

# Buckeye Engineer



## Local 18 CALENDAR

### JULY

- 2 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 4 Independence Day
- 9 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 11 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 14 8-hour CCO Refresher – Cygnet Training Center
- 16 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- 18 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 21 8-hour CCO Refresher – Cygnet Training Center
- 28 8-hour CCO Exam – Cygnet Training Center

### AUGUST

- 6 All Districts – Advisory Board mtgs.
- 13 All Districts – Membership mtgs.
- 15 District 1 Info. mtg. – Ashtabula
- 15 District 2 Info. mtg. – Lima
- 20 District 6 Info. mtg. – Guernsey County Fairgrounds

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day

## RETIREE CALENDAR

### JULY

- 11 District 6 Retiree Picnic – D-6 Union Hall, Noon
- 18 District 6 Board Meeting – D-6 Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- 19 District 2 mtg.
- 25 District 4/5 mtg.
- 26 District 1 mtg.

### AUGUST

- 15 Statewide Retiree Picnic – Logan Training Center, Noon
- 23 District 1 mtg.

## REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Richard E. Dalton, Business Manager

The work season is in full swing and the employers have geared up for the summer. Be mindful of your surroundings and watch out for your Brother and Sister Engineers on the job site. Keep in mind the first-year apprentices on-the-job are probably in their initial employment period, so watch out for them and assist them to be productive and most importantly, Safe!

In May, our delegates attended the 39<sup>th</sup> International Convention held in Hollywood, Florida. The theme for the Convention was “The Future is Now”. Many amendments were approved for the Constitution and 32 Resolutions were passed. My thanks to the Local 18 Delegates, who represented this Local Union and you. Our Delegates were professional, attentive and engaged throughout the sessions.

Now that the International Convention is over, the Local 18 Bylaws Committee will get into action to make certain Local 18 Bylaws are consistent with the International Constitution. If you have any suggested changes to the Bylaws, please submit them to your District Representative or to Headquarters.

Work for 2018 is good. The weather started out somewhat wet, but has improved greatly allowing for good work weeks and long hours. ODOT’s budget for 2018 is roughly \$2.2 billion, one of the best years ever. The building work in the state is sporadic. The Cleveland area has building work at Cleveland Clinic and Metro Hospitals, but not much else. Columbus has quite a bit of building work downtown and Cincinnati is hit-and-miss as well.

Toledo has started the work on the



Have a safe, profitable summer.

Cleveland Cliffs Iron Ore Briquette plant, a \$700 million facility to take iron ore, heat and compress it to make briquettes for the steelmaking industry. This facility will incorporate the latest technology. Employment of the trades will exceed 2,000 craft persons for a three-year project.

Sewer retention and runoff tunnels have provided an immense amount of work for Local 18 operators over the past 5 years and continue to do so with tunnel work in Cleveland, Akron and Columbus. These projects are long-term jobs with multiple-shift operations, employing numerous operators in all facets of the project.

Local 18 continues to work with JobsOhio in promoting Ohio as an employer-friendly atmosphere to locate business and manufacturing. In May, Local 18 was invited to meet with another prospective client regarding a major project for the Ashtabula area. If successful, the resulted project would be around \$500 million. It goes to show that Ohio, a NON-Right-to-Work state, can attract business and manufacturing corporations. The rhetoric of RTW supporters want you to believe that without RTW a state cannot attract business, when in reality, businesses want a skilled workforce and accessible transportation.

The 2018 May primary race is behind us as we move toward the November elections. Local 18 has endorsed and thrown its support behind the team of DeWine for Governor and Husted for Attorney General. Legislative Representative Mark Totman and I have had several meetings with DeWine/Husted to make

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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, 2018, **when a new dues schedule will go into effect. Check the August Buckeye for the new dues schedule.**

Local 18 \$65.25 per quarter  
+3% Administrative Dues\*

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Local 18B \$65.25 per quarter  
+3% Administrative Dues\*

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+2% Administrative Dues\*  
only when working for Dealer/Rental  
Shops. 3% Administrative Dues  
when working for other shops, i.e.,  
Highway Heavy Companies\*

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Quarries, Material Yards, etc.)

Local 18D \$24.00 per month

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

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+3% Administrative Dues\*

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hourly rate plus \$9.50 per month to be  
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Contributions or gifts to I.U.O.E. Local 18 are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

\*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.

## District 6 off to a great start

2018 is off to a great start. All aspects of work is booming, whether it's Building, Highway Heavy or Distribution and Maintenance of Pipeline work. Opportunities are abundant. It's up to us as Operating Engineers to take full advantage of them and showcase our skills and professionalism.

### Belmont County

Shelly & Sands continues work on the S.R. 331 and I-70 road project near Belmont College. They are widening existing roads, building new roads and a new bridge. They also have the Mall Road project, consisting of new ramps, building a new bridge and making a new road by the St. Clairsville Mall off of I-70. Stanley Miller and R.F. Scurlock are working in East Richland for AEP, building a new training facility. Savage Construction has operators digging footers for a new gymnasium facility and ball fields for the East Richland Evangelical Church. Beaver Excavating has a crew building access roads outside of Colerain in Belmont County for Gulfport Energy water line project.

Newly signed Rock Forge Bridge Company has a few operators doing slip repair work on S.R. 647 in Colerain. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating has several operators working with different gas companies doing preventative road maintenance throughout the county. Complete General has operators installing new traffic cameras for the state along I-70 and I-470. Lash Paving has a couple of mechanics doing maintenance at the shop in Colerain. Chemsteel is doing site work for a new switch station for AEP outside of Flushing.



***RUNNING a track hoe at Canton Wastewater Plant is Andrea Kimberlin.***



***WORKING with Shelly & Sands in Uhrichsville is Zy King.***

### Harrison County

Crossroads Construction is finishing up on the double bridge replacement projects on S.R. 799 at Clendenning Lake. Vilano Construction is keeping an operator busy working on the new Harrison Hills School in Cadiz. Freedom Construction is still working at the new ODOT Salt Dome Facility on S.R. 151 outside of Scio.

### Guernsey County

Stonegate Construction has a crew working in Brown Heights outside of Cambridge installing new water lines. Cast & Baker still has several members working at Seneca Lake Park renovating and cutting in new campsites. Grae-Con Construction Inc. has operators doing site work constructing a new wastewater treatment plant in Quaker City. Shelly & Sands have a crew doing a bridge replacement on S.R. 513 outside of Quaker City.

### Jefferson County

NPL Construction Company has several crews throughout Steubenville doing gas distribution work. Enerfab has two shifts of operators working on an outage at the First Energy Sammis Plant in Stratton. U.S. Bridge is getting close to finishing the bridge replacement job on C.R. 10 in Adena. Lash Paving has operators doing road-widening work for Ascent Energy off of C.R. 5 and Mathews Rd.

Shelly & Sands started back to work on the S.R. 7 and University Blvd. project in Steubenville. Shelly & Sands also have operators and mechanics working at the AC Terminal and shops in Rayland and Weirton. Inside the AEP Cardinal Plant in Brilliant, Day & Zimmerman has two shifts of operators working on an outage for the plant. Newly signed Keystone Stabilization is working on road stabilization for Ascent Energy on C.R. 8 in Jefferson

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***OPERATING an asphalt roller for Shelly & Sands in Uhrichsville is Don United, Jr.***

# POLITICAL ACTION

## Legislative Report

by Mark Totman, *Legislative Representative*

The Ohio House has a new Speaker, Ryan Smith (R) Gallipolis, OH, at least until January 2019 when the next vote for Ohio House Speaker is up for grabs again.



If you have read a newspaper in the last 3 months, you would know former Speaker Cliff Rosenberger resigned as Speaker of the House back in April, because he became aware he was being investigated by the FBI for accepting gifts and travel, etc. from lobbying firms connected to current legislation under consideration at the Statehouse.

Since then the Ohio House has been without a Speaker. Local 18, Act Ohio, Carpenters and Laborers had already been working with Representative Larry Householder (former House Speaker 2001 – 2004) and other House Republicans to elect more pro building

trades Republicans in heavily leaning Republican House districts. We felt the number of pro-union votes in the House was trending the wrong way under the current leadership.

Remember we must maintain 50 votes of the 99 House members to win any vote. The current make up of the Ohio House is 66 Republicans and 33 Democrats. Thus, in order to get the 50 votes needed each day, we need 17 Republicans to vote with the 33 Democrats every day!

The Householder group won, with the Trades help, 20 of the 21 races during the May primaries.

Hopefully, these candidates will win in the November General Election, and then in 2019, we will keep the needed balance of Republicans and Democrats in the House to win our issues daily.

The next Speaker race, if Republicans keep control of the House in November, will most likely be Householder vs. Smith in January 2019.

For now though, the legislature is back to work (early June). They will probably pass the bills they need to vote on and most likely leave town for their perspective campaigning.

That should bring you up to date for now. Have a great summer and as always, thank you for making the Operating Engineers, Local 18 the force we are at the Statehouse!

You are the reason we are winning!

## Prevailing wage repealed in the Michigan legislature

In the latest blow for organized labor, Michigan's prevailing wage law was repealed by Republicans in the Michigan Legislature in early June. Lawmakers who supported the repeal said it was needed to save taxpayer dollars on public projects.

Four Republicans joined all the Democrats in the Senate on a 23-14 vote to repeal the measure, which was brought to the Legislature after a group affiliated with the Associated Builders and Contractors organization gathered enough signatures to get the measure either put on the November 6 general election ballot or be voted on by the Legislature. The Legislature chose to take up the issue and subsequently approved it.

The repeal will go into effect without the need for a signature from Gov. Rick Snyder, who supports prevailing wage law and who had threatened to veto a bill introduced last year in the Legislature. That's because Protecting Michigan Taxpayers collected 382,700 signatures to get the issue before the Legislature. The state Board of Canvasses certified that 262,736 of these were from valid registered voters. By meeting the signature threshold and being approved by both chambers, it became law immediately.

Democrats argued that repealing the wage would lead to inferior work quality throughout the state because unions provide training and apprenticeships for skilled trade workers, something that might not happen without the prevailing wage law. Others noted that the crucial shortage of skilled trade workers in the state would only grow with the repeal.

Several hundred union members showed up for the Legislative debate, filling the gallery above the House of Representatives' chamber and voicing their disapproval before the vote. Union members said that other states that repealed the prevailing wage had experienced lower wages, higher project costs and a lack of training for skilled workers. They pointed

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## Sanders' new bill would wipe out Right-to-Work laws

Anti-union legislation would be banned under a Bill introduced in early May by Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT). The Workplace Democracy Act, proposed by Sanders in the U.S. Senate and Representative Mark Pocan (D-WI) in the U.S. House of Representatives, would end so-called Right-to-Work laws passed by state legislatures as a way to weaken labor unions and attract businesses. Right-to-Work laws have become law in a majority of states, driving down wages, expanding the gender wage gap, and leading to more people working low-wage jobs. States with RTW laws have higher rates of poverty and lower average pay than states where collective bargaining is not under attack, according to the AFL-CIO. These laws have become commonplace even in states with strong labor union traditions, like Wisconsin and Illinois.

The pro-union congressional legislation comes as a pending U.S. Supreme Court case could have devastating effects on public sector labor unions across the United States by

barring unions from collecting fees from non-union workers to represent those workers in collective bargaining agreements.

The Workplace Democracy Act would ease the process for creating labor unions by allowing the National Labor Relations Board to certify a new union if a majority of workers in the workplace vote in favor of joining a union. This would simplify the process for workers who want to create a labor union and avoid delays that let employers interfere. Sanders and Pocan point out that 92 percent of private sector employers "force employees to attend closed-door meetings to hear anti-union propaganda" if they express interest in creating a union. Employer obstacles mean the more than half of unions that manage to overcome the interference don't have a first workers' contract a year after union elections, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

The Bill has 14 cosponsors in the House, along with a dozen cosponsors in the Senate.

*Excerpted from rewire.news May 2018*

## Local Chicago case involving Right-to-Work could have national impact

Illinois recently enacted Right-to-Work  legislation. Normally, this would not be groundbreaking news. But, Illinois is not a Right-to-Work  state. So, what's going on?

It turns out a municipality in the state took it upon itself to enact a Right-to-Work  ordinance at the local level. This has set up a crucial precedent that continues to be argued in the court system.

### The details

Lincolnshire, Illinois, became the only locality in the state to enact its own Right-to-Work  ordinance in December 2015. The village has since been wrapped up in a legal battle. The central question is whether only states can pass Right-to-Work  legislation, or if municipalities can claim that same right.

The International Union of Operating Engineers Locals 150 and 399, the Laborers District Council of Chicago and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters have all filed suits, claiming that municipalities do not have the author-

ity to enact Right-to-Work  laws. On the other side of the aisle is the Liberty Justice Center (LJC), which is helping the village of Lincolnshire fight back against the union's challenge.

### Legal gray area

Home rule statutes in Illinois allow municipalities to pass their own economic development laws "so long as they don't interfere with existing state law." Since Illinois is not a Right-to-Work  state, this statute seems to support the argument that localities cannot

pass Right-to-Work  laws.

However, the Liberty Justice Center acknowledges that Illinois is indeed not a Right-to-Work  state, but they say there is no law that specifically prohibits localities from enacting their own Right-to-Work  legislation. Both the union's viewpoint and the municipality's stance each seem to have some legal standing. This is precisely why this particular Right-to-Work  situation has been caught up in courtrooms for the last three years.

### The latest developments

In January 2017, District Court Judge, Matthew Kennelly, ruled that only states have the power to enact Right-to-Work  laws. The city of Lincolnshire immediately appealed.

Since then, the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals has heard arguments in the case but has yet to rule.

Both sides agree that if the appellate court rules in favor of Lincolnshire, it could open the floodgates to even more local Right-to-Work  laws in Illinois. Municipalities in other states may then reference this legal precedent to help pass their own local Right-to-Work  ordinances.

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*Referenced source: Insidesources.com; <http://www.insidesources.com/local-right-work-case-national-implications/>*

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to Indiana, which repealed the prevailing wage law in 2015 and where construction job wages have declined by 8.5%.

Jessica Knight, an apprentice with the Operating Engineers Local 324 and a 15-year veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves, said the skilled trades training she got through prevailing wage has been invaluable. "The training programs are funded by prevailing wage and they make sure you gain the experience and make you better and better at your job," she said.

*Detroit Free Press 6/6/2018*

## JetBlue flight attendants vote to unionize

More employee groups are seeing the value of collective bargaining: JetBlue flight attendants vote to unionize.

Following on the heels of their airline pilot colleagues who unionized in 2014, more than 5,000 flight attendants at JetBlue Airways voted to unionize earlier this spring. The Transport Workers Union announced that the JetBlue employees voted for the trade union to begin representing them in bargaining negotiations.



"This historic victory is yet another example of the tide turning in America as workers collectively fight back to defend their livelihoods," said John Samuelson, president of the trade union. "The United States trade union movement is the greatest vehicle for the economic security of working families that this country has ever seen, and more Americans are recognizing this every day."

Samuelson further stated that the Transport Workers Union is ready to engage in a 'fight back campaign' with the airline if need be. "It is our sincerest wish that the company comes to the table and bargains a fair and just contract with the workers it employs," he said.

*Source: The Hill, 4/17/18*

## Report to members

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certain our needs will be met. Neither candidate is in favor of RTW  for Ohio, both agree in supporting the Prevailing Wage Law and both men are believers in improving Ohio's infrastructure system. Local 18 has had a longstanding relationship with Mike DeWine as Congressman, Senator and Attorney General and look forward to a continued relationship with him as the next Governor of Ohio.

On May 25, 2018, the statewide Distribution Maintenance Stewards meeting was con-

ducted in the District 3 office. The meeting was well attended by the Stewards, some company representatives and Don Black, Administrative Manager of the Apprenticeship program. Discussion on training needs for digging around live electric and gas lines was the main concern for the groups in attendance.

Be prepared for the summer heat, be aware of your surroundings, and don't get complacent in your job duties. Have a safe, profitable summer!

## For your health: The proper nutrition can improve your workday and more

In addition to the proper amount and type of physical exercise, nutrition plays a major role in helping you seize your workday to the best of your ability and enjoy life in general.

Improving your diet doesn't have to be a momentous undertaking. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), even small steps can help move you toward a healthier you. Following are suggestions from HHS that can help reshape your diet and get you feeling better.

**Make half your plate fruits and vegetables:** Here's something easy to remember: The more colorful you make your plate, the more likely you are to get the vitamins, minerals and fiber your body needs to be healthy. So, add a good-sized portion of red, orange and dark-green vegetables like tomatoes, sweet potatoes and broccoli, along with other vegetables to your plate. Also add fruit to meals as part of main or side dish or as dessert.

**Make half the grains you eat whole grains:** An easy way to eat more whole grains is to switch from a refined grain food to a whole grain food. Look for whole wheat bread instead of white bread, for example. Read labels and choose products that list a

whole grain as their first ingredient.

**Switch to fat-free or low-fat (1 percent) milk:** Both have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but fewer calories and less saturated fat.

**Choose a variety of lean protein foods:** Excellent choices include poultry, meat, seafood, dry beans and peas, eggs, nuts and seeds. Poultry such as unprocessed, natural turkey breast and chicken breast are wise selections. When choosing beef, make sure to select leaner cuts. When purchasing ground meat, look for a healthier mix (90 percent lean or higher).

**Compare sodium in foods:** Use a product's nutritional label to choose lower sodium versions of the foods you eat, like soup, bread and frozen meals. Select canned foods that say "low sodium," "reduced sodium" or "no salt added."

**Drink water instead of sugary drinks:** Soda, energy drinks and sports drinks are a multi-billion dollar business in the U.S. They are also a major source of unnecessary added sugar and calories. Try adding a slice of lemon, lime or watermelon, or a splash of 100 percent juice to your glass of water if you want some flavor.

**Eat some seafood:** Seafood includes fish (such as salmon, tuna and trout) as well as shellfish (such as crab, mussels and oysters). Seafood has protein, minerals and omega-3 fatty acids (the heart-healthy fat). Adults should try to eat at least eight ounces of different types of seafood each week.

**Cut back on solid fats:** The major sources of solid fats in the American diet are cakes, cookies and other desserts (often made with butter, margarine or shortening). Other sources unfortunately include some of America's most popular foods, such as pizza, processed meats (e.g., sausages, hot dogs, bacon, ribs) and ice cream. Try to eat these foods less frequently, or at least do not make them a staple of your diet.

So, to improve how you feel at work and at home, try these basic steps. If making these changes feels a bit overwhelming — start slow. After all, the best changes are the ones we stick to. Incorporating just a few of these steps into your daily routine can help improve your energy, focus, stamina and overall health.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); <https://www.hhs.gov/fitness/eat-healthy/how-to-eat-healthy/index.html>

## 3 numbers that can change your life

We live our lives by the numbers: phone numbers, PIN numbers, stock market numbers. But do you know the heart health numbers the could literally save your life? There are three key numbers you need – including one surprisingly easy one that could give you a life-saving preview of your cardiac risk:

1. Your blood pressure
2. Your cholesterol levels
3. Your waist size

Healthy numbers mean a healthy heart. If you follow a healthy lifestyle such as eating a balanced diet, getting regular exercise, and not smoking, you can even turn bad numbers around.

### Blood Pressure: Key to Heart Health

Blood pressure consists of two numbers. Your systolic pressure measures the pressure of blood against artery walls when the heart pumps blood out during a heartbeat, while the diastolic pressure measures the same pressure between heartbeats, when the heart fills with blood. Here are the numbers you need to know:

### Cholesterol: Predictor of Heart Attack

Cholesterol isn't all bad – it's a type of fat that's actually a nutrient. But as you've probably heard, there's "good" cholesterol and "bad" cholesterol. When we measure cholesterol and blood fats, we're really talking about three different numbers: HDL, LDL, and triglycerides. They combine to give you a "lipid profile" score, but the three individual scores are most important. Here are the numbers to strive for:

- Total cholesterol of 200 mg/dL or lower
- HDL levels should be kept higher. A reading of less than 40 mg/dL is considered a

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BLOOD PRESSURE CATEGORY	SYSTOLIC (UPPER NUMBER)		DIASTOLIC (LOWER NUMBER)
NORMAL	LESS THAN 120	AND	LESS THAN 80
ELEVATED	120 – 129	AND	LESS THAN 80
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (Stage 1)	130 – 139	OR	80 – 89
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (Stage 2)	140+	OR	90+
HYPERTENSIVE CRISIS (Consult your doctor immediately)	180+	AND/OR	120+

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County. BOG has a crew doing bridge replacement outside of Amsterdam on S.R. 43.

## Noble County

Shelly & Sands has operators working on the bridge replacement on S.R. 821 near Caldwell.



**ON-THE-JOB with Nicholson Construction at Portage Lakes is Jason Adams.**

## Monroe County

Ohio-West Virginia Excavating has members working seven-days-a-week building a well pad for Ascent Energy outside of Sardis. Newly signed R & L Development has a few operators rerouting railroad tracks down at the Ormet Plant in Hannibal. Alan Stone Construction has operators fixing an emergency slip project on S.R. 148 outside of Armstrong



**RUNNING a track hoe for Wenger in Canton is Chris Wittman. Troy Denning is operating the dozer.**

Mills. Trumbull Construction is building a well pad for Eclipse Energy above Sardis in Monroe County.

## Washington County

Adamo Demolition continues to work with several operators removing the AEP Muskingum River Power Plant. URS and Grae-Con Construction has operators doing maintenance work inside the Eramet Plant in Marietta. Pioneer Pipe has an operator doing maintenance work inside the Solvay Plant outside of Marietta.

## Portage County

In Portage County, The Shelly Company has started mobilizing and setting up zones for the 2018 Portage County Ohio Turnpike project. They will be milling and resurfacing the turnpike from S.R. 14 ramp in Streetsboro to the Mahoning County line. Shelly & Sands is milling and paving the bridge median strip both east- and westbound at the S.R. 14 ramp on the turnpike. Trushel Excavating has the site-work and utilities completed at the Dollar General building project in Randolph. Finish grading will be completed as the spring weather improves. Xtreme Elements is grading and pouring concrete at the McMaster Carr building project on S.R. 43 in Streetsboro.

Kenmore Construction has been working through the winter at Kent State University installing storm sewers and building retention basins on Summit St. They are also making site improvements on S.R. 59 by installing storm sewer, grading and backfilling for a future building site. On S.R. 303 newly signed Campbell Construction has started road closures at the bypass for the road elevation reconstruction project.

## Carroll County

Plant construction at the Carroll County Gas Fire Plant is completed. The plant is in service. The Ruhlin Company is on-site building additions to the control rooms and maintenance buildings. Miller Pipeline is installing gas line utilities in Carrollton on 5th St. and 7th St. The Ruhlin Company and Selinsky Force are at the Carrollton schools project handling the hoisting for the building construction. DePietro Excavating Inc. has finished installing the utilities and finish grade work will be completed upon cooperation from the weather. Ventrone Excavating is on site digging for the interior utilities for the plumbers and electricians. Apex Landfill has



**BROTHERS Sean and Lee McKay working for ALL Crane in Canton.**

110 operators working at the landfill in Amsterdam doing various duties related to the trash industry.

## Summit County

H.M. Miller is working a section of combined sewer separation in Akron on S. Main St. Kenny/Obayashi continues tunneling for the sewer interceptor project. They are approximately one-third of the way complete. The shaft construction is complete. Kenmore Construction, Kenny/Obayashi and Grout Systems are all performing support work for the project. Spano Brothers Construction has been busy through the winter repairing broken water lines for the City of Akron Water Department. Great Lakes Construction continues sewer treatment plant improvements at the Akron Peninsula Water Treatment Plant. Kokosing Construction has started mobilization for the 3-year turnpike project in Summit and Cuyahoga Counties.

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The project consists of pavement removal and replacement.

Don Wartko Construction is near completion of the Cedar Rd. gas line project, which is feeding natural gas to the new services of the Akron Children's Hospital project and replacement services to several buildings in the area. At the Summa Hospital project in Akron, the tower crane has been removed with the completion of the six-floor structural work. Interior work is ramping up for the completion of the project next year. This addition was completed by Forest City Erectors, Kiehl Building Services, and ALL Crane.

The Ruhlin Company is near completion of the Cleveland Clinic Emergency Room addition with parking deck improvements soon to start at Locust St. At the interchange project, Shelly & Sands has worked through the winter months on bridge and foundation demolition, relocating storm sewers and grading in preparation for a busy summer of ramp construction and paving on I-76, S. Main St. and Wolf Ledges Pkwy.

Kenmore Construction is continuing the U.S. Rt. 224 project both east and westbound in Barberton, and Norton Bridge Construction continues at the Barber Rd. overpass. The Ruhlin Company and Nicholson Drilling are working in conjunction with the Portage Lakes Dam ODNR project. Nicholson Drilling is handling the drilling and soil mixing on the project while Ruhlin is preparing the site.

1127 Construction is installing water line and storm sewer on Old Route 8 in Boston Heights. DTJ Enterprises has worked through the winter at Blossom Music Center improving the catch basins, storm sewers



**LOADING out spoils from the Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel Project for the Akron Waterways Renewed Program is Kenmore Construction.**

and making concrete improvements to the amphitheater. DTJ Enterprises is at the Tallmadge School project removing pavement and preparing the site for the new school construction. Mike Coates Construction is excavating the foundations.

Don Wartko Construction Company is working on the Dominion Distribution project in Cuyahoga Falls on 6th & 8th Streets. Xtreme Elements is pouring hard scape for the Stark State College project. Carron Paving is completing the paving of the parking areas. S.E.T. Inc. is working on Cedar Rd. in Akron completing the curb pavement repair and sidewalk project along with traffic signal work.

## Portage County

DGI-Menard, Inc. has started drilling soil mix stabilization at the S.R. 303 bypass project for Campbell Construction in Portage County.

## Coshocton County

Beaver Excavating has an intersection improvement project at S.R. 541 and S.R. 16 in the Roscoe Village area of Coshocton. At the Conesville Power Plant in Coshocton, maintenance projects continue with ALL Crane, Enerfab, and Skanska doing the majority of the work.

## Stark County

Work at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton is still work-in-progress and will be for many years as work continues on the hotel and village. The work stopped over the winter, but is expected to resume in the spring. Central-Allied Enterprises, Inc. has the paving project for the City of Canton and has crews on various streets milling and paving. Central-Allied has the Price Park box culvert project replacing 370-feet of old culverts. They have started work on the I-77/Fulton Rd./U.S. Rt. 62 off-ramp, as they are removing and replacing roads, replacing the water, storm sewer and drainage pipes. They are also working on the Market St. road-widening project, adding two lanes and replacing the storm drains and sidewalks. Maxim Crane has cranes in Canton at the Marathon Refinery and is expecting to add additional cranes and rough terrain forklifts this summer for updates and maintenance. Beaver Excavating is on 12th St. replacing the bridge and total

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**Business Manager Richard Dalton presents a recognition plaque to D-6 retiree Executive Board member Dail Roberts.**



**Business Manager Richard Dalton presents a recognition plaque to D-6 retiree Executive Board member James White.**

# Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan

## Know your numbers and what they mean

Kyra Hall, Medical Mutual of Ohio

To maintain a healthy heart, it's important to have regular blood pressure screenings. It's even more important to understand your results and know your risk for high blood pressure. The following Q&A provides helpful information to keep you and your heart healthy and strong.

High blood pressure (hypertension or HBP) is when the force of your blood pushing against the walls of your blood vessels, is consistently too high. HBP greatly increases your risk for heart disease and stroke. Starting at age 18, you should have your blood pressure checked at least once every two years.



### Who's at risk for high blood pressure?

Nearly half of American adults have high blood pressure and may not know it. Risk factors for HBP include family history, race, diet, stress, tobacco use, alcohol consumption and lack of physical activity.

### What do the numbers of the blood pressure result mean?

Blood pressure results consist of two numbers measured in millimeters of mercury (mm Hg), a unit of pressure. The top number (systolic pressure) is pressure the heart uses to push blood through arteries. The bottom number (diastolic pressure) is the pressure as the heart is at rest between beats.

### What's considered high blood pressure?

Experts recently changed the definition of high blood pressure from 140/90mm Hg to 130/80mm Hg to allow for earlier intervention since complications can occur at lower numbers. Make sure the provider gives you your blood pressure results because it's the

only way to know if you have high blood pressure.

### If my numbers are high, does that mean I have high blood pressure?

Not necessarily. Your provider may request additional screenings since your blood pressure can vary due to emotions, such as stress, or consumption of salty foods and alcoholic beverages. Before a blood pressure screening, avoid coffee and exercise and also empty your bladder for most accurate results.

### How can I lower high blood pressure?

Making lifestyle changes, such as reducing the amount of salt in your diet and increasing physical activity, can lower and control your blood pressure. Talk to your primary care provider about creating a treatment plan that's right for you.

To learn more about healthy lifestyle changes to control your blood pressure, visit [MedMutual.com/Dash](http://MedMutual.com/Dash)

## Boeing flight line workers vote to unionize in South Carolina

Boeing technicians voted to form the first collective bargaining unit at the planemaker's factory in South Carolina, scoring a rare victory for organized labor in a state traditionally hostile to unions. The "micro-unit" will represent about 180 flight-line workers, a small subset of the 7,000 or so workers who build Boeing 787 Dreamliners in North Charleston. But the result gives the *International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers* a foothold in a so-called right-to-work state.

Boeing had asked the National Labor Relations Board to stop the vote in early March, calling the proposed unit of 176 workers "an artificially gerrymandered sub-set of employees." But organizers responded that the workers have wages, hours, apparel, supervisors and other conditions of employment that differ from those of other Boeing employees. Workers at the factory are seeking union help with pay, lack of management opportunities, sudden schedule changes and mandatory week-end overtime. Forming smaller bargaining units can be a key organizing strategy for unions, particularly when they lack support from a majority of an employer's workforce. The labor relations board ultimately denied Boeing's re-

quest and sided with the organizers.

The union victory marked a turnaround in a long-struggle between management and the Machinists, with the South Carolina plant the latest battleground. An attempt to organize the factory last year was rejected, while a 2015 campaign fizzled amid an anti-union barrage led by then-Governor Nikki Haley.

Boeing has vowed to challenge the election by the small worker group, saying the faction was "artificially gerrymandered" and should have been expanded to include additional employees at the North Charleston campus.

While this will be the first union at the South Carolina plant, the machinists' union said it represents about 35,000 Boeing employees in 24 locations nationwide. Charleston's Post and Courier reports, "While the number is small compared to Boeing's workforce of 6,749 in the Charleston region, the vote is seen as a major victory for organized labor in South Carolina, which has the nation's smallest number – 2.6 percent – of workers who belong to a union."

Source: <https://n.pr/2JBhRMA>, <https://reuters/29UIV50>, <https://bloom.bg/2JnesNT>. June 2018.

## July marks anniversary of historic labor legislation

July 27, 2018 marks the 83rd anniversary of perhaps the most important piece of labor legislation enacted in the United States in the 20th century – the National Labor Relations Act.

Signed into law in 1935 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the law safeguarded union organizing efforts and authorized the creation of the National Labor Relations Board to assure fairness in union elections and during collective bargaining with employees.

Also known as the Wagner Act (after the bill's sponsor, Democratic Sen. Robert F. Wagner of New York) the new law tilted the playing field significantly in Labor's favor, prompting a huge unionization drive throughout the late 1930s. The bill was fiercely opposed at the time by Republicans and big business, including a court challenge that reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 1937 where the constitutionality of the law was upheld by a 5-4 vote.

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reconstruction of the road.

Northstar Asphalt and Wenger Excavating have operators in Hartsville on S.R. 619 total reconstruction. They are installing two roundabouts, widening the road and replacing the storm drains. They also picked up the 2-lane resurfacing on S.R. 153 and S.R. 173 in Canton. Canton Erectors and Selinsky Force have operators out on crane rentals locally and throughout the state. Shook Construction has operators at both the Canton and Massillon Treatment Plants replacing and upgrading the plant tanks and buildings.



**RUNNING an asphalt roller for Shelly & Sands in Uhrichsville is Mustafa Esughi.**

Lockhart Concrete has a culvert to replace on S.R. 800 in Holmes County and improvements on the shoreline for drainage erosion protection. Stein Inc. in Canton is at Republic Steel, and Stein Inc. in Mansfield have operators busy on the slag production operations and plant operations. Page Excavating is on C.R. 1075 in Ashland installing a bridge with prestressing beams. The new gas distribution work has been keeping operators busy with DRS, 1127 Construction Inc., Don Wartko, Miller Pipeline, and NPL in Canton, Dover, Newcomerstown, Massillon and Alliance Counties. Edward C. Levy in Canton has started off with a very busy season doing the slag processing for Timken Co.

Central-Allied is starting construction of the new roundabout in Canton at U.S. Rt. 62, Harrison and Middlebrand Rd. intersections. DePietro Excavating Inc. is working on the S.R. 44 sewer laterals and septic abandonments project in East Canton. Wenger Excavating has started the total construction of

the Strip Rd. extension from Portage Rd. to Applegrove Rd.

## Wayne County

Lockhart Concrete is building the new Wooster Loop multi-use bike and hike trail in Wooster. Stanley Miller Construction picked up the installation of a 30-inch culvert on U.S. Rt. 250 in Wooster.

B&N Clearing and Environmental was awarded, by Price Gregory, a slip repair and 48-miles of final clean up and final restoration in Monroe and Noble Counties. Penn Line Services will be doing the hydro-seeding. Michels Corporation is installing 4.5-miles of 36" pipeline in Monroe County which was awarded by Enbridge. Right-of-Way Clearing and Maintenance Inc. is doing the right-of-way clearing. Price Gregory International Inc. was awarded by Columbia Gas Transmission 14-miles of 20" pipe in Fairfield and Franklin Counties. B&N Clearing and Environmental is doing the right-of-way and clearing.

Minnesota Limited awarded by Mark West 63,000-feet of 20" pipe in Belmont and Jefferson Counties. Phillips and Jordan are doing the right-of-way clearing. Schmid Pipeline Construction Inc. was awarded by Blue Racer 1.5-miles of 8" gathering line in Harrison County. Brandenburg Drainage is doing the right-of-way clearing. Integrity Kokosing Pipeline Services was awarded by TransCanada eight-miles of 10" replace-



**WORKING with Nicholson Construction at Portage Lakes is Toby Salyer.**

ment pipe. Vermillion is doing the right-of-way clearing.

U.S. Pipeline was awarded by Enbridge 1,800-feet of 30" of filter separator installation and modifications to M&R station. B & T Directional Drilling, HDD Company, Atlas Trenchless and PreTech were awarded by Precision HDD bores on Line B of the Rover

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**ON-THE-JOB with Miller Pipeline in Massillon is Mitch Rambo.**

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project. Tom Allen Construction is working on three horizontal bores for Price Gregory in Franklin and Fairfield Counties.

Michels Pipeline was awarded by Nexus Gas Spread 1, which is 54-miles of 36" pipe. Northern Clearing, Right-of-Way Clearing and Maintenance and Pe Ben USA are hauling and stringing the pipe. Michels Crossing is doing the horizontal bores. Latex Construction Company was awarded by Nexus Gas Spread 2, which is 80-miles of 36" pipe. Pe Ben USA is hauling and stringing the pipe. Dykon Blasting and Michels Crossing have 5 horizontal bores. General Pipeline was awarded by Eureka Hunter seven miles of 20" pipe, along with slip repair and maintenance on the existing right-of-ways.

Precision Pipeline is continuing work on the slip repair and maintenance on all sec-

tions of the Rover Pipeline. They also have 60 mechanics working on overhauls and maintenance at the Massillon yard. Indian Head Pipeline Services was awarded by U.S. Pipeline the final clean up and restoration on Spread 1 and 2 of the Rover Pipeline. Associated Pipeline continues final clean up and slip repairs for TransCanada and 80-miles of Leach Express Pipeline.

Minnesota Limited is starting cleanup for an abandonment project that was performed in the fall of 2017. Restoration work will be done in Fairfield, Hocking, and Vinton Counties.

Intercon Construction Inc. has been awarded 7,208 feet of 12" new lay in Jefferson County by MarkWest.

This year will be full of long days and lots of hours. Make sure you keep alert and stay safe

on and off the jobsite and remember that this is a Brotherhood/Sisterhood. Look out for one another and help your Brothers and Sisters become the BEST OPERATING ENGINEERS we can be.



**STAYING BUSY** with newly signed contractor R & L Development at the Ormet Plant in Monroe County is Jennifer Miller.



**HARD-AT-WORK** at Portage Lakes on the dam project for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is the Ruhlin Company and Nicholson Construction.



**RUNNING** a track hoe for Shook at the Canton WWTP is Mike Kaczynski.



**WORKING** with Beaver Excavating in Canton is Mike Sech.



**RUNNING** an asphalt paver for Shelly & Sands in Uhrichsville is Rick Vanwyke.



**ON-THE-JOB** for Nicholson Construction at Portage Lakes is Bryon Marshall.

# It's a good work year for District 1



*WORKING at the Quicken Loans Arena transformation project in downtown Cleveland are (l-r) John Salvatore, John "Chris" Beljon, Tom Cooper (D1 Life Member) and Nebojsa Turundzilovic.*



*HELPING to install a combination sewer on Carnegie Ave. in downtown Cleveland while operating an end-loader for Terrace Construction is Matt Waid.*



*FLYING up materials at the new William Rainey Harper School on Cleveland's westside is John Knebusch, working for ALL Erection & Crane Rental.*



*DOING dirt work with a dozer at the new Amazon distribution center in North Randall for Sitetech is Don Yorks.*



*OPERATING a dozer while replacing concrete roadway for Tri-Mor on Temple Ave. in Grand River is Jeff Pryor.*



*OPERATING a front end loader at R.W. Sidley in North Kingsville is Dave Cole.*



*REPLACING concrete roadway for Tri-Mor on Temple Ave. in Grand River is John Zaby, operating an excavator.*



*REPLACING water line for CIR on 3rd St. in Fairport Harbor is Bob Dudinsky, operating an excavator.*

## Local 18 endorses Mike DeWine for Governor

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine was officially endorsed for the office of Ohio Governor by Local 18 in late May. DeWine decisively won the Republican primary on May 8 by defeating current Lieutenant Gov. Mary Taylor by a 60%-40% margin, and he will face off with Democratic Nominee Richard Cordray in the General Election on November 6.

According to a local press report of the endorsement, Local 18 Business Manager Richard Dalton indicated that the local has done well with recent endorsements of other Republican candidates. "Our agenda is about jobs, and creation of jobs," Dalton told a reporter from Cleveland public broadcasting outlet Ideastream. "We don't get sidetracked with all the social issues that are going on. And, we've done that for 25 years. So supporting Republicans is not a new thing to us."

According to DeWine's official campaign biography, 'Mike knows that for our state to succeed in the future, we have to take efforts to create and retain jobs in Ohio to the next level. By curbing excessive taxation and burdensome regulations, his focus will be on creating a more inviting business environment and bringing and keeping jobs in Ohio.'

In addition to his pro-jobs position, as At-

torney General DeWine has become very involved in the important fight against opioids. If elected Governor, his "Recovery Ohio" plan will provide cutting edge tools to local law enforcement, programs to bolster Ohio's workforce and more prevention efforts to educate Ohioans on the dangers of addiction.

DeWine has a long and distinguished ca-

reer in public service, with a focus on protecting Ohio's children and families. In addition to his current role as Ohio Attorney General, DeWine has served as Greene County Prosecuting Attorney, Ohio State Senator, Member of the United States House of Representatives, Ohio Lieutenant Governor and United States Senator.



*Mike DeWine (left) and IUOE Business Manager Richard Dalton with IUOE members and apprentices.*

## Stop wasting money and finally start a budget

Diets and budgets have one important thing in common: The best one is the one you'll stick with.

And that's pretty much it! There's really no wrong way to make and maintain a budget as long as you're tracking your spending versus your income and accounting for where every dollar goes. It's a simple idea, but it's one that can be difficult to pull off. Still, it's an exercise in financial responsibility that you'll benefit from no matter what your income is.

Only around 40 percent of Americans use a budget, but for those who do, the benefits can be huge. Budgeting can help you find sources of income leak (those habits you don't really think about but that can drain your bank account). It can put you on a path toward saving for things like an emergency fund or home down payment, and it can boost your retirement savings, among many other benefits.

There are a number of apps and websites to help you create a budget, but experts say the best way to manage your money is to do it yourself: doing so gives you complete

ownership of your financial decisions and it drives home the importance of understanding where every dollar goes.

If you've never created a budget or if you need a refresher, the simplest way to get going is to write down every single expense



in a given month, then break them down in two categories: **fixed expenses** (the things you **must** pay, like rent, bill and loan payments) and **discretionary expenses** (things you control, like food, entertainment, car-related expenses and clothes).

You have many possible routes to take from there, but a good rule of thumb often suggested is to get your overall spending to fit into the **50-30-20 method**. Fifty percent of your take home pay should be set aside for the essentials, the core things you need to live. These include utilities, groceries, and rent, prescription medications, gas for your car, or the minimum payment on your credit card. The next 20% is for your savings and debt repayments. In other words, paying off the past and investing in the future. The remaining 30% should be spent on things that you want but could live without. This 30% allows for flexible spending and, perhaps, a happier life. The exact proportions will vary person to person, but that general budget makeup is a good mix to aim for. Free budget templates, including family and personal budget planners, are available from Smartsheet in Excel. If you'd rather use an app or a service to track your budget and expenses, options include Simple and Mint.

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2018/04/02/smarter-living>

# Social Security Claiming Strategies

When you turn 62, you are eligible to claim Social Security retirement benefits. This is the most popular age to start receiving Social Security income, with 34% of retirees in 2018 reporting they claimed benefits at 62. While there are a number of good reasons to claim Social Security at 62, that doesn't necessarily mean that claiming benefits before full retirement age is always the right choice.

## 3 Good Reasons to Claim Benefits at Age 62

### You plan to continue to work at least part time

Many people assume they'll retire before they start receiving benefits, but you don't necessarily need to leave the workforce to start taking Social Security. Working part time during retirement will help boost your retirement savings, so that you won't depend as much on Social Security benefits. You won't be receiving your full benefit amount each month as you would if you had waited until your full retirement age, but the supplemental income from working part time will help make up for it. Keep in mind that you may receive a (temporary) cut in benefits depending on how much you earn. However, once you reach full retirement age, you'll receive a boost in benefits to make up for the months (or years) that your benefits were reduced – so that the money isn't truly lost.

### You're not planning on a long retirement

Part of planning for retirement involves considering how many years you think you'll spend in retirement. No one knows exactly how long they'll live, but by being realistic in your planning, you can better enjoy your later years. Social Security is calculated so that over a lifetime, you should receive the same amount of money overall regardless of when you start to claim benefits. Claim them early at 62 and you'll get more (but smaller) checks, or wait a few years and receive bigger (but fewer) checks. But if you're struggling with health issues and don't expect to live well into your 80s, it may be wise to start claiming Social Security as early as possible to enjoy the extra income while you can.

### Your spouse is going to wait to claim benefits

Being strategic about who claims benefits, and when, can work in your favor. If one of you claims early and the other waits, you can have some extra spending money now and later. This can be helpful if you want to have some extra money for travel or hobbies during

the early years of retirement while still earning the bonus you get by delaying benefits.

## 3 Awful Reasons to Claim Benefits at Age 62

### Because you think Social Security is going to run out

As many as six in ten Americans believe that there may be no Social Security funds by the time they get ready to leave the workforce, per a Gallup poll. The reality is, while Social Security is in some financial trouble, it's unlikely the program won't provide promised benefits for future retirees. Social Security is funded through taxes collected from current workers, as well as from a trust fund projected to run out in 2034, according to the most recent Trustee's Report. Even if the trust fund runs out and no other changes are made, Social Security will still be able to pay retirees around 77% of the promised benefits. While 77% of benefits would be a big pay cut, retirees would still receive income – and it's unlikely this cut would ever be allowed to go into effect. Social Security is one of the country's most popular programs, and far more Americans support raising taxes to shore up and expand Social Security than support cuts to benefits. Strong public support has turned Social Security into a "third-rail" of American politics, with few politicians openly supporting cuts or even major reforms.

### Because you don't understand how Social Security works

Many Americans claim Social Security benefits at 62 because they don't understand how the program works. Around nine in ten future retirees don't comprehend how to maximize Social Security. Worse, close to 40% of pre-retirees, according to a Fidelity

survey, believe if they claim a reduced benefit early, their benefit will go up once they reach full retirement age. Unfortunately, Social Security doesn't work that way. If you claim benefits before full retirement age, benefits are permanently reduced by 5/9 of 1% per month for each of the first 36 months and are further reduced by 5/12 of 1% for each month earlier than 36 months. You could see your benefit reduced by as much as 30% if you retire at 62 when full retirement age is 67. By contrast, if you wait until after full retirement age, benefits keep increasing until age 70.

### Because you need the money right now

Financial necessity is another awful reason to claim Social Security benefits at 62, as claiming early means accepting reduced income for life. The benefits reduction associated with claiming early is especially devastating when you'll be relying on Social Security to provide the bulk of your retirement income. While only around a quarter of workers plan to retire before the age of 64, around three quarters of workers end up leaving the workforce for good before turning 65. Health problems, disability, or company restructuring are leading factors forcing workers into early retirement. If you're forced to leave the workforce early, determine if you may be eligible for Social Security Disability benefits instead of retirement benefits. Living off your savings to delay claiming Social Security is also a viable solution – assuming you have savings. Also, by taking steps to reduce expenses, you may not be forced into taking benefits out of financial necessity.

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# District 3 in the middle of a busy season



*GETTING the job done in Columbus is NPL steward, George Cook.*



*NEW library parking garage construction in Dublin being handled by ALL Crane of Columbus.*



*WORKING for Kokosing on I-270 is Jason Adams.*



*ON-THE-JOB in Scioto County, working for Beaver Excavating on the Portsmouth Bypass is Dennis Tolle.*



*WORKING for Kendrick Excavating in Licking County is Dale Wolfe.*



*KEEPING BUSY for Trucco in Fairfield County are James "Devin" Mattox (left) and Jeffrey Reed.*



*WORKING for Strawser Paving in Franklin County is Clarence Black.*



*STAYING BUSY for Complete General in Franklin County is Michael Bogard.*



*CELEBRATING 30 years of service with W.W. Williams truck shop in Hilliard is John "Wes" Russell.*

# 2018 UAW Union-built vehicle guide:

## Let's start bringing the jobs back home



The United States has lost over 5 million manufacturing jobs since 2000, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. According to the naysayers, those jobs are never coming back.

But it doesn't have to be that way. The purchasing choices we make dictate the kind of economy we have. If we continue to buy goods made overseas or by workers making substandard wages, good jobs will continue to leave.

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

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

You can be sure that a vehicle listed on the 2018 UAW Union-Built Vehicle Guide will do the most toward maintaining and growing decent-paying U.S. manufacturing jobs, which in turn keep our families and communities stable.

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

<https://uaw.org/2018-uaw-union-built-vehicle-guide-lets-start-bringing-jobs-back-home/>

### UAW CARS

- Buick LaCrosse
- Cadillac ATS
- Cadillac CTS
- Cadillac CT6  
(excluding plug-in hybrid)
- Chevrolet Bolt (electric)
- Chevrolet Camaro
- Chevrolet Corvette
- Chevrolet Cruze\*
- Chevrolet Cruze (diesel)
- Chevrolet Impala
- Chevrolet Malibu
- Chevrolet Sonic\*
- Chevrolet Volt (electric)
- Ford Focus
- Ford Focus (electric)
- Ford Mustang
- Ford Taurus
- Lincoln Continental

### UAW TRUCKS

- Chevrolet Colorado
- Chevrolet Silverado\*\*
- Ford F Series
- GMC Canyon
- GMC Sierra\*\*
- Ram 1500\*\*\*

### UAW SUVs/CUVS

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

### UAW VANS

- Chevrolet Express
- Ford Transit
- GMC Savana

### UNIFOR CARS

- Cadillac XTS
- Chevrolet Impala
- Chevrolet Impala (police)
- Chrysler 300
- Dodge Challenger
- Dodge Charger

### UNIFOR SUVs/CUVS

- Chevrolet Equinox\*
- Ford Edge
- Ford Flex
- Lincoln MKT
- Lincoln MKX

### UNIFOR TRUCKS

- Chevrolet Silverado  
Double Cab
- GMC Sierra Double Cab

### UNIFOR VANS

- Chrysler Pacifica
- Dodge Grand Caravan



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

However, vehicles marked with a single asterisk (\*) are also produced in Mexico. All Cruze hatchbacks and some sedans are manufactured in Mexico. The diesel version is manufactured in the United States by UAW members. The Chevrolet Equinox is manufactured in Canada by Unifor members and also in Mexico. The light-duty and heavy-duty Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickup trucks, marked with a double asterisk (\*\*), are manufactured in the United States and other countries. The light-duty Ram 1500, marked with a triple asterisk (\*\*\*), is manufactured in the United States and Mexico, while all heavy-duty Ram models are built in Mexico. When purchasing one of the above vehicles, it's important to check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). A VIN beginning with "1" or "4" or "5" identifies a U.S.-made vehicle; a "2" identifies a Canadian-made vehicle; a 3 identifies a vehicle made in Mexico.

Not all vehicles made in the United States or Canada are built by union-represented workers. Vehicles not listed here, even if produced in the United States or Canada, are not union made.

# RETIRES CLUB



by Harold Pflager, President

As I drive around the state, I see all the orange barrels; so I know that most of my Brothers and Sisters are employed and because of their union membership, are making a decent wage.

I recently had the privilege of going to Washington DC on an Honor Flight for veterans. There were 78 veterans on my flight; World War II veterans in their 90's, Korean veterans in their 80's and Vietnam veterans in their 70's. Most of these veterans were from

the time that the draft was still in effect before our Armed Forces Services went all volunteer. Many of the veterans were in wheelchairs, but were supplied with an attendant that made sure of their well-being and their ability to enjoy all the monuments and displays.

The Honor Flight is a non-profit, all-volunteer group, which sponsors these flights so veterans can see monuments and displays that reflect their contribution to the freedom of this great country.

If any of you old timers are veterans and have the opportunity to be on one of these flights, I encourage you to take it and enjoy the camaraderie with your fellow veterans.

It is also important to know that our union encourages veterans that get out of the service to enter our industry. Many of the traits learned in the service are needed in our industry. These include the skills learned to operate the machinery, but also working as a team, pride in your organization and support for your Brothers and Sisters.

Our state picnic will be held in August on Wednesday the 15th, at the Columbus Union Hall. We invite all retiree's to come and enjoy the company of your fellow members, along with good food, great door prizes, and information supplied by your union officers and department heads.

## 32nd Annual Retirees' picnic planned for August 15

Mark your calendar for the 32nd annual Local 18 retirees' picnic to be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at the District 3 Union Hall, 1188 Dublin Rd, Columbus.

You'll have the opportunity to reminisce with fellow workers, while renewing old friendships and striking up new ones. You can compare notes with your predecessors concerning equipment advances and changes in the industry.

As usual, you won't have to worry about the weather, since indoor and outdoor seating and eating will be available. Indoor air conditioning in an enclosed area removes any concerns about Mother Nature.

Doors will open at 10 a.m., food competition will begin at 11:15 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

Each family is asked to bring a covered dish, plus a salad or dessert.

Those planning to have entries in the food competition must have them there by 11 a.m. for the 11:15 a.m. judging, which will continue until noon, when lunch is served.

Competitive food categories are best covered dish, best salad, best cake, best pie and best any other dessert. As in the past, only one entry and one category per family. Finishers in both first and second place will receive cash prizes.

Prizes will be given to the oldest members and the oldest book in attendance, so don't forget to bring your union book with you. For the second consecutive year, prizes also will be given to the youngest retired member with a 30-year membership and the youngest

retired book with a 30-year membership.

If you don't win a prize in any of the above categories, there will be a multitude of door prizes to be given, including cash prizes.

**If you have the opportunity, please car-pool with someone who is unable to drive.**



### Directions to picnic:

**From Cincinnati:** Take 1-71 North to S.R. 315 North to Long St./Dublin Rd. exit. At bottom of ramp, turn left onto Dublin Rd. and continue past several lights. After crossing Grandview Ave. intersection (BP station on corner) continue to the next traffic light (Urlin Ave.) and turn right into first driveway, 1188 Dublin Rd.

**From Toledo:** Take 1-75 South to S.R. 15 South to U.S. Rt. 23 South to 1-270 West to S.R. 315 South to 1-670 West. Exit onto Grandview Ave. and turn right at bottom of ramp. Go to first traffic light (BP station on corner) and turn left onto Dublin Rd. Continue past first traffic light (Urlin Ave.) and turn right into first driveway, 1188 Dublin Rd.

**From Cleveland/Akron:** Take 1-71 South to 1-670 West. Exit onto Grandview Ave. and turn right at bottom of ramp. Go to first

traffic light (BP station on corner) and turn left onto Dublin Rd. Continue past first traffic light (Urlin Ave.) and turn right into first driveway, 1188 Dublin Rd.

**From Dayton:** Take 1-70 East to 1-670 East. Exit onto Grandview Ave. and turn right at bottom of ramp. Continue to first traffic light (BP station on corner) and turn left onto Dublin Rd. Continue past first light (Urlin Ave.) and turn right into first driveway, 1188 Dublin Rd.

**From Cambridge:** Take 1-670 West to S.R. 315 North to Long St./Dublin Rd. exit. Turn left onto Dublin Rd. Continue past several lights and pass Grandview Ave. intersection (BP station on corner). Continue to next light (Urlin Ave.) and turn right into first driveway, 1188 Dublin Rd.

### PICNIC HUMOR

A wife chewed out her husband at the company picnic a while back. "Doesn't it embarrass you that people have seen you go up to the buffet table five times?"

"Not a bit," the husband replied. "I just tell them I'm filling up the plate for you....!"

# New executive board members welcomed



*Business Manager Richard Dalton welcomes new D-1 Executive Board member Matthew Grills.*



*Business Manager Richard Dalton welcomes new D-6 Executive Board member Jeffrey Work.*



*Business Manager Richard Dalton welcomes new D-6 Executive Board member Derek Furbee.*

## Credit Union offers summer deals

### Cedar Point Tickets

Can't wait to ride the new Steel Vengeance at Cedar Point this summer? Save money and the wait in line by buying your Cedar Point tickets at the Credit Union. Discounted Credit Union ticket prices are:

Regular One-Day Admission .....	\$49.00
Junior/Senior Good Any Day (ages 3 to 6 and over 62) .....	\$45.00
Cedar Point Shores.....	\$33.00
Two Day, Any Day.....	\$74.00

You can pay for the tickets with your Credit Union account by phone, email or in person.



### Summer Fun Loans

Need some extra cash this summer? Come see your Credit Union for a Signature Loan or Signature Line-of-Credit loan. When you qualify, you can borrow up to \$5,000 and repay with low loan payments.

Our rates are low and based on your credit worthiness. Be sure and see us first for all of your borrowing needs.



### Car, Truck, Boat, Motorcycle, ATW and other Off-Road Vehicle Loans

We offer low rates on new and used vehicle loans. Make repayment easy with Payroll Deduction.

See us before you visit the dealership to be pre-approved for your loan. That way, you will know how much you can borrow and your approximate monthly payment before shopping or negotiating the price at the dealership.



### Household Budgeting

You can improve the quality of your financial life and increase your chances of saving money every month by developing and following a household budget, Call, write or stop by the Credit Union for a copy of our Household Budget Worksheet. Learn where your spending "leaks" are and fix them to save money and build your nest egg.

## IN MEMORIAM

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

Howard Halberg (D-4/5)	March 28
Raymond Blevins (D-3)	April 8
LM George Flinchum (D-4/5)	April 9
LM Ronald Corcoran (D-1)	April 11
LM Roger Bernath (D-2)	April 13
Sam Dallas (D-1)	April 13
Robert May, Jr. (D-4/5)	April 23
LM William Rolf, Jr. (D-1)	April 23
LM David Corbett (D-4/5)	April 25
LM Leander Burros (D-6)	April 26
William Slink, Jr. (D-2)	April 29
LM Steven Tate (D-3)	April 29
LM William Barton (D-6)	April 30
James Finley (D-1)	May 1
LM Fleetwood Maples (D-3)	May 1
Timothy Snowden (D-1)	May 1
Jeffrey Babb (D-1)	May 4
LM William Manning (D-1)	May 5
LM Jerry Allen (D-2)	May 8
Alfred Woods (D-2)	May 9
LM Richard Lewis (D-2)	May 12
Robert Sterling (D-4/5)	May 14
LM James Jones (D-2)	May 17
LM George Dobra (D-1)	May 19
LM Louis Wilder (D-4/5)	May 19

## 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

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

## Recent Club 18 contributors

**\$118.00**  
**Rustin C. Shreiner, District 6**

**\$100.00**  
**Victor DiGeronimo, Sr., District 1**

**\$48.00**  
**Donald Yoder, District 6**

**\$18.00**  
**Robert A. Martin, District 6**

**THANK YOU  
 FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Due to IRS regulations, a portion of your administrative dues are not deductible on your 2018 income tax return (filing period 2019). 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.

## 3 numbers that can change your life

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major risk factor for heart disease. A reading from 41 mg/dL to 59 mg/dL is considered borderline low. The optimal reading for HDL levels is 60 mg/dL or higher

- Optimal LDL is 100 or lower
  - Triglycerides of less than 150 mg/dL
- Adults 20 and older should get a lipid profile every five years.

### Waist Size: The Connection to Heart Disease

If you can only remember one number, your waist size is the one to know. Why? Because better than your weight or your Body Mass Index (BMI), your waist size predicts your heart disease risk. If your waist size is equal to or more than 35 inches in women and equal to or more than 40 inches in men, it increases your risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, metabolic problems, high blood pressure and abnormal cholesterol. It's easy to measure yourself. Just get a non-elastic tape and measure around your belly button. Dr. Lori Mosca, director of the Columbia Center for Heart Disease Prevention in New York says "If patients lose even one inch off their waist, we see improvements in all the other heart health numbers. Conversely, if they gain even one inch, we see worsening in those numbers. It's a much better indicator than weight, because you can be gaining weight and still losing waist size if you're working out and gaining lean muscle mass."

*Healthsmart.com January 2018*

## PEP'S Club 18

**Yes,** I would like to do my part to support candidates and issues that help promote work for Local 18.

"To comply with federal law, we must use best efforts to obtain, maintain and submit the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 per calendar year."

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## Survivor, pension benefits go to 13

13 Local 18 members have qualified for retirement benefits. They include:

### District 1

Walter C. Sweet (normal retirement).

### District 2

Thomas D. Kistler (early retirement) and Randy L. Willer, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

### District 3

Doran W. Mayle (disability retirement), Mark S. Pack, Joint & Survivor (early retirement), Clara D. Platt (disability retirement), David W. Putman, Joint & Survivor (early

retirement), Loren C. Reed, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement) and Michael B. Wallace, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

### District 4/5

Dominic A. Ancona, Jr. (early retirement) and James T. Faehr, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).

### District 6

Wayne A. Habrun and Ronald R. Robson (early retirements).

## 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 2018 Officers election, **WE MUST HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS.**

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

