) years – immediately prior to the month of nominations, been continuously employed at the trade, or who has not actively sought continuous employment at the trade. (This restriction, however, shall not apply to any member employed by or working for a Local Union or for the International Union, or who has been assigned by his Local Union or the International Union to perform work in furtherance of the interests of organized labor, in either case in a sufficiently time-consuming capacity so as to preclude meeting the requirement of continuous employment at the trade or active seeking of continuous employment at the trade.)

13. Retired members, as defined in Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Section (b) of the International constitution, who at least one (1) year, and in the case of one seeking the office of Business Manager, at least two (2) years, immediately prior to the month of nominations, have ceased to accept retirement benefits and returned, or actively and continuously sought to return, to full time work at the trade are eligible for election.

14. Within five (5) days after the nominations, the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall mail to each member nominated, notice of their nomination to be a candidate for office. The notification of nomination is mailed via regular and Certified-Return Receipt mail to the nominee's most recent mailing address in the Union's records. It is the nominee's responsibility to obtain his or her mail from such address, from the United States Postal Service or from the Recording-Corresponding Secretary. No member of Local 18 or its branches shall be eligible to be a candidate, nor be elected as an Officer, Executive Board member, or Advisory Board member, unless he or she shall have filed a written acceptance of nomination to office, or to position on the Advisory Board, with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of Local Union 18 within ten (10) days after having received the aforementioned written notice of nomination from the Recording-Corresponding Secretary.

The Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall read, or cause to be read, the name of each nominee and the office to which such nominee seeks election at each regularly scheduled Local Union General Membership and District Membership meeting held after receipt of the nominee's written acceptance of nomination.

15. The names of all nominees who have timely filed their acceptances of nominations for office shall be published in the "*Buckeye Engineer,*" and shall be posted in each District office. A subsequent list of all nominees declared eligible by the Election Committee, together with the office to which nominated, will be sent to each District office and there posted on the bulletin board, and published in the "*Buckeye Engineer.*"

16. A nominee whose name has been placed in nomination and who has accepted the nomination in writing can withdraw his or her name as a nominee, providing he or she does so by certified or registered mail, requesting withdrawal. This letter must be sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee, 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, and must be received on or before the close of business, July 14, 2017.

17. To be eligible for election, all bona fide nominees for Officer or Executive Board Member of Local 18, shall have been in regular attendance at all regularly scheduled Local Union 18 General Membership meetings, and their home District Membership meetings held after nomination and before August 7, 2017, subject however, to reasonable excuse based upon good cause such as working at the trade or on behalf of the union, physical incapacity or death in the immediate family. Such excuse must be communicated by the nominee in writing to the Chairman of the Election Committee at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, before the close of business on July 14, 2017, to be considered in determining eligibility. It is understood that informational meetings held in the District shall not be considered a regularly scheduled Local Union membership meeting or home District Membership meeting.

Each nominee for office shall be certified in attendance at the required meetings by the members of the Election Committee present at the meetings or if no Election Committee members are present, by the Chairman of the meeting.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CANDIDATES

18. Nominees will have the right to inspect, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, the membership records containing the names and last known addresses of all members, during the thirty (30) day period prior to July 31, 2017, not to exceed two (2) eight hour days, at the Local Union Headquarters, 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH. In order not to disrupt the normal operations of the business office of the Local Union, nominees will be assisted in their inspection by an employee of the Local Union who is familiar with the records of the organization. The request to inspect must be made by a bona fide nominee,

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Government plans $200 billion for infrastructure

President Donald Trump plans to propose spending about $200 billion in taxpayer dollars on an infrastructure development plan that would leverage private financing, his budget director said – adding that the plan won't be ready until this fall.

"We're certainly going to spend some money," Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney said. "The president wants a trillion dollars worth of work on the ground and we're going to give it to him."

The president has promised to pour money into U.S. roads, airports and other public works, but so far has disclosed few details about how he'd pay for the improvements, and how much of the money would come from public versus private sources.

Mulvaney said there might be a "5-to-1 sort of leverage ratio on that." His remarks suggested that the total spending would amount to $1 trillion, and Trump has consistently said he wants to invest $1 trillion over 10 years by leveraging private capital.

The plan is "in its early discussions" and won't be ready until the fall, Mulvaney said.

The timing is "still a little bit up in the air," depending on whether the infrastructure proposal moves alone or with another measure, DJ Gribbin, special assistant to the president on infrastructure policy, said earlier. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao has said that a plan could emerge in the third quarter.

The administration is using a "very broad" definition of infrastructure that includes veterans' hospitals and privatizing the air traffic-control system, Gribbin said. It has convened 16 federal agencies focused on identifying new "transformational" projects that create jobs and economic impact, finding existing projects that can be accelerated, targeting policies, regulations and statutes that need to be changed and reviewing funding and financing options.

Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell have said any infrastructure plan will need to rely on private funding to avoid adding to the deficit. Democrats and even some Republicans have argued that more direct federal spending is needed.

Public-private partnerships, for example, require a revenue stream such as tolls or regular tax payments that aren't feasible in rural and low-income areas or for refurbishments and other types of projects, critics say.

"The president has clearly indicated that there will be additional resources, but where the resources come from and what level of those resources is still being determined," Gribbin said.

The White House has said previously that all funding and financing options are being considered. Gary Cohn, director of the White House National Economic Council, has suggested using taxes on corporate profits returned from overseas, known as repatriation, as a source for infrastructure.

Representative John Delaney of Maryland, co-chairman of the New Democrat Coalition's Task Force on Infrastructure, has sponsored a plan to use repatriation for infrastructure and said pairing Trump's infrastructure plan with a tax bill makes sense.

Spokesmen for Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi have said combining health care with infrastructure won't work because Democrats won't support cutting the Affordable Care Act.

NOMINATION PETITION NOTICE: GENERAL ELECTION

Article XIII, Section 12 of the Local Union Bylaws states that at the June District Membership meeting candidates for the office of Business Manager, President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, Auditor, Conductor, and Guard, must each secure on Nomination Petitions provided by the Election Committee, the signatures of a minimum of 200 members or the signatures of two percent (2%) of the entire membership whichever is less.

To be eligible for nomination to the position of Executive Board at the June District membership meeting Executive Board candidates must each secure on Nomination Petitions provided by the Election Committee, the signatures of a minimum of 200 of their respective District members or the signatures of two percent (2%) of their respective District membership whichever is less.

Pursuant to Executive Board Resolution, October 22, 2016, Nomination Petitions will be made available by the Election Committee at the respective District offices on and after Monday, April 3, 2017. Petitions will also be available to members on or after April 3, 2017 through a written request to the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of the Union, by certified mail at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

In order to assure the validity of petition membership signatures, the signing member must place either their register number or the last four digits of their Social Security number on the petition. Signatures without either a register number or the last four digits of the Social Security number will not be counted as a valid signature.

The Nomination Petitions must be submitted to the chairman of the District membership meeting at the time of nomination at the June District membership meeting.

Only the signature of members in good standing will be counted.

Changed your address?

If you have moved and have not notified Local 18, please send your change of address to:

LOCAL 18
3515 PROSPECT AVE.
CLEVELAND, OH 44115

In order for you to receive a ballot for the upcoming 2017 Officers election, **WE MUST HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS.**

HELP US TO HELP YOU. Advise us if, and when, you move!

Apprenticeship

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This will help our members keep track of the classes they need, and help with registration at the union hall for work. Each union hall will be equipped with a QR scanner that will let the hall know all of your current certifications and training classes. The training cards even have the ability to list whether or not you have a Class A or Class B CDL.

Finally, our apprentices also have the ability to submit their OJT cards electronically, helping them to avoid any unnecessary penalty points for inaccuracies or for being late. The electronic submission of OJT cards has been well received, and we look forward to it becoming the method of choice for our apprentices in the future!

Are you interested in receiving your new training card? Then we recommend you make a visit to your local training site and take a class! We will start publishing cards for the members who took classes beginning January 1, 2017.

Once we have completed the cards for those members with updated photographs and up-to-date information, we will progress from there. We look forward to seeing you, and helping you get prepared for the upcoming work season!

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in writing to the Chairman of the Election Committee at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. Nominees making such timely requests will be notified at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the date and time when they may inspect the membership records.

19. Campaign literature will be mailed under these rules applying to all candidates:

A. A candidate may request this service for one (1) or more Districts in writing by certified or registered mail to the Chairman of the Election Committee at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

B. All campaign literature must bear the name of the candidate or slate, and a return address.

C. Advance notice of at least three (3) business days will be required for all mailings.

D. The cost of the preparation of the mailing list and related electronic media will be paid for in advance by the candidate requesting the service from the Union. After payment the Union will instruct the candidate to contact the Union mailing house for payment of labeling, mailing and postage according to the class of service desired.

E. Campaign Website – In the event candidates or their supporters establish a campaign website they shall be required to comply with the campaign website resolution as adopted by the International Union of Operating Engineers. Candidates or their supporters may obtain a copy of the International Union Guidelines and the technical support documentation prepared by the independent third party consultants retained by the International Union by contacting, in writing, the accounting firm Graff, Ballauer & Blanski, P.C., Two Northfield Plaza, Suite 200, Northfield, IL 60093 or fax the request to them at 847-881-2549.

20. All members have the right to express their views on the qualifications of candidates running for office. However, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5(b) of the current Bylaws of Local 18 and its branches, the posting of campaign literature on Union property is strictly forbidden. Any person or persons violating this rule may be subject to prosecution for damaging or defacing Union property. This rule shall be strictly enforced on all Union properties and buildings, including rental properties, within the jurisdiction of Local 18.

21. The General Membership meeting and each District meeting shall set aside, subsequent to nominations, as part of its agenda, a specific portion of that meeting for all candidates for Constitutional office set forth in Article XXIV, Subdivision 1(a) of the International Constitution, and for all Executive Board candidates, to speak to the membership and set forth their position on the relevant issues of the election. Each candidate shall be allowed five (5) minutes, to be monitored by the Election Committee members present or if none by the Chairman of the meeting.

22. No candidate (including a prospective candidate) for Local Union office and no supporter of a candidate for Local Union office, may solicit or accept any direct or indirect financial support from any non-member of the International Union of Operating Engineers or from any foundation, corporation or other entity whose funds are derived in whole or in part from any person not a member of this International Union.

MAILING AND COUNTING OF BALLOTS

23. In accordance with Article XIII, second paragraph of Section 10, and Section 14, of the current By-laws of Local 18 and its branches, the Election Committee orders that the ballot shall be prepared in the following manner:

It shall be a slate-type ballot. An incumbent slate shall be placed on the ballot in accordance with Article XIII, Section 14, of the Bylaws. The candidates of each non-incumbent slate shall be listed on the ballot in the same position for each office, in the order in which written notice of duly nominated candidates of each non-incumbent slate is received by the Election Committee. All non-slate candidates will follow in alphabetical order.

A written notice of a slate of candidates shall not be valid unless received by the Election Committee at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115 within seventy-two (72) hours of nominations. A slate shall consist of the following officers: Business Manager, President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, three (3) Auditors, Conductor and Guard.

Candidates' names will appear on the ballot as they appear on the official Union records at the time of nominations. All eligible candidates will be listed on the ballot.

24. Ballots shall be mailed from 3381 75th Ave #H, Landover, MD 20785 beginning at 9:00 a.m. August 7, 2017, to all eligible members whose dues are paid through June 30, 2017 according to the following schedule: Receipt of dues shall include dues which are sent by mail and postmarked no later than June 30, 2017 and received in the Union headquarters office no later than July 3, 2017, or dues which are paid by hand and received in the Union headquarters or district offices no later than June 30, 2017. Opening and counting of the ballots shall take place on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at the Union headquarters, 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

25. Eligible candidates or their observers shall have the right to be present and observe the preparation and mailing of the ballots, and also the opening and counting of the ballots. Observers must be members in good standing of Local 18 and certified in writing by the candidate to the Local Union's President at least seven (7) days before the mailing or tally of the ballots, respectively.

As in prior elections, ballots which the post office is unable to deliver are returned to the Certified Public Accountants, for possible remailing if a better mailing address becomes available. In addition, members who lose or spoil ballots will have the right to contact the Certified Public Accountants for a replacement.

Eligible nominees or their observers shall have the right to be present at such remailings which will occur weekdays, starting August 14th through August 22nd, 2017 at approximately 4:00 p.m. at the office of Trueballot, Inc. 3 Bethesda Metro Ctr. #700, Bethesda, MD 20814.

The use of cameras, video and sound recorders, portable phones, and other electronic recording and transmission devices shall not be permitted on the premises during the mail-out or the counting of the election ballots.

26. Any challenge of a member's right to cast a ballot in this 2017 Local 18 election shall be made prior to the opening of the return envelope which contains the sealed unidentified ballot envelope. No challenge or inspection of the master control list of eligible voters shall be permitted subsequent to the opening of the return envelopes.

27. WRITE-IN VOTES SHALL NOT BE COUNTED AND WILL DISQUALIFY THE ENTIRE BALLOT.

28. Where all candidates duly nominated to Local Union elective office are unopposed for election, the Local may dispense with a secret ballot vote and, in such event, the Executive Board of the Local may direct the Recording-Corresponding Secretary to cast one ballot for the candidates, who shall then be declared duly elected to their office. Where any single candidate is duly nominated to Local Union elective office, and he or she is unopposed for election to that office, the Executive Board of the Local may dispense with a secret ballot vote for that office and, in such event, the Executive Board of the Local may direct the Recording-Corresponding Secretary to cast one ballot for the candidate, who shall then be declared duly elected to such office.

CONCLUSION AND ADOPTION OF RULES

29. The foregoing rules are the result of a careful study by the Election Committee of the Constitution of the International Union of Operating Engineers and any subsequent rule changes by the General Executive Board, of the current Bylaws of Local 18 and its branches, and applicable law. If any of the preceding rules are now or later found to be in violation of the Constitution, current Bylaws or any applicable laws, the rule or rules will be considered null and void and will have no effect on the remaining rules, which shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing rules are agreed upon, approved and adopted by the Election Committee. Members of the Election Committee are:

Max L. Seyfried, Chairman

Matt Kuboff, D1
Robert W. Michaels, D1
Amy L. O'Neal, D2
Darla M. Wolfe, D2
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Steven C. Davis, D6

Fracking bolsters the American economy

By Robert Bradley, Jr.
Founder and CEO of the Institute for Energy Research (Bradley explains the practice of hydraulic fracturing is not only safe but is actually helping to bolster the American economy.)

Warning: low-cost, clean energy may be hazardous to your health.

Or so say environmental activists who will trot out any line of attack in their crusade against fossil fuels.

For years, the green movement has spread falsehoods about hydraulic fracturing – or fracking – the practice of unlocking hydrocarbons by injecting high-pressure liquid deep into the earth. Lately, the leave-it-in-the-ground lobby has doubled down on its mission to thwart the latest oil and gas extraction techniques.

But research consistently shows that fracking is a secure – and economically savvy – form of energy production. Banning it, as New York State and Maryland have done, hurts economies – and the environment.

False Issues

Critics have recently blamed fracking for releasing chemicals that cause asthma and premature births. Others allege that noise from fracking disrupts those sleeping nearby, leading to stress, high blood pressure, diabetes and even heart disease. Still others believe chemical spills and pipeline cracks are contaminating water in states like Pennsylvania.

These claims are designed to scare legislatures and city councils into make fracking illegal. The critics' playbook seems to be: deploy any seemingly plausible claim and see what sticks.

In Nevada, for example, lawmakers are debating whether to end fracking, even though it would come at the expense of the state's economy. Counties and towns in California and Ohio are also attempting to shut down the now routine practice.

Fracking is Safe

The new prohibitionists are grasping at straws.

In 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency released a study on the environmental impacts of fracking on drinking water. It found no evidence that fracking "led to widespread, systemic impacts on drinking water resources."

A recent review of the report attributed this to strong industry safety standards, as well as effective state and local fracking oversight and regulation.

Indeed, the oil and gas industry has 600 different standards for overseeing the fracking process, many of them specifically to construct wells safely and protect groundwater. And fracking sites are subject to federal and state regulation and regular audits. Meanwhile, gas and oil companies closely collaborate with towns and communities near drilling sites.

Further fortifying the EPA's report, the agency's previous administrator, Lisa Jackson, declared that there was not a "proven case where the fracking process itself has affected water." Former Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar declared that he "would say to everybody that hydraulic fracking is safe." And Ernest Moniz, former Secretary of Energy, admitted, "I still have not seen any evidence of fracking per-se contaminating ground water."

And as for harmful airborne chemicals? Academics, state regulators, and even the EPA have found no link between poor air quality and fracking.

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Exploring our shale fields and our future

The current exploration and drilling of the Marcellus and Utica shale fields promise a lot of good things for Ohio.

Lowering our dependence on foreign oil and providing our manufacturing industries with cheaper energy which will stimulate industrial growth are just a few benefits.

For Local 18 and its membership, this drilling and capturing of these resources gives us an opportunity to work. Our signatory contractors are seeking to do the drill pad and related work, and our pipeline contractors are building the gathering lines to transport the product. Our highway and paving contractors are building access to the sites and upgrading the infrastructure in the drilling areas.

Our goal is to provide the service the energy companies need to make this happen, resulting in a positive effect for the citizens of Ohio.

At the same time, our membership will be gainfully employed, paying their taxes and earning their health and welfare and pension benefits. We are here to help our communities, state and country prosper and grow.

Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

WORKING on the Utopia pipeline are Bob Gump (above) unloading mats for Brandenburg in Wayne County and Charles Albright (below) running a sucker hoe for T.G. Mercer in Mansfield.

RUNNING an excavator for Beaver on a MarkWest compressor station in Monroe County is Randall Greathouse.

Fracking

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America's Gain

Not only is fracking safe, it also bolsters America's economy and communities.

Spurred by fracking, the energy renaissance has supported millions of jobs and saved taxpayers nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars in energy costs.

Banning fracking would not only surrender these economic benefits, but compromise America's access to affordable energy. More than 45% of the nation's oil and 60% of its natural gas comes from this technology. And contrary to claims that the days of cheap gas have ended, America has an untapped 800 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, which can be cultivated for $3 or less per thousand cubic feet.

What if, in a radical anti-energy world, fracking had been banned country-wide? "What if . . . America's energy renaissance never actually happened?" asked an analysis by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for 21st Century Energy.

This study's "reality check" estimates that a retrospective ban on fracking would have caused natural gas and electricity rates to increase by about 30% and motor fuel prices by about 40%. Additionally, an estimated 4.3 million jobs would have been jeopardized, along with $548 billion in annual gross domestic product. Even half this sum would be a shocking loss.

The study notes that the fractionation boom "began quietly, mostly on private and state lands, but momentum built up quickly… as a result of the work of entrepreneurs and the application of technology and cutting edge innovation." Lacking support from the previous administration, the energy revolution took place in spite of – not because of – U.S. energy policy."

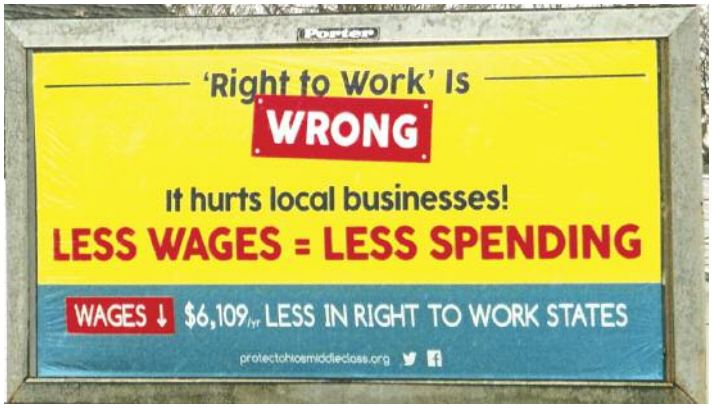
What is the anti-fracking fringe of the environmental movement refusing to acknowledge? As Robert Bryce opined in the Los Angeles Times:

Rural residents are objecting to wind projects to protect their property values and view sheds. They don't want to live next door to industrial-scale wind farms. They don't want to see the red-blinking lights atop the turbines, all night, every night for the rest of their lives. Nor do they want to be subjected to the audible and inaudible noise the turbines produce.

Conclusion

By extracting maximum energy with minimal resources, fracking actually helps the environment.

Yet anti-energy environmentalists continue to push back against fracking based on phony accusations. Americans and their political leaders should not be fooled. When it comes to energy production, the right economic policy matches the right environmental policy.



LINE-OF-SIGHT sign for the West Chester Township trustees makes it hard to ignore for those in favor of RTW☠.

Keep Ohio's Heritage (KOH)

Continuing report by the KOH officers

As reported last month, the state of Missouri went Right-to-Work☠. Since then, labor organizations tried to use the state's ballot initiative process to put Right-to-Work☠ before the voting public in next year's general election.

On his last day in office, outgoing Missouri's Secretary of State helped by filing 10 different proposals for ballot language. However a lawsuit was filed by three public employees with help from the National Right to Work Foundation. On March 23, a Missouri circuit judge struck down all 10 proposals stating that the language was not clear and decisive enough for the voting public to understand.

Here at home in Local 18, we are constantly under attack at the state level with bills being introduced for some kind of new and improved Right-to-Work☠ legislation and to repeal prevailing wage, as well.

At the local level, the township of Westchester in Butler County brought it up for so-called discussion. After several meetings and with many union members attending township meetings, plus the influence of our KOH billboard just a few hundred feet from the trustee's building, the trustees decided to wait and see what happens on the state level. One trustee said this is a state issue and that townships have no business in issues that are to be on the state level of government.

Meanwhile in Cincinnati a so-called economic development firm is rearing its ugly head with the logic that if the surrounding states are Right-to-Work☠ then Ohio should be as well. I am glad I did not spend all that money to go to college to learn how to play "Monkey See Monkey Do!" (See related Michigan article on page 22.)

In Kentucky we still maintain our five KOH billboards on a traveling rotation throughout Boone, Kenton, Campbell and Pendleton counties. In Ohio, with the addition of the one in Westchester, KOH maintains 19 billboards and the newspaper stands at the capitol building in Columbus.

Please take the time to visit the KOH website (www.keepohiosheritage.org) to see some of the changes and attend the district monthly membership meeting. Remember this, don't let your union card be nothing more than an artifact we show our grandchildren!

Please have a safe work year.

Safety tips

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themselves from a highway work zone injury or fatality:

- Wear high visibility garments, such as fluorescent or reflective clothing, arm bands, hats or vests.
- Be aware of all potential hazards, especially blind spots relative to moving construction equipment.
- Always look before you move from your position.
- Fully understand the channel lanes where walking is prohibited or is proscribed, where vehicles and equipment enter or exit, and the direction of all traffic in and out of the work zone.
- Use spotters while loading and unloading equipment.
- If acting as a spotter, know where you are expected to stand and confirm what hand signals are to be relayed to the driver.
- Before each work shift begins, familiarize yourself with the communication signals to be used between equipment operators and workers on foot.
- Be aware of the swing area for equipment that uses buckets.
- Never stand under any suspended equipment like buckets, booms, or arms.
- Ensure that all parking brakes are applied to any equipment, especially if you have to temporarily exit the vehicle. Additionally, all vehicles parked on inclines should have adequate sized chocks placed under their tires.

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Right-to-Work☠ around the country

Wages growing slower in area RTW☠ states

In Michigan and two neighboring states that passed Right-to-Work☠ laws, wages have grown slower than in three other Great Lakes states that have preserved collective bargaining rights.

That's according to the findings of a new study by the Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI) on Right-to-Work☠ laws in Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin and their impact on wages.

The study found that from 2010 through 2016, workers in the three states earned an average of eight percent less per hour than people in nearby Ohio, Illinois and Minnesota, states that have not enacted Right-to-Work☠ legislation.

The ILEPI report determined that unionization rates in the Right-to-Work☠ states were 2.1% lower than in the states that maintain collective bargaining. Comparatively, union membership also contracted at an accelerated pace in Michigan and the other Right-to-Work☠ states, according to the report.

At its peak, union membership stood at 26 percent of all employed individuals in Michigan in 1989, or slightly more than 1 million people, according to historical data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, Michigan in 2016 continued to have higher union membership rates than the national average, which stood at 10.7 percent of employed workers.

Gov. Snyder's signing of Right-to-Work☠ legislation in 2012 caught organized labor leaders off guard. The Republican governor, known for his pro-business policies, had previously called the issue "divisive" and said he had no interest in pursuing it for the state.

Once the legislation was introduced in the lame duck session at the end of that year, thousands of union members and activists from around the state descended on Lansing to protest.

Critics of RTW☠ laws frequently voice concerns that even if there is job growth associated with the policy, it frequently brings about lower wages.

"Lawmakers in other states that are debating the merits of passing 'Right-to-Work' laws should consider these research findings," the authors of the ILEPI study wrote in the report. "Between 2010 and 2016, the enactment of 'Right-to-Work☠' legislation reduced unionization and resulted in lower hourly earnings on average in states across the Midwest. Ultimately, 'Right-to-Work☠' laws have had negative consequences for many workers in Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin."

According to the ILEPI report, wages in Michigan grew more slowly (2.65%) since the law took effect compared to the three collective bargaining states in the data set, which had wage growth of 6.45%.

Besides the ILEPI report, other academic studies have noted that workers in Right-to-Work☠ states have suffered from suppressed wages, but the true gauge of the policy's impact on pay remains a point of contention.

In 2010, Politifact tackled the claims of Robin Vos, a Republican state representative from Wisconsin, who reportedly said, "states that have non-forced, compulsory union membership when you want to work somewhere have higher rates of income growth, have higher rates of manufacturing – actually, over time, have seen much greater increases in their standard of living."

Picking apart Vos' language and citing five different economists, Politifact ultimately rated the Wisconsin politician's claim as "half true."

"In a nutshell: None of the economists said Right-to-Work☠ has no effect on raising income. But opinion is mixed on just how much of a factor it is," the fact-checking organization said in its conclusion.

Call it what you will – it's still bad

In what Pennsylvania legislators are calling the "Open Workforce Initiative," lawmakers have reintroduced Right-to-Work☠ in a big way.

The "Open Workforce Initiative" is a collection of seven bills that would make Pennsylvania the latest state to succumb to similar legislation.

Business-aligned proponents of such laws claim they decrease unemployment and benefit workers.

Despite the claim, a 2015 study by the Economic Policy Institute found that wages in Right-to-Work☠ states were 3.1% lower than states without the legislation.

As the latest state to face down Right-to-Work☠, Pennsylvania is receiving support from labor experts all over the country.

Right-to-Work☠ opponents have long maintained that the initiative's true purpose is to kill unions and worker protections, ultimately leading to a weaker middle class.

Whether it is called the "Open Workforce Initiative," "Paycheck Protection" or Right-to-Work☠, opponents of the efforts remain dedicated to ensuring the voting public knows the truth about the GOP's divisive agenda.

"These laws are wrong for every state," said Richard Bloomingdale, president of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. "They result in lower wages, poorer schools and more occupational safety hazards.

"I'll give the right wing credit, they really do come up with some dandy names," he added. "Right-to-Work☠ is really Right-to-Work☠ for less protections."

RTW☠ to be part of NC constitution?

North Carolina is already a Right-to-Work☠ state that has banned mandatory union dues since 1947, but NC House Republicans want to have a voter referendum on adding the policy to the state constitution.

The House Judiciary I Committee has passed House Bill 819 in a 6-5 vote along party lines. Several Republicans were absent from the meeting, and at one point Democrats nearly made up a majority of lawmakers present for the meeting. House Speaker Tim Moore briefly appeared in the meeting to speak with the committee chairman, who delayed the vote until more GOP legislators arrived.

If the bill passes both the House and Senate, voters would decide in November, 2018 if the state law governing union activity should be added to the constitution. The law – and the constitutional amendment – bans employers from requiring their workers to join a labor organization or pay dues to a group.

Democrats argued the amendment is unnecessary. "This changes absolutely nothing," said Rep. Duane Hall, a Raleigh Democrat. "I don't see any reason that our constitution needs to be as thick as our statutes."

Hall also says that states with Right-to-Work☠ laws have lower average wages. Representative Justin Burr, sponsor of the bill, says that's a misleading statement because union-friendly states like California and New York typically have a higher cost of living. Banning mandatory union dues, he said, "leaves more money in (workers') checking accounts at the end of the day."

Rep. Graig Meyer, a Hillsborough Democrat, said the anti-union amendment will make it "more difficult" for trade groups to serve workers. But Republican Rep. Dean Arp of Union County disagreed.

The bill goes next to the House Rules Committee.

In November, voters in Virginia turned down a similar request to make a change to the state's constitution.

The real danger of Right-to-Work☠ laws

(Adapted from the UMKC Newsletter)

This year, more than half the country's workforce will be living in Right-to-Work☠ states. The tipping point will be Missouri's own Right-to-Work☠ legislation that takes effect in August.

Right-to-Work☠ legislation prohibits unions from requiring that dues or fees be paid by all employees it represents. This usually has the effect of weakening labor organization, as unions will have less financial power to fight for higher wages or benefits such as health care.

"Free riders"

Additionally, so-called "free riders" can take advantage of the workplace protections and benefits without contributing to the unions that acquire them. Conversely, proponents say that job growth increases because businesses prefer to operate in states with Right-to-Work☠ laws.

Data can usually be spun by either side to support or reject the claims of the other. There is no firm consensus by economists or statisticians on the effects of Right-to-Work☠, as it cannot be easily isolated from other factors such as variable standards of living or the economic recovery following the recession. In general it increases job growth and in general it decreases wages, all usually in tandem with other pro-business and anti-labor policies.

The new Missouri state administration was elected in part because of its Right-to-Work☠ platform and is now using the momentum to further limit the power of labor movements. According to a report by the *Kansas City Star*, new legislation is being introduced to the State Congress that would prohibit Kansas City from raising the city's minimum wage above the state's minimum wage of $7.70 an hour.

The slogan "Right-to-Work"☠ is certainly clever branding, and the left has so far failed to come up with an equally politically charged catchphrase to oppose it. Therefore, its true danger to labor is in inciting political will to elect those with an interest in supporting big business. It also attracts those businesses' donations, an example being Joplin magnate David Humphrey and his multi-million dollar contributions to pro-Right-to-Work☠ candidates.

It is easy to rally behind a fight for the "right" to do something, but in 1961, Martin Luther King Jr. warned against taking the term at face value: "In our glorious fight for civil rights, we must guard against being fooled by false slogans, such as 'Right-to-Work☠.' It is a law to rob us of our civil rights and job rights."

Right-to-Work☠ does not create a right to work

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

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

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

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

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

This is exactly what proponents of Right-to-Work☠ want. The champions of Right-to-Work☠ are not supporters of workers rights. The National Right-to-Work☠ committee was founded in 1954 by a group of ultra-conservative businessmen, including Whitford Blakeney, one of the best know anti-labor lawyers of his time, whose career included representing the J.P. Stevens textile company, whose campaign against unionization was found by the National Labor Relations Board to include "excessive and egregious labor practices."

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

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

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

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

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

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

To The Editor:

I believe the Right to Work law is being pushed in Ohio by deep pocketed Republican groups who are mainly from other states. And it is wrong for Ohio workers.

The very term Right to Work is deceptive. When was the last time billionaires spent millions of dollars to give workers more freedom and more rights on the job? The answer: NEVER. This is a power and money grab by the rich.

In Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin RTW laws were bullied through their legislatures in record time by extreme lawmakers, because they knew that voters would not pass these laws. Why? Because it will make the people and their communities poorer.

RTW does not create jobs. Only an increase in demand for products creates jobs, not reduced wages and benefits.

As a member of the UAW it is my responsibility to let people know that Right to Work is WRONG for Ohio workers and their families.

From the Sidney, Ohio Daily News

Right-to-Work☠ bill fails in California committee

A bill co-sponsored by California Republican Assemblyman Matthew Harper and Republican Senator John Moorlach to make California a Right-to-Work☠ state was killed on April 22 in the state's Assembly Labor and Employment Committee on a partisan vote.

Busy work season leads to busy shop season

District 1

WORKING for Great Lakes Construction are (above l-r) Ken Krumroy, Tim Cergol and Gerald Caldwell. Edward Hazen (below) on the job for Ohio CAT.

District 3

WORKING for Ohio CAT in Columbus is 37-year member Willie Kinsey (above). (Below) Shawn Stokes in the Cummins Columbus shop.

District 4/5

ON THE JOB for McLean in West Chester is Gregory Vanover.

District 6

FORTY-YEAR member Leonard Orr (above) at Ohio CAT in Cadiz. (Below) Mark Gozdan working for RECO Equipment in Richfield.

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agreement. *An arbitrator has been selected and a hearing was conducted. We are awaiting the arbitrator's initial determination.*

Local 18 v. Ohio Contractors Association (Brokk Equipment Grievance): Local 18 filed a Petition to Compel Arbitration regarding the classification and pay rate for Brokk-type equipment. *The Trial Court issued an Order mandating that the OCA submit the dispute to arbitration. The OCA has since appealed the Trial Court's decision to the Sixth Circuit.*

Local 18 v. Griffin (EEOC Charges & Complaint: Union member Sean Griffin filed several charges with both the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct. The EEOC investigated these charges and elected not to bring a Complaint. Mr. Griffin has since filed an action in Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct. *The Union has denied these allegations and is defending against this lawsuit.*

Local 18 v. McGovney Ready Mix/Scioto Docking: Local 18 filed two grievances against the employer alleging that the Employer's failure to pay Pension and Health & Welfare benefits constitutes a breach of the parties' collective bargaining agreement. *Arbitrators were selected, hearings were held, and the Union received two favorable decisions that awarded significant damages. We are in the process of collecting those damages through court action.*

Local 18 v. Hank (OCRC Charge & Federal Court Complaint: Steven Hank filed a charge with OCRC alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct. After the OCRC dismissed the charge, Mr. Hank filed a complaint in Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. *Local 18 is currently defending against Mr. Hank's lawsuit.*

Local 18 v. Hank (Great Lakes Construction Company ULP): Steven Hank filed a charge with NLRB alleging that Local 18 breached its duty of fair representation. *The Union denied these allegations and the charge has since been dismissed.*

Local 18 v. Robert Harris (Chieftain Trucking and Excavating Co. ULP): Union member Robert Harris filed an unfair labor practice charge with the board alleging that the Union breached its duty of fair representation when it refused to continue processing a grievance asserting his right to withhold necessary tax and identifying information from his employer including a social security number and/or a tax I.D. number. *The Union has denied any wrongdoing and is participating in the NLRB's investigatory process. Recently, these charges were dismissed.*

Local 18 v. City of Painesville (Termination Grievance): Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to terminate a bargaining unit member. *The Union has referred the matter to arbitration and a hearing date has been set.*

Local 18 v. City of Painesville (Discipline Grievance): Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to discipline a bargaining unit member. *The Union has referred the matter to arbitration and a hearing date has been set.*

Local 18 v. National Gas & Oil Co-Op (Job-bidding Grievance): Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision regarding a job bid. The Union has referred the matter to arbitration and a hearing has been held. *At that hearing, the Union was able to reach a negotiated settlement.*

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Four steward classes in June

Three-night steward classes this month will be conducted by District 6 Rep. Joe Casto and Director of Organizing Scott Stevenson, with input from either Business Manager Rick Dalton or President Thomas Byers.

Among the topics to be discussed are resolution techniques and obligation of fair representation. In addition, contract interpretation and enforcement will be covered and applied through various problem-solving exercises.

Classes are from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the district offices. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., prior to the class.

District 2	June 6-8
District 3	June 13-15
District 4/5	June 20-22
District 6	June 27-29

If you have previously attended a similar class come and get refreshed. If you have not, this is a good way to get introduced to what a steward's role is on the job site. Plan to attend all three nights and bring a Brother or Sister with you.

Pipeline

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Associated Pipeline is working on 93 miles of 36" pipe for the Leach Express/Columbia Gas project. Subcontractors are Southeast Directional Drilling, Excel Mulching and Clearing (44 miles of right-of-way clearing), Cogar Right-of-Way Clearing (44.4 miles of clearing) and Dykon Blasting.

Michels Pipeline is working for Pumpco doing an Ohio River horizontal drilling bore in Jefferson County. It is also working on Ohio River bores for Precision Pipeline in Monroe County and Price Gregory in Lawrence County.

Also in Monroe County, Contractor Rentals has seven miles of 24" and 16" for Price Gregory. Efficient Services (environmental and seeding) and Jimmy Dunn Excavating (multiple conventional bores) are the subcontractors for this project.

In Allen County at the southern tip of District 2, Geeding Construction is utilizing five Operating Engineers to perform regular maintenance work for Buckeye Pipeline in and around the Lima area.

Working for Marathon at various locations along its pipeline in Allen, Hardin and Wyandot counties, Southeast Directional Drilling bored approximately 20,000 feet of 12" pipe. The project started in mid-February and finished the beginning of May.

In District 4/5, RLA Investments, working for Duke Energy in Boone County, KY, has been contracted to install 60,000 linear feet of new lay 12" pipe. Its project kicked off in early March and is not expected to finish until early September.

Also in District 4/5, Mid-Ohio Pipeline, working for Vectren, will take up, perform hydrostatic testing and install about 20,000 linear feet of new 16" and 24" pipe in Greene County. That project is currently ongoing with a projected finish date of November 1.

In District 2, Biginch Fabricators was in Defiance working for Energy Transfer Partners on a much needed meter station upgrade. This upgrade called for the removal of the existing 26" piping and replacing it with 30" piping which provided a 33% increase in capacity to the station. The project was completed in late April.

Precision Pipeline was contracted by Energy Transfer Partners to install the much anticipated Rover Pipeline. This project, with its staggering 711 total miles of 42" pipe stretching across much of District 6 with about 120 miles of the project in District 2, will require the skills of many Operating Engineers if it is to be completed by its projected finish date of November 1st.

Spread "C" and spread "D" are the two spreads which will take place in the western side of the state employing approximately 300 Operating Engineers on each spread and is expected to wrap up in early November.

Spread "C", which runs from the Richland/Ashland County line to S.R. 587 in Seneca County, has its warehouse in Mansfield and spread "D" which runs from

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Provisions of the International Constitution and Local Union Bylaws Pertaining to Union Elections

I.U.O.E. CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE XXIV
GOVERNMENT OF LOCAL UNIONS

The laws, rules and procedures by which Local Unions shall conduct their affairs shall be as follows:

ARTICLE XXIV – SUBDIVISION 1
OFFICERS
Titles

Art. XXIV Subdiv. 1. Section (a) The officers of a Local Union shall be the President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. There shall also be three (3) Trustees, who shall not be automatically designated members of the Local Union's Executive Board by virtue of their position, but may be included on the Executive Board if the Local Union so provides in its bylaws.

A Local Union may provide in its bylaws for a Business Manager, in which case he shall be elected and be an officer. Where a Local Union has a business representative, an agent, an assistant, or more than any one of these, then such Local Union must elect a Business Manager. He shall appoint all committees of the Local Union unless otherwise provided for in the Local Union's bylaws**.**

The Business Manager shall be the chief executive officer of a Local Union. He shall appoint any and all representatives, agents, and assistants, whose wages and allowances shall be determined as provided in the Local Union's bylaws. They shall work directly under his supervision. He may terminate them at any time. Should the Business Manager discharge any such employee, then said employee shall not be reemployed or paid by the Local Union in any capacity during the term of office of such Business Manager, unless his prior approval has been given.

Because of the special burdens and heavy responsibilities imposed on the Business Manager of a Local Union, no member shall be eligible for election to, be elected to, nor hold the office of Business Manager, unless he shall have been continuously in good standing in the Local Union electing him for a period of two (2) years, preceding the month of nominations, in addition to fulfilling the qualifications for other Local office.

Officers of a Local Union may not seek, be elected to or hold more than two (2) offices in the Local Union, and any two (2) offices may be combined and be held by one person, except that the offices of Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall not be combined or be held by the same person. In addition to the constitutional officers enumerated above, a Local Union shall elect three (3) auditors, a conductor, and a guard, and may also elect or appoint such committees and delegates, other than delegates to the General Convention and to State, Interstate or Provincial Organizations, as it deems advisable, consistent with applicable law.

Terms of Office and Conditions of Eligibility

Art. XXIV Subdiv. 1. Section (b) The terms of all Local Union officers shall be three (3) years, except that when and if permitted by applicable law, the terms of Local Union office may be four (4) years. Such terms shall commence no later than September 1 unless otherwise directed by the General President. No member shall be eligible for election, be elected, nor hold office unless he shall have been a member continuously in good standing in the Local Union electing him for one (1) year preceding the month of nominations; and provided that no member shall be eligible for election, be elected, nor hold office unless he shall also have been a member of the organization for two (2) years immediately prior to election. The Recording-Corresponding Secretary of the Local Union must notify each candidate of his nomination to Local Union office, and the candidate must return an acceptance of nomination to the Recording-Corresponding Secretary, which acceptance must be received by the Recording-Corresponding Secretary within 10 days of the date the candidate was notified of the nomination and in addition, shall have been in regular attendance at all regularly scheduled Local Union membership meetings and home district membership meetings held after nomination and before elections, subject, however, to a reasonable excuse based upon good cause such as physical incapacity or death in family. Local Unions may also impose in their bylaws a requirement that candidates for office must file nominating petitions in support of their candidacies signed by not more than two hundred (200) members or two percent (2%) of the entire membership, whichever is less. Within five (5) days after the nominations have been concluded the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall mail to each member nominated, at his last known home address, notice of his nomination and of the office to which he has been nominated, and shall read or cause to be read the name of each nominee and identify the office to which such nominee seeks election at each regularly scheduled Local Union membership and district membership meeting held after receipt of the nominee's written acceptance of nomination. Any Local Union which has not been in existence for a period of one (1) year may elect officers for the period between the date of its organization and the next annual meeting, from among its members in good standing.

No member shall be eligible for election, be elected, nor hold office who has not during the year, and in the case of one seeking the office of Business Manager two (2) years, immediately prior to the month of nominations, been continuously employed at the trade, or who has not actively sought continuous employment at the trade. This restriction, however, shall not apply to any member employed by or working for a Local Union or the International Union, or who has been assigned by his Local Union or the International Union to perform work in furtherance of the interests of organized labor, in either case in a sufficiently time-consuming capacity so as to preclude meeting the requirement of continuous employment at the trade or active seeking of continuous employment at the trade.

If no member fulfills the foregoing conditions of eligibility for a particular office, any member currently in good standing in the Local Union, and otherwise eligible, shall, upon being nominated, be eligible to be elected to, and to hold, that office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, no member retired from work at the trade shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office in any Local Union. The receipt of a pension which is not suspended based upon the number of hours worked at the trade shall not disqualify a member from being elected to or holding any Local Union office. This restriction, however, shall not be applicable to any member so retired who, at least one (1) year, and, in the case of one seeking the office of Business Manager, at least two (2) years, immediately prior to the month of nominations, has ceased to accept retirement benefits and returned, or actively and continuously sought to return, to full time work at the trade. This restriction does not prohibit or preclude the Local Union from naming any officer as "Emeritus" or from using the peculiar talents of a given retired individual for the best interests and advancement of the Local Union. No member owner/operator of an entity that employs operating engineers shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office in any Local Union, nor nominate candidates in any Local Union election. In those Local Unions operating under the District Administration Form of Government which provide for some Executive Board members to be elected from particular districts, the Local Union in its bylaws may impose a requirement that, in order to be eligible to run for office from a particular district, candidates

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Medical review

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- In 1980, it was about 1%. By 1997, the average THC content was close to 5.1%; in 2008, 10.2%.

The more THC, the more psychoactive the drug and the higher the potential for abuse, addiction and other harmful effects.

The Harmful Effects of Marijuana

The immediate effects of taking marijuana include rapid heartbeat, disorientation and lack of physical coordination, often followed by depression or sleepiness. Some users suffer panic attacks or anxiety.

But the problem does not end there. According to scientific studies, the active ingredient in cannabis, THC, remains in the body for weeks or even months.

Marijuana smoke contains 50% to 70% more cancer-causing substances than tobacco smoke. One major research study reported that a single cannabis joint could cause as much damage to the lungs as up to five regular cigarettes smoked one after another. Long-time joint smokers often suffer from bronchitis, an inflammation of the respiratory tract.

The drug can affect more than your physical health. Studies in Australia in 2008 linked years of heavy marijuana use to brain abnormalities. This is backed up by earlier research on the long-term effects of marijuana, which indicate changes in the brain similar to those caused by long-term abuse of other major drugs. And a number of studies have shown a connection between continued marijuana use and psychosis.

Studies show that the mental functions of people who have smoked a lot of marijuana tend to be diminished. The THC in cannabis disrupts nerve cells in the brain, affecting memory.

Cannabis is one of the few drugs that causes abnormal cell division, which leads to severe hereditary defects. A pregnant woman who regularly smokes marijuana or hashish may give birth prematurely to an undersized, underweight baby.

Over the last 10 years many children of marijuana users have been born with reduced initiative and lessened abilities to concentrate and pursue life goals. Studies also suggest that prenatal use of the drug may result in birth defects, mental abnormalities and increased risk of leukemia (cancer of the bone marrow) in children.

A recreational user takes marijuana for the effect it creates and the high or buzz they want to get from it. Continued use builds up tolerance and can lead users to consume stronger drugs to achieve the same high. When the effects start to wear off, the person may turn to more potent drugs to rid himself/herself of the unwanted conditions that caused him to take marijuana in the first place. Marijuana itself does not lead the person to the other drugs.

People take drugs to get rid of unwanted situations or feelings. Marijuana masks the problem for a time (while the user is high). When the "high" fades, the problem, unwanted condition or situation returns more intensely than before. The user may then turn to stronger drugs since marijuana no longer "works."

There is also the fact that marijuana users commonly group together at parties or just hang out to share it with others. Then when someone adds a new drug to that group, it is part of the group mentality for everyone to join in with that new and potentially addictive drug.

The vast majority of cocaine users (90%) began by first using a drug like marijuana, cigarettes or alcohol. Of course, not everyone who smokes marijuana and hashish goes on to use harder drugs. Some never do. Others quit using marijuana altogether. But some do. One study found that youths (12 to 17 years old) who use marijuana are 85 times more likely to use cocaine than kids who do not use weed, and that 60% of the kids who smoke weed before the age of 15 move on to cocaine.

Just say No!

Pipeline

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S.R. 587 to its compressor station on S.R. 66 in Defiance, has its warehouse in North Baltimore.

Many subcontractors are being utilized by Precision Pipeline to help complete the project.

Pe Ben will be performing the stringing for the "C" and "D" spreads. Northern Clearing will be performing the tree clearing for the "C" and "D" spreads.

Pretec will be doing some horizontal directional drilling on the "D" spread, having two rigs, one in Wood County drilling under I-75 and one also in Henry County drilling under a railroad.

Horizontal Directional Drill will have two rigs on spread "C" in Seneca County, one drilling under Honey Creek and one drilling under the Sandusky River.

Michels Directional Crossings will have one horizontal directional drill rig on spread "D" drilling under the Maumee River in Henry County.

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RETIREE CALENDAR

JUNE

7 Dist. 3 Potluck Luncheon – Union Hall, Noon

15 Dist. 2 mtg.

21 Dist. 6 Board mtg. – Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.

22 Dist. 1 Picnic Lunch – Richfield Training Center, Gather at 11:30; Lunch, Noon Special Dishes Appreciated

28 Dist. 4/5 mtg.

JULY

12 Dist. 6 Retiree Picnic – D-6 Union Hall, Noon

19 Dist. 6 Board mtg. – D-6 Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.

20 Dist. 2 mtg.

26 Dist. 4/5 mtg.

27 Dist. 1 mtg. – Speaker Tom Strong discussing "High Blood Pressure" (Additional information on this page)

AUGUST

16 Statewide Retiree Picnic (Additional information in July and August issues of the *Buckeye Engineer*)

* REMINDER: An error in the Local 18 wall calendar for July indicates Advisory Board meetings will be held on July 10 and membership meetings on July 17. The correct dates are July 3 for the Advisory Board meeting and July 10 for the membership meeting. The error was due to the proximity of the July 4 holiday.

Health Ed speaker at D-1 July Retiree meeting

Tom Strong, a health educator specializing in presentations to older adults, will be the guest speaker at the July 27, District 1 Retiree meeting, discussing high blood pressure.

Strong, with 40 years experience as an educator, will point out that 90% of Americans are at risk for high blood pressure as they get older and will explain non-medical strategies to help reduce and manage blood pressure.

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operators in Massillon installing 3,000 feet of gas line for Dominion.

Stanley Miller Construction is at the Alliance wastewater treatment plant with operators replacing tanks and piping. Bogner Construction has operators at the Navarre wastewater treatment plant replacing tanks and installing new filters. Selinsky Force and Canton Erectors are keeping several operators busy all over the state with crane rentals.

Stein is at Republic Steel in Canton keeping several operators busy on maintenance and slag production. Edward C. Levy is working at Timken Steel in Canton doing slag processing at the mill.

Bogner has been keeping operators digging footers and putting up the Wooster College building addition in Wayne County. RG Smith has operators at the LUK/USA building addition and parking area grading, installing piping and performing concrete work in the county.

Stanley Miller is at the Wilmot wastewater treatment plant in Holmes County installing new tanks and pipes.

Kirk Brothers has operators at the Mansfield wastewater treatment plant in Richland County replacing tanks and upgrading the plant's piping. Shelly & Sands has operators installing sound barrier walls on I-71 south of U.S. Rt. 30. Stein has several operators at the AK steel slag plant on maintenance and slag production in Mansfield. KT Grant also has operators at the plant doing maintenance.

Beaver Excavating is at Atwood Lake in Tuscarawas County working on the new campground improvements.

At the Conesville power plant in Coshocton in Coshocton County, Safway Services and ICS have operators doing minor maintenance work.

Shelly & Sands is starting back on its S.R. 331/I-70 project near Belmont College in Belmont County, installing new ramps, building a new bridge, and making a new road. Clearing has also started for its major reconstruction of the exit ramps by the St. Clairsville mall on I-70.

HANDLING site preparation for Ty at the new Preserves Housing Development in Boston Heights are (l-r) Shaun Gibson, Josh Wilmot and Mark Wilmot.

Triton Construction continues working on the I-70 bridge replacement near Morristown. Chapman is building new metering stations for Rice Energy outside of Blaine and a metering station outside of Centerville. Trumbull Construction is building a new well pad for Rice Energy outside Belmont. Apex Environmental continues transferring garbage at the St. Clairsville transfer station.

Songer Services is wrapping up Phase 2 of the new pipe rack system inside the MarkWest Hopedale plant in Harrison County. Vertical Access is assisting with interior scaffolding for contractors. James White Construction is building a new water reservoir for the town of Jewett.

Elsewhere in the county Chapman is building a valve station for Sunoco in Hopedale. Cross Roads Construction has operators building two new bridges on S.R. 799 across parts of Clendening Lake.

Cast and Baker started back to work with two shifts on a 2.8 million yard slip repair on S.R. 7 near Brilliant in Jefferson County. Kokosing Construction continues working on a 1.2 million yard slip repair project on S.R. 7 near Rayland. U.S. Bridge continues replacing the C.R. 74 bridge in Gould.

Beaver Excavating and Grae-Con Construction are building a new compressor station for MarkWest outside of Smithfield. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating has a culvert replacement on S.R. 213 in the county.

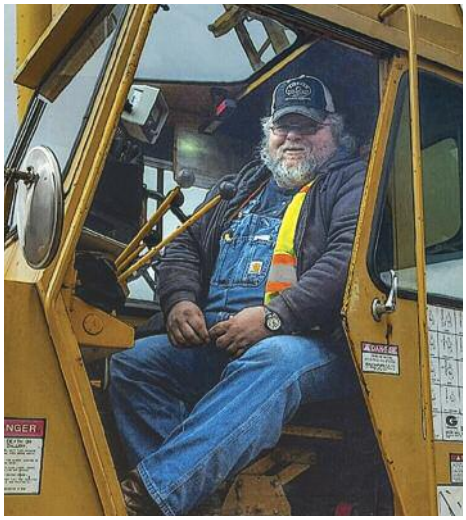
Northern Pipeline Distribution continues with several crews working throughout Toronto, Steubenville, St. Clairsville, Jewett and Amsterdam. Shelly & Sands continues working on the road widening and interchange on University Boulevard in Steubenville and on a bridge replacement on S.R. 7 in Yorkville.

In Stratton, Enerfab and Brand Scaffolding have operators doing scaffolding and maintenance work inside the Sammis plant. Day and Zimmerman has an operator doing maintenance work inside AEP's Cardinal plant in Brilliant. Doe Weldon continues working on the fly ash ponds and Brand Scaffolding has an operator moving scaffolding for contractors throughout the plant.

Shelly & Sands has operators and mechanics busy at the AC Terminal and shops in Rayland and Weirton.

Beaver Excavating is building a new pad for Blue Racer Energy outside of Sarahsville in Noble County.

Grae-Con and Murphy Consolidated Construction are building the MarkWest Larue pad outside of Bellsville in Monroe County. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating has several crews widening various township roads and replacing culverts for Gulfport Energy throughout the county.



BRIDGE WORK on I-70 in Belmont County has Darren Witte (above) running a crane for Triton Construction and Leon Draughn (below) running a crane for Shelly & Sands.

Adamo Demolition has several operators demoing Unit Five at AEP 's Muskingum River plant in Washington County. Kirk Brothers has operators working on Phase 1 of the Marietta wastewater treatment plant reconditioning.

All Crane has several operators and mechanics busy working out of its Marietta shop. URS and Grae-Con have members doing maintenance work inside the Eramet plant in Marietta and Davis Pickering has an operator working inside the Orion Carbon Plant near Belpre.

As always we thank the Advisory and Executive Boards for their ongoing support and dedication. We also extend our thanks to the many stewards who have stepped up all across the district from the shops to the pipelines for continuing to push forward through good and bad to promote our trade and the greatest Local 18.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

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must have resided within that particular district for a period up to one year preceding the month of nominations.

In the event of the death, between nomination and the time of the last meeting preceding the election, of any constitutional officer who has been nominated to office in the forthcoming election, any member of the Local Union, who is otherwise eligible, shall be eligible to be nominated and, upon his filing with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of his acceptance of such nomination, shall be eligible to be elected to, and if elected, to hold the office to which the deceased officer had been nominated. If the death occurs after the last meeting preceding the election, nomination shall be effected by filing a statement of candidacy with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary prior to the election, but in no event more than five (5) days after the deceased officer's death.

Executive Board

Art. XXIV Subdiv. 1. Section (c) The Executive Board of a Local Union shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and the Business Manager where the Local Union has such a position, together with such other members of the Local Union as may be elected thereto by the membership of the Local Union.

Election of Officers

Art. XXIV Subdiv. 1. Section (e) Except in Local Unions operating under District Administration Form of Government, the election of officers of a Local Union shall be held in the month of August, and the nominations shall be made at a regular meeting prior to the election, but in no event earlier than the May meeting preceding the election. The installation of newly elected officers shall take place at the first regular meeting in September, unless an earlier installation is directed by the General President. The Local Union may adopt the Australian ballot system, in which event the polls shall be kept open for a period of twelve (12) consecutive hours between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. on the date of the election, or may hold the election through referendum conducted by mail; or may conduct an election electronically if the Local's bylaws provide for conducting Local Union elections electronically and applicable law so permits. The election shall be conducted by secret ballot. Officers shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast, except that the three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office of Trustee and the position of Auditor shall be elected. Adequate safeguards to insure a fair election shall be provided by the Local Union, in accordance with the International Constitution, applicable law, and such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the General Executive Board.

No candidate (including a prospective candidate) for Local Union office, and no supporter of a candidate for Local Union office, may solicit or accept any direct or indirect financial support from any non-member of the International Union of Operating Engineers or from any foundation, corporation or other entity whose funds are derived in whole or in part from any person not a member of this International Union.

Where all candidates duly nominated to Local Union elective office are unopposed for election, a Local Union may dispense with a secret ballot vote and, in such event, the Local Union may direct the Recording-Corresponding Secretary to cast one ballot for the nominees, who shall then be declared duly elected to their office. Where any single candidate is duly nominated to Local Union elective office, and he is unopposed for election to that office, a Local Union may dispense with a secret ballot vote for that office and, in such event, the Local Union need not place on the ballot the name of such candidate or the office to which he has been nominated, and may direct the Recording-Corresponding Secretary to cast one ballot for the nominee who shall then be declared duly elected to such office.

Protests and Appeals

Art. XXIV Subdiv. 1. Section (g) Any protest relating to the nominations and elections of officers, and any protest relating to the nominations and elections of delegates, must be made to the Local Union by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the election, setting forth in writing the specific reasons for such protest. Any member making a timely protest may appeal the decision of the Local Union thereon to the General Executive Board and the General Convention in accordance with Article XVII of this Constitution.

Any member may protest the filling of vacancies in office to the General Executive Board and General Convention in accordance with Article XVII of this Constitution. Notwithstanding the above, any protest relating to the nominations and elections of delegates conducted in January or February prior to a General Convention must be filed with the office of the General Secretary-Treasurer within fifteen (15) days after the election, setting forth in writing the specific reasons for such protest. All such protests timely filed shall be referred by the General Secretary-Treasurer to the Credentials Committee of the General Convention for consideration. An appeal from a decision of the Credentials Committee may be made to the Convention, and delegates affected thereby shall not be seated until said appeal shall have been voted thereon by the Convention.

ARTICLE XXVI
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FORM OF LOCAL UNION GOVERNMENT

Art. XXVI Section 1 Where the circumstances of a Local Union so require, and appropriate bylaws have been adopted by the Local Union and thereafter approved by the General President, it may proceed under a district administration form of government and shall:

(h) Provide for the nomination of Local Union officers at district or general membership meetings prior to the election, but in no event earlier than a May meeting preceding the election, with elections during the month of August by mail referendum conducted by secret ballot among the general membership or by Australian ballot system, in which event the polls shall be kept open for a period of twelve (12) consecutive hours between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. on the date of election and with the installation of elected officers during the month of September;

(j) Provide for adequate safeguards to ensure a fair election in elections conducted pursuant to subsections (h) and (i) of this Section, in accordance with the International Constitution, applicable law and such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the General Executive Board.

Local 18 Bylaws

ARTICLE XIII
ELECTIVE OFFICERS: NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Section 1

The elective officers of this Local Union shall be the President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager and three (3) Trustees and in addition to the Constitutional Officers who are enumerated above, the Local Union shall elect three (3) Auditors, a Conductor and a Guard, and may also elect or appoint such committees and delegates, other than delegates to the General Convention, to state, interstate or provincial organizations as it deems advisable, consistent with applicable law. Officers of a Local Union may not seek to be elected or to hold more than two (2) offices in the Local Union and any two (2) offices may be combined and be held by one person, except that the offices of Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall not be combined or held by the same person.

Section 2

The term of office of elective officers shall be for a period of three (3) years.

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18S members handling a variety of projects

IN SHELBY, (Left) Repairing a water main are (l-r) Brian James, Sr., Scott Shatzer and Chris Korbas (all D-6). Adam Gullett (right) works at the wastewater treatment plant.

WORKING for the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority in D-1 is William Bunt.

EMS workers in Meigs County include paramedics Casey Dunfee (above) and Eric Liles (right) (both D-3).

AQUA OHIO utility workers in the Franklin Division are Ryan Ballenger (left) and Chief Steward Mark Jones (above) (both D-2.)

WORKING for Anheuser Busch is Nicholas Shaw (D-3).

AQUA OHIO plant operators include Russell Thompson (top) and Manley DeShong (above) in the Franklin Division and new 25-year member George Lutz (left) in the Tiffin Division, all in D-2.

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Section 5

Every member in good standing in Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G and 18S who is qualified for office under Section 504 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 and who has maintained his/her membership in Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G or 18S for a period of two (2) years preceding the month of nominations, without being in default in the payment of his/her dues for more than thirty (30) days (dues are payable on a quarterly basis on the first day of each quarter (30-day grace period)) at any time during said two (2) years shall be held eligible to be a candidate for the office of Business Manager. Every member of Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G and 18S who is qualified for office under Section 504 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, who is in good standing and has maintained his/her membership for one (1) year preceding the month of nominations, without such member being in default in the payment of his/her dues for more than thirty (30) days at any time during said year and who also has been a member of Local 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G or 18S for the two (2) years immediately prior to the election, shall be eligible to be a candidate for any office of Local 18 other than that of Business Manager. No member shall be considered in good standing unless he/she has paid all current dues to the Local Union within thirty (30) days after they shall have become due and payable as reflected on the Union's records. All members of Locals 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18G and 18S who qualify in accordance with the foregoing shall be eligible to be nominated with the exception of registered apprentice engineers, contractors and members retired from the craft or on pension. No member owner/operator of an entity that employs Operating Engineers shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office in any Local Union, nor nominate candidates in any Local Union election. No member, whose dues have been withheld by his/her employer for payment to the Local Union pursuant to his/her voluntary authorization provided for in a collective bargaining agreement, shall be declared ineligible to vote or to be a candidate for office in the Local Union solely by reason of alleged delay or default in respect to the payment of his/her dues.

Section 7

In accordance with Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Section (b) of the International Constitution, no member shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office who has not during the year, and in the case of one seeking the office of Business Manager two (2) years, immediately prior to the month of nominations, been continuously employed at the trade, or who has not actively sought continuous employment at the trade.

This restriction, however, shall not apply to any member, employed by or working for a Local Union or the International Union, or who has been assigned by his/her Local Union or the International Union to perform work in furtherance of the interests of organized labor, in either case in a sufficiently time-consuming capacity so as to preclude meeting the requirement of continuous employment at the trade or active seeking of continuous employment at the trade.

Section 8

In accordance with Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Section (b) of the International Constitution, notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, no member retired from work at the trade shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office in any Local Union. This restriction, however, shall not be applicable to any member so retired who, at least one (1) year, and, in the case of one seeking the Office of Business Manager, at least two (2) years, immediately prior to the month of nominations, has ceased to accept retirement benefits and returned, or actively and continuously sought to return, to full time work at the trade. This restriction does not prohibit or preclude the Local Union from naming any officer as "Emeritus" or from using the peculiar talents of a given retired individual for the best interests and advancement of the Local Union.

Section 9

In accordance with Article XXIV, Subdivision 1, Section (e) of the International Constitution, no candidate (including a prospective candidate) for Local Union office, and no supporter of a candidate for Local Union office, may solicit or accept any direct or indirect financial support from any non-member of the International Union of Operating Engineers or from any foundation, corporation or other entity whose funds are derived in whole or in part from any person not a member of this International Union.

Section 10

The election of Officers, Trustees, Auditors, District Executive Board members, Conductor and Guard shall be conducted by an Election Committee composed of two (2) members elected from each of the Districts of the Local Union, plus a Chairman appointed by the Business Manager. The members of this Committee shall be nominated and elected by secret ballot at the regular District membership meetings in the month of **March** in each election year. No member may serve as a member of the Election Committee while he or she is an officer, delegate or alternate candidate to the International Convention, or a candidate for any office. In order to be elected to the Election Committee, a member must be in good standing, working at the trade with an employer under contract with the union, or actively seeking work at the trade through Local 18's referral system and shall not be retired at the time of nomination, election, or during the term of service as a member of the committee, and in addition, the district he/she is nominated to serve must be his/her home district (district where their membership records are held) and must have been continuously registered or referred to work from that district for one (1) year immediately preceding the election. Should a vacancy on the committee occur by reason of retirement, or any other reason, the vacancy shall be filled from the district in which the vacancy occurred through appointment by the President.

The Election Committee shall be responsible for the formulation of rules and regulations for elections, the preparation, printing, distribution, collection and tabulation of the ballots. The Election Committee shall be empowered to employ the services of any person, firm, or organization, which it deems necessary to assist it in the conduct of the election. The Election Committee shall provide adequate safeguards to ensure a fair election and it shall maintain the secrecy of the ballots. The Election Committee shall submit a written report of the results of the election to the Local Union.

Section 11

The Election Committee shall conduct the election in accordance with these Bylaws, the International Constitution, such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Executive Board of this Local Union, and in strict conformity with applicable law. Any question or dispute arising regarding the election procedures shall be referred to the Local Union's Executive Board for a ruling.

Section 12

Nominations for the election of Officers and Executive Board members will be made at the regular District membership meetings in the month of **June** preceding the election and official notice will be published in the ***Buckeye Engineer*** **in the March, April, May and June issues. The election shall be held in the month of August** by referendum vote. To be eligible for nomination at the June District Membership meeting, candidates for the office of Business Manager, President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, Auditor, Conductor and Guard must each secure on nomination petitions provided by the Election Committee, the signatures of a minimum of 200 members or the signatures of two percent (2%) of the entire membership whichever is less. To be eligible for nomination to the position of Executive Board at the June District membership meeting Executive Board candidates must each secure on nomination petitions pro-

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Complete General is replacing a bridge on S.R. 47 in Richwood and also has two box culvert bridges to replace near Richwood on S.R. 47. Shelly & Sands has a slip repair on S.R. 739 just west of Marion.

Several bridges are being replaced throughout Morrow County by Ohio Bridge, R&I Construction and Crawford Construction through ODOT's OHIO Bridge Partnership program. Kokosing will be doing the 2017 Morrow County paving.

In Marion County, Underground Utilities is replacing sewer lines on Belmont and Greenwood streets in the city of Marion. Helms & Sons is replacing water lines on Quarry St. in the city. T.G. Mercer has a pipe yard on S.R. 309 for the Nexus pipeline.

In Wyandot County, Underground Utilities is doing a sewer replacement in Upper Sandusky. R&I will be replacing two bridges over Thorn Run in McCutchenville. Igel is clearing for National Limestone in Cary. Contractors Rental has been finishing work on a Marathon pump station in Harpster. Southeastern Directional Drilling has three drill rigs and a 12-foot line going from Harpster to Lima.

In Franklin County, heavy shops – Ohio CAT, Columbus Equipment, RECO and Southeastern Equipment – all had a jump in sales and service this past winter since the mild weather enabled contractors to work longer.

Towlift, W.W. Williams and Cummins were busy as the work year started.

Outside of Franklin County, Karvo is working on the Shrock Rd./Westerville Rd. intersection. It has a newly signed company, Decorative Paving, as a sub for the sidewalks. In Westerville, Strawser Paving will be starting on the widening of Cleveland Ave. and Shrock Rd. to help with traffic to Saint Ann's Hospital.

In the Dublin-Hilliard area, Kokosing will be building a connecting road from Hayden Run Rd. to Avery Rd. with a new bridge over the CSX railroad. Trucco will be widening Hayden Run Rd. at Britton Park Rd. Danbert has been working on new storm water lines off Glick Rd. in Dublin.

Complete General is on site at the Cherry Valley interchange in Granville. It is currently replacing the westbound S.R. 16 bridge, while at the same time removing the Granville Rd. entrance ramp to eastbound S.R. 16. The road is also being widened, with Shelly doing the paving.

Igel has been very busy in and around downtown Newark installing more than 20,000 feet of storm and sanitary sewer pipe. Subcontractor Complete General is doing the electrical work and Kokosing has the paving. Igel is also replacing a bridge on S.R. 13 that runs over S.R. 16 and connects to downtown Newark. RLA Utilities is working on service lines throughout the city.

In New Albany, Trucco is currently widening Mink St. and putting in new sewer lines. With the addition of entrance and exit ramps in both directions, it will provide commuters another way to get on or off of S.R. 161. Igel is in the city doing the site work for a second building for Amazon. Other contractors include Capital City and Sofco.

On S.R. 310 in Etna, Complete General is replacing a bridge which runs over I-70, and is currently working on the west end of the bridge. Buds has a bridge replacement at Rankin Rd. in the Brownsville area.

In the Buckeye Lake area, Double Z just started a major bridge replacement on S.R. 79 that runs over I-70. Subcontractors include Armstrong Steel, Lake Erie Construction and Follow the River.

Fields Excavating is in Pickerington installing new sewer lines along S.R. 256 and Allen Rd. Shelly & Sands is on U.S. Rt. 33 in Carroll continuing work on the interchange's median. Subcontractors Maxim Crane and Miller Cable are working on the lighting.

IN ZANESVILLE, Greg McKenzie (above) and Josiah Kennedy (left) are working for Shelly & Sands on I-70.

BEAVER EXCAVATING projects have Tom Wisecarver and Zy King (l-r above) working in McArthur and William Bolin (below) on the job at the Portsmouth Bypass.

Associated Pipeline has started work on the Leach X-Press Pipeline and has set up two yards – one in Carroll and the other in Malta. There are 89 miles of 30" and 36" pipe to be put in the ground. Cogar will be doing the clearing. Apex has been working on metering stations in the area with an assist from Beaver Excavating.

Equipment has been rolling in and Operating Engineers are being called out to work. Newly signed Spirtas is currently performing the demo work on an old AEP power plant near Commercial Point.

Construction of the new Sofidel paper plant in Circleville has been keeping members busy. Contractors include Capital City, Maxim Crane, Baker Concrete, Sofco Erectors and Atlas Industrial. Contractors Rental is currently working on 12 miles of 12" pipe which will feed gas to the paper plant. Parks Drilling is working with AEP in the city, drilling for new electric power poles.

Fields Excavating has an estimated 15,000 feet of sewer line in the town of Ashville. This will run directly into a new wastewater treatment plant being worked on by Peterson Industrial. Shelly & Sands has just started to work on two major bridge replacements on I-70 near Zanesville.

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Howard Concrete will be pumping grout into mine shafts under U.S. Rt. 33 east of Nelsonville. Shelly & Sands will be doing joint repair and paving on U.S. Rt. 33 in Athens County. Igel and Geiger Brothers have both been working on projects at Ohio University.

In Gallia County, five contractors are working at the Gavin power plant. Entact Environmental will be closing the fly ash pond while Mid-State is hauling FGD waste into landfill. Beaver Excavating will be finishing the landfill expansion. Duke & Duke will be treating the coal and Enerfab has been working on power house maintenance.

Beaver will also be hauling the ash at the Kyger Creek power plant and Shelly will be paving S.R. 141.

Axis Civil will be replacing curbs, sidewalks and roadway on S.R. 93 in Jackson, in Jackson County.

Price Gregory, Michels and Contractors Rental all have pipeline work in Lawrence County. Brayman Construction has the new Ironton-Russell bridge open and is taking down the old bridge. In Ironton, Allard Excavating will be paving S.R. 93, Shelly & Sands has a slip repair on S.R. 243 and Alan Stone is working on slip repair on S.R. 217.

In Meigs County, Shelly has intersection improvements at state routes 143 and 7. Alan Stone will be working on slip repair on S.R. 124.

Kokosing has been working on a S.R. 266 slip repair in Morgan County.

Work in Pike County has picked up. Axis Civil has a box culvert job on Jasper Rd., J & H Erectors has a building project for AEP in Lucasville and Double Z Construction has work on Watson Rd.

At the A-Plant, WAI and Beaver Excavating have a road widening, Geiger Brothers is working on a lift station and DKM and Wise Services have both been working on cleanup jobs.

Shelly will be paving U.S. Rt. 23 and S.R. 159 in Ross County, and Igel is working on a slip repair on S.R 50 in Bainbridge.

In Scioto County, Allard Excavating has box culverts to install on state routes 139 and 73 and will be widening a section of S.R. 140.

Beaver Excavating, John R. Jurgensen, Follow the River, Hill Top Energy, Bansal Construction and Lake Erie are all working on the Portsmouth bypass.

Parker will install a box culvert on S.R. 327 in Vinton County.

We look forward to having a safe, busy and prosperous year!

WORKING near the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus are Clarence Cooper (top) working for Double Z and Cody Hale (middle) and John Edwards (bottom) working for Capital City.

FATHER AND SON, Jesse and Jeff Lee (l-r), on the job for Shelly & Sands in Reynoldsburg.

ELSEWHERE in Circleville, Kelvin Eaton is on the job for Maxim.

IN Pickaway County, Richard Peters (D-6) and Randall Hammond, are working for Parks Drilling in Circleville.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with the authority vested in me as President of Local 18 and its branches, I am calling the Semi-Annual State Meeting of the members on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive.

The Executive Board will meet on Saturday, June 24, 2017 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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vided by the Election Committee, the signatures of a minimum of 200 of their respective District members or the signatures of two percent (2%) of their respective District membership whichever is less. In order to assure the validity of petition membership signatures, the signing member must place either their registration number or the last four digits of their Social Security number on the petition. Signatures without either a register number or the last four digits of the Social Security number will not be counted as a valid signature. Nomination Petitions will be made available by the Election committee at the respective District offices on April 1 preceding the June District membership meeting. The Nomination Petitions must be submitted to the chairman of the District membership meeting at the time of nomination at the June District membership meeting. Within five (5) days after the nominations have been concluded, the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall mail to each member nominated, at his/her last known home address, notice of his/her nomination and of the office to which he/she has been nominated and shall read or cause to be read the name of each nominee and identify the office to which such nominee seeks election at each regularly scheduled Local Union membership and District membership meeting held after receipt of the nominee's written acceptance of nomination. Nominees must return an acceptance of nomination to the Recording-Corresponding Secretary, which acceptance must be received by the Recording-Corresponding Secretary within 10 days of the date the candidate was notified of the nomination and, in addition, he/she shall have been in regular attendance at all regularly scheduled Local Union membership meetings and home District membership meetings held after his/her nomination and before election, subject to election rules, however, to reasonable excuse based upon good cause such as physical incapacity or death in his/her immediate family. In the event an incumbent officer is unopposed at the conclusion of nominations, the Local Union may direct the Recording-Corresponding Secretary to cast one (1) ballot for the nominees who shall then be declared duly elected to their office.

Section 13

The names of all eligible candidates who have filed their acceptances of nominations for office shall be published in the **July** issue of the ***Buckeye Engineer*** and promptly posted in each District office and in addition, all eligible candidates will be listed on the ballot. In all elections, the candidate names will appear on the ballot as they appear on the official union records at time of nominations.

Section 14

The ballot shall be a slate type ballot. The incumbent slate (the incumbent slate shall be defined as the slate headed and submitted by the incumbent Business Manager) shall have its choice as to location on the ballot. The slate shall consist of the following officers: Business Manager, President, Vice-President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, three (3) Auditors, Conductor and Guard. Notice of slate candidates must be received in writing by the Election Committee at 3515 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 within 72 hours of nominations.

Section 15

The election will be conducted during the month of **August** by mail referendum vote under the supervision of the Election Committee and any person, firm, or organization employed by it who shall check the ballots to see that each member entitled to a ballot receives one, mail the ballots, pick up the ballots from the Post Office and, in the regular manner, open the ballots and tabulate the results. The Local Union shall furnish to the Election Committee any information, records or assistance requested by them that directly pertains to the election, such as:

(a) Specific dates and times relative to the cut-off date for members to have their official address on file with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary. The mailing of ballots, postmark deadline, and ballot return deadline will be published in the ***Buckeye Engineer*** at least sixty (60) days prior to the election.

(b) A plain envelope will be included with the ballot and return envelope. The member will enclose and seal the ballot in the plain envelope to assure secrecy.

(c) The Post Office Box will be opened and the ballots will be picked up in the presence of a majority or by a number determined by the Election Committee (not less than three (3) Election Committee members) at a time and date to be published in the ***Buckeye Engineer***. No one will have access to the Post Office Box until the specified time and date. The ballots will be brought to the principal office of the Local Union, or other adequate facilities approved by the Election Committee, where they will be opened and tabulated with members of the Election Committee standing by as observers. Each candidate shall have the right to select observers who shall have the right to be present and to observe the opening and counting of ballots. Said observers must be members in good standing and certified to in writing by the candidate to the Local Union's President at least seven (7) days before the tally of the ballots. Immediately on completion of the tabulation, the Election Committee will certify the results to the Local Union and all interested parties.

Section 16

The newly elected Officers shall be installed at a specially called meeting in District 1 not later than September 15 following their election, unless an earlier installation is directed by the General President.

ARTICLE XV
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1

The Executive Board of the Local Union shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Business Manager, together with such other members of the Local Union as may be elected thereto by the membership of the Local Union. Such other members of the Union as may be elected to the Executive Board shall consist of three (3) members from each of the several Districts into which the Local is divided.

Section 2

The three (3) members from each District referred to herein above shall be nominated and elected by the membership of the district they represent. The provisions governing nomination and election shall be the same as applies to the election of Local Union officers.

In addition, the district he/she is nominated to serve must be his/her home district (district where their membership records are held) and, unless exempt under Article XIII, Section 7, they must have been continuously registered or referred to work from that district for one (1) year immediately prior to the month of nomination.

Section 3

The term of office for members of the Executive Board shall be three (3) years and, in the event a member takes office after the beginning of a term, he/she shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

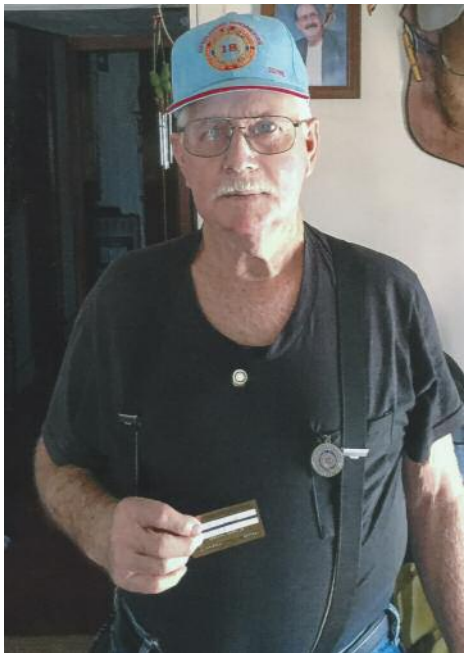
ARTICLE XXIV
FORMATION OF DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS

Section 1

The membership in a given District shall nominate and elect a District Advisory Board. The nomination and election shall be conducted according to the provisions of the Constitution governing the International Union of Operating Engineers, as such provisions may be applicable to a Local Union. The District Advisory Board shall consist of the District Representative, the business agents of the district, and one elected member representing each of the following elements or interests within the district: Local 18, Local 18A, Local 18B, Local 18C, Local 18G, Local 18S and Local 18RA, building construction, river and lake construction, heavy construction, paving construction, excavating construction, sewer construction, supply yard dealers, equipment dealers, state employees, county employees, city employees, sand and gravel employees, slag pit employees, scrap yard employees, and plant stationary maintenance engineers.

Districts recognize members' longevity

District 4/5



NEW 50-year member Clifford Brammer (above) holds his recognition items. New Life Members Terry Collins (above left) and Terry Helton (left).

District 2

RECENTLY recognized new Life Members Timothy Hoyer (above) and Kevin Oberdick (below).

Safety tips

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- Do not operate any vehicle, especially rollers, on an incline without wearing a seat belt.
- Never approach any machinery without signaling the operator to shut down the equipment and receiving an acknowledgement in return.
- Avoid riding on any moving equipment like rollers or similar equipment.
- Equipment operators should never move equipment without making positive visual eye contact with all workers on foot in their vicinity.
- Flaggers should understand the traffic flow, work zone set up and the proper placement of traffic channeling devices.
- Flaggers should maintain ample distance from other highway workers so their role can be distinguished by passing motorists.
- Flaggers should ensure they have good sight communication or two-way radios to communicate with their counterpart at the other end of the vehicular stream.

Always think safety and be aware of your surroundings. Above all else – never assume that equipment operators or motorists outside the work zone have spotted you and will slow down or stop.

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

Pursuant to the Bylaws of Local 18, the Election Committee announces the following dates relating to the forthcoming 2017 General Officers' election.

1. In order to be eligible to receive a ballot for the 2017 General Officers' election, each member's June dues must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2017. All hand-delivered dues must be received in the headquarters or district office no later than June 30, 2017. Mailed dues postmarked no later than June 30, 2017, must be received in the Union headquarters by July 3, 2017.
2. Ballots will be mailed on August 7, 2017, to all eligible members. Eligible members who do not receive a ballot by Friday, August 11, 2017, should call Graff, Ballauer & Blanski, P.C., at 1-847-881-2540 or email info@gbbcpa.com to request a duplicate ballot.
3. Ballots must be returned to the designated Post Office Box prior to 8:00 a.m., on August 26, 2017, the day of the count.

Tax Freedom Day: Congratulations . . .

. . . You began working for yourself on April 20!

Tax Freedom Day for Ohioans was April 20 this year, representing how long Ohioans had to work in order to pay the nation's tax burden according to the Tax Foundation.

Ohio's "freedom" came three days before the national average of April 23, and is based on federal, state and local taxes. That amounted to $3.5 trillion in federal taxes and $1.6 trillion in state and local taxes.

Americans will work the longest – 46 days – to pay federal, state and local individual income taxes. Payroll taxes will take 26 days to pay, followed by sales and excise taxes (15 days) and property taxes (10 days).

Americans will collectively spend more on taxes in 2017 than they will on food, clothing and housing combined.

This year, Ohio's April 20 date places it as the 27th most expensive tax state in the nation. Last year it was 26th and celebrated on April 15. In 2015 the date was April 27 and the state had the 23rd highest tax burden. In 2014 it was April 14 and in 2013 it was April 12.

Connecticut with much higher incomes and taxes "celebrated" May 21 – more than a month after Ohio – as its "freedom" day. On the other hand, Mississippi residents bear the lowest tax burden this year and achieved their Tax Freedom Day on April 5.

Things have changed in a century and a quarter. Tax Freedom Day was January 22 in 1900, and taxes accounted for 5.9% of the nation's income rather than 31%.

Legal

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Local 18 v. Lisa Caldwell (OCRC Charge): Lisa Caldwell filed a charge with OCRC alleging that Local 18 engaged in discriminatory conduct. *Local 18 entered an appearance in the matter and has denied all wrongdoing.*

Local 18 v. Tube City IMS (Scheduling Grievance): Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the manner in which the employer assigned overtime. *The Union has referred the matter to arbitration and a hearing has been scheduled.*

Local 18 v. Gary Lanoux (Welded Construction ULP Charge): Union member Gary Lanoux filed yet another charge with NLRB alleging that Local 18 breached its duty of fair representation. *Local 18 has entered an appearance in the matter and has denied all wrongdoing.*

Local 18 v. Kevin Seldon (JIS ULP Charge): Union member Kevin Seldon filed a charge with NLRB alleging that Local 18 breached its duty of fair representation. *Local 18 entered an appearance in the matter and has denied all wrongdoing.*

Local 18 v. ZMHA (Discipline Grievance): Local 18 filed a grievance challenging the employer's decision to discipline a member. *The Union has referred the matter to arbitration and we are in the process of selecting an arbitrator to preside over this matter.*

Stationary

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was mold in some of the buildings. These buildings were constructed in the 1970s and due to the design, water was able to penetrate certain areas of the buildings.

No easy task

Our members were tasked with removing that mold. It was determined that in order to properly remove the mold, each area with mold would have to be gutted, then the design flaw repaired, and finally completely rebuild what had been previously gutted.

This was no easy task for the members to undertake.

On top of that, further inspection determined the majority of the buildings had mold in one part or another of each unit. In order for the Housing Authority to expedite the mold abatement and be able to return tenants to their units as quickly as possible, the members worked significant amounts of overtime to complete the tasks assigned to them.

As the mold abatement was in process, the Housing Authority was also in the process of building a new model building that will be a test for future construction at the same A.M.P.

The new building is actually three different units under one roof. If approved, the Housing Authority will systematically start to raze the old buildings and begin construction on the new style buildings.

Local 18S also represents 36 members working for the city of Shelby. Members are employed in the following city departments and plants: Municipal Electric Distribution, Municipal Light Plant, Municipal Utilities Office, Municipal Water Treatment Plant, Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant, and 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 city services to the more than 9,000 residents of the city.

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

Ground will be broken this year to begin an upgrade and expansion to the city's existing municipal wastewater treatment plant.

The Stationary representatives take this opportunity to thank our stewards for their hard work and dedication.

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because of the fact the equipment may have limited visibility, with the driver focused on the task and not looking for you. As always, never assume others see you.

If you are the loader operator, keep an eye on all of your mirrors and regularly turn your head and check any possible blind spots not visible on the mirrors.

On March 17, a member was tracking a CAT 336F excavator up a matted roadway to assist in the extraction of an empty flatbed tractor trailer combination that had become stuck. While attempting to traverse from the matted roadway to the inclined ramp, the excavator began to slide. In an attempt to arrest the slide, the operator tried to dig the bucket into the mats which refused to allow purchase.

The excavator continued its slide to the edge of the mats where the track slid off and into a soft earthen embankment causing the excavator to tip, coming to rest on the cab side. The employee unbuckled his seat belt and exited the cab.

The employee was not injured and the damage sustained was to the sheet metal and glass of the excavator. Conditions reported on the jobsite were less then optimal. Rain, mud and snow, and generally slick conditions were a contributing factor to the accident. The company, in an attempt to mitigate the hazard, removed the timber mats and replaced the incline with Geo-Tek fabric with a stone ramp installed on top of it.

With the work picture of 2017 looking like it will be one of the best in Local 18's history, I want to stress to our fellow Brother and Sister engineers that six- and seven-day work weeks and long hours will eventually take their toll on our ability to focus.

This is where we need to set our resolve, dig in our heels and take responsibility for our fellow Brothers and Sisters. So please keep your eyes open and look out for hazards in and around your work areas. Help our apprentices and less experienced members grow and learn – and let's get through this work season without an accident or injury.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Due to IRS regulations, a portion of your administrative dues are not deductible on your 2017 income tax return (filing period 2018). In accordance with Local 18 Bylaws this amount is used for promoting, preserving, supporting and combating legislative initiatives affecting collective bargaining and union membership rights.

If you pay 3.0% administrative dues, then 16.7% of your total administrative dues are not deductible.

If you pay 2.0% administrative dues, then 25% of your total administrative dues are not deductible.

Your regular dues are not related to lobbying and therefore are 100% deductible.

IN ALL DISTRICTS:

ADVISORY BOARDS WILL MEET

1st MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

MEMBERSHIP WILL MEET

2nd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Fringe

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Over the past several years, we have seen more members and dependents utilizing the Education and Safety Fund scholarship program. The Fund paid out more than $900,000 in benefits during the 2016-2017 academic year, compared to $675,000 the previous year.

These scholarships enable our members to further their training, and allow their spouses and children to pursue a career.

The application period for the 2017-2018 academic school year closed on April 1, 2017. All scholarship recipients should have received notification of their award by mail in May. If you received an award from the trustees of the Education and Safety Fund, please remember to return one copy of your signed acceptance letter to the Fund office within 30 days from the date on the letter.

As always, if you have any questions about your Fringe Benefit programs, please feel free to contact us. We sincerely hope that you have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

Legislators visit training sites

MEETING with Business Manager Dalton (top) in Richfield are State Senator Frank Hoagland, State Rep Tim Ginter and his aide, and Instructor John Oberlin. (Below, l-r) Logan training center coordinator Mike Cooper, State Rep Jay Edwards and OCA's Angela Van Fossen.

Credit Union again offers summer discounts

	Your Price	Savings
Cedar Point (GAD – Good Any Day)		
Adult GAD (ages 3-61, 48"or taller in shoes)	$49.00	$18.00
Junior/Senior GAD (ages 3-61, under 48"/62 & older)	$43.00	$2.00
Two-Day Admission Adult	$74.00	$25.00
Adult Ride & Refresh (Includes all you care to drink wristband for Coca Cola fountain beverages) Not available at gate	$53.00	
Cedar Point Shores (New Water Park)		
Adult	$33.00	$29.00

Wildwater Kingdom Is Permanently Closed

	Your Price	Savings
Paramount's Kings Island & Soak City		
(prices as listed on-line at ooefcu.org)		
Kings Island & Soak City Water Park (GAD)	$38.00	$29.00
Kings Island & Soak City (Two-Day Ticket)	$60.95	$6.05
Kings Island & Soak City – Ride & Refresh	$46.00	$4.00
Kings Island & Soak City (Single Day Bundle)	$54.00	$47.00

(Includes admission, parking and single meal deal)
Ages 3 and up. Valid one day during 2017 season through September 4. All products associated with this voucher must be used on the same date.

Kings Island & Soak City (All-Inclusive Bundle)	$137.00	$118.00

Valid any one public operating day [Monday-Thursday] during 2017 regular season. Includes Single day general admission [Monday-Thursday], parking all-day, dining, souvenir bottle (free refills on first day, $1 refills on future visits), Fast Lane Plus wristband for anyone over 3, Single Day Fun Pix V.

Both parks have links that can be found on the ooefcu.org website homepage.

Only Cedar Point is offering printed/paper tickets that are available in the Credit Union office.

A limited supply of tickets is available, so please indicate which park attraction you are buying tickets for.

Make check/money order payable to Ohio Operating Engineers FCU and mail to OOE FCU, Suite 200, 3515 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115

Tickets are held in the Credit Union office and are available for pickup, or they can be mailed, so plan your trip in advance. If you wish your tickets mailed, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Priority mail is available at an additional charge.

Credit cards are not accepted at the Credit Union office!
Non-Credit Union members MUST pay by money order if purchasing tickets in office. No refunds or exchanges will be granted.

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Quarries

Martin Marietta Phillipsburg started back to production in early April, and looks forward to having a great year providing aggregate to its customers. With the early spring, members at the Martin Marietta plant in Troy were able to start dredging sand and gravel in early March.

Eastern Counties

Central Conveyor, Aristeo and Lesco have completed work at the Navistar plant in Springfield in Clark County. In a combined effort, the three companies installed more than 10,000 feet of tool rail and 1,000 cubic feet of decking, demolished and replaced new paint ovens, and installed a new conveyor system for a new product line.

Kokosing is close to completing the wastewater treatment plant in Springfield in Clark County. This project consists of installing 10,000 feet of force main sewer pipe and the cast in place pumping station along with installing 40 manholes. Capitol Tunneling assisted Kokosing by boring under the roadway and railroad tracks. Completion date of this project is expected in the summer of 2018.

A&B Asphalt has completed the two-lane resurfacing of U.S. Rt. 42 and U.S. Rt. 41 in South Charleston in Clark County.

Barrett Paving has started work on the four-lane resurfacing of U.S. Rt. 40/ U.S. Rt. 68 in the county, where Double Z Construction has a bridge repair at I-70/ I-675. The company has completed the traffic crossovers and the drainage system in the median.

Eagle Bridge has completed Phase I of a two-phase bridge repair at S.R. 835 in Beavercreek in Greene County. The first phase consisted of complete removal, replacement of reflection walls, and some bridge deck repairs. The second phase will be performed by Freisthler Paving who will replace concrete approaches to the bridge. This project has an expected completion date of early fall.

Elsewhere in Greene County, Shook Construction continues working on the Yellow Springs wastewater treatment plant. It has laid 15,000 feet of sanitary pipe, the foundation and walls for the main building have been poured, and the underground electrical duct bank has been installed. This ongoing project is expected to be completed in 2018.

Barrett Paving is keeping six operators busy completing the two-lane resurfacing at state routes 123 and 133 in Clinton County. The anticipated completion date is late summer.

In Highland County, Shelly & Sands has started work on the S.R. 28 bridge replacement. Shelly is repaving Price Rd. in the county.

Brown County is also seeing its fair share of construction projects. John R. Jurgensen is nearing completion of a realignment and widening and straightening of a spiral curve on S.R. 41.

Alan Stone is busy with slide repair projects on U.S. Rt. 41 in both Brown and Adams counties. On U.S. Rt. 41 in Adams County, Foill has started work on a bridge replacement.

In Fayette County, Great Lakes Construction has completed Phase I on S.R. 435 of the complete removal, re-stabilization and resurfacing of the eastbound lanes. Armstrong Steel has assisted in the demolition and bridge replacement.

Rack & Ballauer is busy widening Old S.R. 74, in Batavia in Clermont County and has installed more than 2,000 feet of storm pipe. Also in Clermont County, Maxim Crane Works and Sofco Erectors have finished the steel erection on the new 2,000 seat sanctuary for Crossroads Church in Eastgate.

R.B. Jergens has started a full depth road. widening of Socialville Fosters Rd. in Warren County. This project has members busy with pavement removal, road widening and resurfacing.

Pipeline

Mid-Ohio Contracting is keeping several Operating Engineers busy installing 16-and 24-inch pipeline on a five-mile-long project in Fairborn in Greene County. The project is expected to last until early November.

Miller Pipeline is also busy in Fairborn, installing 5,000 feet of distribution line, and connecting business and residential services.

Premier Energy has been busy making gas line distribution repairs to commercial and residential properties in Greene and Clinton counties, in addition to installing new distribution line.

Miller Pipeline is installing 4,000 feet of two-inch plastic gas main, and then connecting 48 services off Linden Ave. in Dayton. In West Dayton, the company has started replacing 2,700 feet of plastic main, and installing 14 services on Forest Ave.

RLA Investments is working on the Big Bone connector project for Duke Energy. New 12-inch steel pipe is going in over a span of 12 miles along S.R. 338 in Walton.

WORKING at the Fort Loramie Lake spillway for Miller Brothers are (left) Mike Neal on crane, Jeff Richer (D-2) on excavator and (below) Dean Reinking (D-2).

Shops

RECO Equipment in Florence, Kentucky has been performing several rebuilds on material handling equipment that will be used for scrap processing.

Ohio CAT's Troy shop continues working on a variety of equipment. Field services has been busy repairing customer equipment. The shop mechanics have been getting customers' equipment fixed, and also making repairs to the rental equipment fleet.

Columbus Equipment mechanics in Huber Heights have been busy repairing trade-in equipment, in addition to prepping new equipment.

Ohio CAT's Agriculture Equipment shop in Washington Court House in Clinton County is keeping its mechanics busy with repairs and services after the spring planting season.

The staff at District 4/5 wishes everyone a prosperous and safe season. We thank the Executive Board and membership for making Local 18 second to none. Please attend your monthly membership meetings, and take advantage of the many training opportunities that are available at our training sites. Please be safe, and have a great work season.

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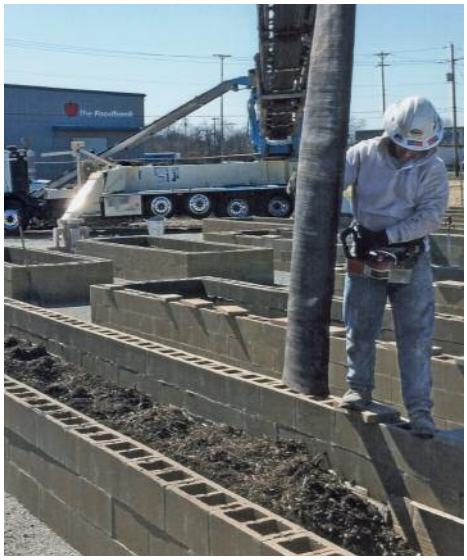
District 4/5 members

EASTGATE project for Maxim Crane is keeping Harold Burton and David Scott (l-r) busy.

ON THE JOB for Ryan Inc. Central at the Cherokee Run landfill are Christine Robinson (above) and Tim Hopkins (below).

ON the excavator for C.J. Mahan at the Indian Lake spillway is Rodney Anderson (D-3).



OPERATING a belt truck, Josh Craiglow is placing dirt in a raised garden for Buckeye Concrete.

ON RUBBER TIRE HOES for RLA Utilities are Jerome Schnapp (above) in Franklin and Eric Sparks and Jeff Runyan (below) in Carlisle.

WORKING for Rack & Ballauer is Roger Bush.

PUMPING concrete for Buckeye Concrete on Helena St. in Dayton is Jeff Gregg.

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Mr. Excavator continues site work at the Lincoln Electric World Headquarters addition on St. Clair Ave. in Euclid. Phoenix Cement has the concrete. Mr. Excavator also has the parking expansion for the University Hts. Public Library and the Dover Ditch restoration in Westlake, with Vermilion Tree Service & Land Clearing doing the clearing.

Great Lakes continues working on improvements to the new West Shoreway transformation, the East 79th St. RTA bridge replacement and on the rehab of the West 3rd St. pump station in Cleveland. Great Lakes is also dredging Green Lake in Shaker Hts.

Elsewhere in Shaker Hts., at the new "The District at Van Aken" mixed-use site, Sitetech has the mass excavation, sewer and water, with Standard Contracting digging for footers, Carbide Excavating digging for the electricians and X-Treme Elements doing the concrete with help from General Crane.

Terrace Construction has valve and hydrant repairs throughout the city of Cleveland, water line repairs on Highland Rd. in Highland Hts. and on Coventry Rd. in Shaker Hts., and sewer work on East 150th St. in Cleveland.

In eastern Cuyahoga County, the Cleveland Clinic's new 60-bed rehab facility on Science Park Drive in Beachwood is coming along with Sitetech on site work. Cleveland Contractors remains busy at the "Vanguard" 150 unit and parking garage condo site in Beachwood near Chagrin Blvd. and Richmond Rd.

The Cleveland Hts. High School addition still has Platform Cement, Standard Contracting and Mr. Excavator continuing the site work.

In Warrensville Hts., Sitetech has two more buildings to demo at the old Randall Park Mall.

CLEVELAND'S Innerbelt bridge has kept many members busy including Richard Stubbs (left) installing natural gas vents for Geotech Services and Mitch Okraszewski (below) operating an R/T forklift for Avalotis.

Fabrizi Trucking & Paving has a sewer project on Fairmount Blvd. in Cleveland Hts. and a water line replacement on Highland Rd. in Richmond Hts.

In western Cuyahoga County, Shook continues improvements at the Westerly wastewater plant chloric acid building.

Anthony Allega Cement Contractor is building the new snow machines and maintenance addition at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

Chieftain Trucking has the site work for the West 25th St. and Detroit Ave. condominiums and garage site. There will be approximately 330 units with retail space as well. Independence Excavating continues demolition of the old Max Hayes Vocational High School on West 45th and Detroit Ave.

Perk has road rehabilitation on West 130th St. and Pearl Rd. in Cleveland, with Shelly doing the milling and paving on both projects.

Distribution & Maintenance gas line work is still plentiful in Cuyahoga County keeping Don Wartko Construction, DRS Enterprises, 1127 Construction, Vallejo, Petty Group and H. M. Miller busy.

Nerone & Sons continues sewer work at the Lakewood wastewater treatment plant in Rocky River. Mr. Excavator has the site work for the new Lakewood Family Health Center, where B&B Wrecking & Excavating demoed the old Lakewood Hospital. McKinney Drilling is drilling for the caissons.

Precision Engineering & Contracting has the site work for the Normandy Senior Living complex expansion in Rocky River, with Phoenix Cement doing the concrete.

Terrace is widening the off ramps at S.R. 252 and I-90 in North Olmsted. Work on the new North Olmsted High School/Technical School and stadium has members on the job for Sitetech, Howard Concrete Pumping, Kiehl Building, Platform Cement and Kelley Steel Erectors.

Kokosing Materials, Stoneco dba/Allied Corporation/dba Shelly Liquid, Tech Ready Mix, Cuyahoga Concrete, Ontario Stone and Independence Excavating's crushers are keeping many members steadily working in the material and aggregate sectors.

Work in southern Cuyahoga County continues to be plentiful with many ongoing projects.

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DEMOING a factory for B&B Wrecking & Excavating as part of Phase 2 of the Opportunity Corridor are (l-r) Mike Beck, Charlie Baker, Kurt Blatnik and Tony Masterson.

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Schirmer Construction continues working on the Valley Parkway new pathway in Brecksville. The company is also continuing on the Bagley Rd. bridge replacement in Olmsted Falls.

Perk continues paving Pleasant Valley Rd. in Parma, with Mr. Excavator working on the underground. Perk is also working on the Center St. bridge replacement in Berea.

Anthony Allega continues widening the entrance ramp on I-77 at Rockside Rd. Kokosing has started adding the I-77 third lane in Brecksville from S.R. 82 to just past the Ohio Turnpike.

Don Wartko has gas line replacement throughout Maple Hts. Independence Excavating has the sewer expansion of Rockside Woods Blvd. in Independence. J. D. Williamson has the bridge replacement on Avery Rd. over Chippewa Creek in Broadview Hts. Great Lakes has sound barrier walls on I-480 in Brooklyn. Fabrizi Trucking & Paving has a new water line and sewer separation on Bagley Rd. in North Olmsted. Fabrizi is also resurfacing Fry Rd. in Brook Park, and Kokosing is resurfacing Snow Rd. in the city.

Work at ArcelorMittal continues to keep many members busy working for Stein, Matt Construction, Kelley Steel Erectors, Bulk Transport and K. T. Grant.

In Bedford in eastern Cuyahoga County, Mr. Excavator is replacing force main on Perkins Rd. At the ODOT District 12 garage on Taylor Lane in Warrensville Hts., Platform Cement is demoing the old garage and Cunningham Paving is onsite paving the parking lot.

Independence Excavating, Donley's and Vantastic Crane Service are all working on the new Pinecrest shopping center in Orange Village. King Excavating is demoing a shopping center on Enterprise Parkway in Solon.

DEMOLISHING a shopping mall in North Randall for Sitetech are Doug Pearce (in excavator) and (l-r) Tyler Rindfleisch and Tom Rindfleisch.

In Mayfield Village, Marous Brothers Construction is replacing a pump station on Beech Hill Drive and J. D. Williamson is replacing two bridges at Wilson Mills and I-271.

Kokosing has started its major I-271 reconstruction which begins at the Cuyahoga/Summit county line and goes north to the I-271/I-480 split. Independence Excavating has the site work for an addition at The Country Club on Lander Rd. in Pepper Pike.

Marous Brothers has the site work for the Landerbrook Care Center on Landerbrook Drive in Mayfield Heights. In Gates Mills, King Excavating has the site and underground for a commercial rental property on U.S. Rt. 322.

Ruhlin is replacing the S.R. 91 bridge over S.R. 2 in Eastlake in Lake County. S.E.T. is replacing a pump station on Lakeshore Blvd.

King Excavating has the site work for the new Mentor Amphitheater on Munson Rd. and for Gabrielle's Way, a new residential development on Market St.

In Mentor, Precision Engineering & Contracting, All Crane, Forest City Erectors and Piqua Steel are working on the new Lake Health Wellness Center on Market St. Trax Construction is replacing a storm sewer on Murray Ave. and DRS Enterprises is replacing gas line services on Hart St. Petty Group is replacing 2,200 feet of gas line along U.S. Rt. 20 in the city.

In Mentor-on-the-Lake, Eclipse has the Mentor Marsh Interceptor, a road that connects both sides of the marsh. Ric-Man Construction is replacing tanks and valves at the wastewater treatment plant.

In Wickliffe, Aggravo is replacing a storm sewer on Elm Ave.

D. B. Bentley is replacing a water line on Nan Lynn Drive in Willoughby. Nerone & Sons is putting in new electrical for a pump station on Erie St.

In Willowick, DRS Enterprises is replacing wire for Dominion East Ohio on Oakdale Rd.

CIR is replacing a water line along S.R. 528 in Madison, and a water line along Elm St. in Geneva.

On S.R. 84, Midwest Equipment is dismantling a Circle K gas station.

In South Russell in Geauga County, Jack Gibson Construction is making plant repairs at the wastewater treatment plant. H. M. Miller is replacing a gas line along East Washington St.

ASW Pipeline is replacing 1,500 feet of gas line along U.S. Rt. 6. in Montville. The company and Hallmark Excavating are working on a new cell tower manufacturing plant in Middlefield.

Sitetech and Donley's are on a housing addition at the Sisters of Notre Dame Cathedral on Auburn Rd. in Chardon. Trax is replacing a water line along Maple Ave. in the city.

In the city of Ashtabula in Ashtabula County, ASW Pipeline is making gas line repairs and replacing services along West 46th St. B&B Wrecking & Excavating is working on a controlled demo of the old CEI plant on Lake Ave. East. Capp Steel Erectors is setting structural for a new Circle K on Lake Ave.

Anthony Allega Cement is replacing runways and adding one additional runway to the Ashtabula Regional Airport in Jefferson. Utilities Construction is relocating 2,500 feet of electrical on Brown Rd.

R. W. Sidley has set up a portable crusher on U.S. Rt. 20 in Conneaut to crush concrete left over from the road's bridge project.

Platform Cement has the site work for a 22-bed addition for Glenbeigh on Riverdale Rd. in Rock Creek.

In the city of Lorain in Lorain County, Marous Brothers has site work for a retirement home on North Point Parkway, with InfraSource digging the gas main. Also in Lorain, Herk Excavating has the site work for a new church on 5th St. Speer Brothers is replacing a water line on 18th St.

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OPERATING a hoe for King Excavating in Mentor is Reed Cernik (above) and for CIR in Geneva (below) is Robert Dudinksy.

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Fabrizi is repairing a water line and doing site work at Cascade Park in Elyria, and J. D. Williamson is replacing four bridges on I-90.

At Oberlin College in Oberlin, Mr. Excavator has the site work for the physical education center addition, with Kodiak Construction on site digging the electrical. Also in Oberlin, InfraSource is upgrading gas mains and services on Lorain St. Buckeye Excavating is replacing a water main on Pleasant St.

In Avon, KMU Trucking & Excavating has the site work for a new Duluth Trading Company store on Chester Rd. In Avon Lake, Underground Utilities is working on sewer separation on Brookfield Rd., Electric Blvd. and Inwood Blvd.

Eclipse is working on a road realignment at the intersection of Boone and Royalton roads in Columbia Station. Also in Columbia Station, DiGioia Suburban has the site and underground work for a housing development on White Tail Run.

Trushel Excavating has the site work for a housing development on Greenlawn Drive in North Ridgeville, and Mr. Excavator has the site and underground work for the new University Hospitals site on Lorain Rd. in the city. Kodiak is on site digging electric. In Grafton, Sitetech is working on a stream restoration project on Royalton Rd.

In Sandusky in Erie County, Sitetech is digging in new telecommunications lines at Cedar Point Amusement Park. Ed Burdue Construction is clearing and grading an old factory site on Huron St. for the city of Sandusky.

A.A. Boos is digging footers for retaining walls, Mosser Construction is building slide pools and Diggers of Ohio is digging water and drain lines for the new water rides at Soak City in Sandusky. R. E. Rice has site work at Kalahari in Sandusky for the water park expansion. Mosser is doing foundation repairs at the 1st St. water treatment plant.

H. Luli Construction has the site and underground for a retreat center on S.R. 60 in Wakeman in Huron County. Also in Wakeman, D & M Earthmoving is clearing a wooded lot for a farmer on St. Johns Rd.

Precision Pipeline and Northern Clearing are stocking equipment at a yard on S.R. 103 in Willard for the Rover Pipeline. R. A. Bores is replacing a water line on East Main St. in Bellevue.

In the city of Medina in Medina County, Tri-Mor has a road rehab on West Smith Rd. Also in Medina, DiGioia Suburban Excavating is widening S.R. 42. In Brunswick, KMU Trucking & Excavating has the site and underground for a retirement home on Laurel Rd.

Fioritto Construction is digging in a new water main on Park St. in Wadsworth and Karvo Paving is widening S.R. 94 in the city. On Chatham Rd. in Spencer, BCC Ohio is replacing bridge joints.

Thank you to the District 1 Advisory and Executive boards for their support. We hope everyone is having a safe and productive work season.

EXCAVATING at the Green Lake dredging for Great Lakes Construction is Rich Soldat (left) and at the Dover Ditch restoration for Mr. Excavator is Frank Pertz (right).

OPERATING a hoe for Anthony Allega Cement at the Ashtabula Regional Airport is Mike Pittsenbarger.

INSTALLING distribution gas line for H.M. Miller in University Heights are (l-r) Brian Miller and Dave Snure.

DOING site work at the Phillips Physical Education Center in Oberlin is Staple Gierke working for Mr. Excavator.

WORKING in Ruhlin's Sharon Center shop are mechanics (l-r) Dalton Carpenter, Brent Kimble and Ken Kaufman.

New study shows RTW laws harm workers*

"Right-to-work" laws are nothing new. The first states to adopt such laws did so in the 1940s and 50s. But between 1960 and 2012, a span of 52 years, only four states became "right to work." In contrast, since 2012, six states have adopted so-called "right-to-work" laws – Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and, just this year, Kentucky and Missouri.

What's going on?

"Right to work" schemes make it harder for workers to form strong labor unions through which they can organize and speak with one voice on the job. At a time of extreme inequality in our country, legislators should be making it easier, not harder, for workers to unite. The question of why this is happening now has to do with money in our politics, the power of special interests and the influence of right-wing extremists.

But the recent conversions in the Midwest set the stage for a kind of regional experiment that is helping us answer another important question: What's the impact of "right-to-work" laws on a state's workforce?

By tracking certain economic indicators in three newly-minted "right-to-work" states and comparing them with three collective bargaining states, researchers Frank Manzo IV of the Illinois Economic Policy Institute and Robert Bruno of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, set out to answer this question. They compared Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, on the one hand, with Illinois, Minnesota and Ohio.

What they found leaves little doubt that "right-to-work" schemes harm workers. In a study published in April, which studies the period from 2010 to 2016, Manzo and Bruno write, "Based on data over recent years, RTW has had particularly negative consequences for many middle-class workers in Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. These include working-class Americans in construction, protective services, office support jobs, and those with two- and four-year college degrees."

In particular, they point out that "right-to-work" schemes have statistically lowered the hourly wages of:

- Construction and extraction workers by 5.9 percent;
- Workers in service occupations, including police officers and fire fighters, by 3.1 percent;
- Workers in office and administrative support roles by 2.7 percent;
- Employees in retail and business sales by 2.4 percent;
- Professional, educational, and health workers by 1.9 percent.

Manzo and Bruno also found that "right-to-work" schemes reduced the unionization rate by 2.1 percent on average.

Nobody wins with "right to work." Or, nobody wins except the rich. "Right-to-work" schemes are designed to benefit the wealthy at the expense of average Americans on the job.

** From LaborPress*

IN MEMORIAM

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

LM Perry Hall (D-6)	March 2
LM Junior Durst (D-4/5)	March 14
LM Edward Lunceford (D-6)	March 20
LM Dale Marks (D-2)	March 21
LM Broten Collins (D-4/5)	March 22
LM Dennis Boss (D-2)	March 25
LM Thomas Funk (D-1)	March 28
LM Richard Schartman (D-1)	March 28
LM Robert Burgan (D-3)	March 29
LM Philip Koewler (D-4/5)	March 31
LM Paul Smith (D-1)	April 2
LM Earl Shepherd (D-2)	April 3
Michael Zeigler (D-2)	April 3
LM Salvatore Mideli (D-4/5)	April 4
Karl Wile (D-1)	April 4
LM Dennis Kaminski (D-2)	April 5
Robert Tefft (D-2)	April 8
LM Carl Pigg (D-1)	April 11

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Survivor, pension benefits go to 13

Survivors of one Local 18 member have qualified for death benefits and 12 Local 18 members have qualified for retirement benefits. They include:

District 1

Vincent M. Barna, Joint & Survivor (early retirement) and Michael G. Baldacci, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

District 2

William H. Frysinger (early retirement) and Stephen L. Spurgeon (normal retirement).

District 3

Harlan R. Boozer, Jr. and Gerald Duda, Joint & Survivor's (early retirements).

District 4/5

Larry S. Davis, Richard J. Lucas, Michael L. Smith and Jimmie D. Vinson, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements); Michael R. McMann, Joint & Survivor (disability) and Robert W. Cooper, Jr. (death).

District 6

Mark E. Raies (early retirement).

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