REPORT FROM YOUR PRESIDENT/BUSINESS MANAGER:

We need everyone to vote
But first, take the time to become an informed voter

By Michael Coleman

“Remember in November” was the theme of the Labor Day celebration in Lorain, Ohio this year. Similar-themed messages are being used by all sorts of groups, organizations and causes in an effort to motivate people to not only remember to vote but to support specific candidates on Nov. 4.

I’d like to play off this theme to stress the importance that all members of Local 33 – along with their family and friends – remember to vote this fall. You can wait until Nov. 4 or take advantage of early voting opportunities available in both Ohio and West Virginia (see details in the box on Page 2). We need the support of as many voters as possible.

As important as remembering to vote, however, is taking the time to become an informed voter. This isn’t as simple as picking Democrats over Republicans, however.

We need elected officials at every level of government who support us. Individuals who demonstrate leadership on issues that help create jobs within the construction industry. We need to put more candidates in office that promote work opportunities and honestly believe in our issues.

Similarly, we cannot support any candidate who may take steps to diminish our ability to operate, like supporting So Called Right to Work laws, restricting Davis-Bacon requirements, eliminating Project Labor Agreements or voting against Responsible Contracting laws.

Again, we need all the votes we can muster.

Our recent success in West Virginia passing laws that will require licenses and inspections for Fire Damper and HVAC work were the result of hard work by our team, but also because we had a great number of legislators in office who understand the issue and support us.

A similar situation happened in the city of Lorain this summer, when the mayor convinced a majority of the City Council to pass a Responsible Contracting ordinance. We need to make sure elected officials like this – at the federal, state, county and city level – remain in office and then vote out those not willing to work with us.

See VOTE page 2.

REPORT FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Remembering the history of Labor Day

By Tom Wiant

Brothers and Sisters, I hope all of you had an enjoyable Labor Day weekend. A three-day weekend is a great opportunity to spend time with family, re-charge and get ready for a busy fall.

But I also hope everyone found a few moments to think about the true meaning behind Labor Day, and when possible, share that message with others.

The average American doesn’t realize that labor unions are responsible for creating this holiday in the early 1880s. The three-day weekend means a lot more than

See HISTORY page 2.
To begin this process, we’re providing the list of Local 33 endorsed candidates here. In a matter of days you will also find the same list on the Government Affairs page of our website.

Getting everyone we can to vote is important and can have benefits for all of us. But casting the right votes for the right candidates is critical to our ability to grow as a union and succeed.

**VOTE EARLY, IF YOU ARE READY**

If you have done the research to be an informed voter, you don’t need to wait until Nov. 4 to cast your ballot. If you will be traveling at that time, you can cast an absentee ballot, or you can take advantage of “Early Voting” opportunities. Here is some basic information:

In West Virginia: Early voting starts 13 days before the election (Oct. 22), and ends 3 days before Election Day. For more specifics, including locations, contact the local Election Official in your area.

In Ohio: Early voting starts 35 days prior to Election Day and includes some limited hours on weekends in October and on Nov. 1-2. Early voting ends at 6 p.m. tahle Friday before Election Day. For more specifics, including locations, contact the local Election Official in your area.

**Local 33 Endorsements**

This list of candidates includes people we feel would best represent our interests in their perspective positions. As you may notice, we have not endorsed in all races and that is because we have either formally taken a neutral position in those races or the candidate has not asked for our endorsement. However, we would greatly appreciate your support for the candidates listed here.

Please feel free to take this ballot guide into your polling location to assist you in picking the best candidate for an election in your area. This list covers all of Local 33’s jurisdiction so simply match the names on our ballot to your specific ballot at your polling location.

We appreciate your continued support!

**OHIO**

**US Congress**

Marcy Kaptur, OH District 9
Marcia Fudge, OH District 11
Tim Ryan, OH District 13
Dave Joyce, OH District 14
Jim Renacci, OH District 16

**Ohio Statewide Offices**

Connie Pillich, Treasurer
John Patrick Carney, Auditor

**Ohio Senate**

Gayle Manning, District 13
Sandra Williams, District 21
Michael Skindell, District 23

**WVA Senate**

Rocky Fitzsimmons, District 1

**WVA House of Delegates**

Randi Swartzmiller, District 1
Ronnie D. Jones, District 1
Phil Diserio, District 2
Holli Smith, District 3
Erika Storch, District 3
Mike Ferro, District 4
Dave Hall, District 4
Dave Petesh, District 5
Deniz “Buddy” Malone, District 8
Jim Marion, District 9
Dan Poling, District 10
Michael “Mike” Bright, District 12
Joshua Martin, District 13
Josh McGrath, District 13
Johnny Roach, District 14
Barry L. Brown, District 23
Linda Goode Phillips, District 25
Cliff Moore, District 26
Carol B. Bailey, District 27
James “Jim” Brown, District 28
Rick Moye, District 29
Mick Bates, District 30
Clyde D. McKnight Jr., District 31

**WV Congress**

Mike Manypenny, District 49
Mike Caputo, District 50
Linda Longstreth, District 50
Tim Manchin, District 50
Barbara E. Fleischauer, District 51
Charlene Marshall, District 51
Cliff Moore, District 26
Carol B. Bailey, District 27
James “Jim” Brown, District 28
Rick Moye, District 29
Mick Bates, District 30
Clyde D. McKnight Jr., District 31

**OHIO**

**US Congress**

Kenny Yuko, District 25
Frank LaRose, District 27
Scott Oelslager, District 29
Joe Schiavoni, District 33

**Ohio House**

Marlene Anielski, District 6
Mike Dovilla, District 7
Nickie Antonio, District 13
Martin Sweeney, District 14
Emilia Sykes, District 34
Anthony DeVitis, District 36
Barbara Sears, District 47
Nathan Manning, District 55
Matt Lark, District 57
Ron Gerberry, District 59
John Rogers, District 60
Dave Hall, District 70
Kathleen Clyde, District 75
Al Landis, District 98
John Patterson, District 99

**County Offices**

Armond Budish, Cuyahoga Co. Executive
Daniel P. Troy, Lake Co. Commissioner
Matt Lundy, Lorain Co. Commissioner

**WEST VIRGINIA**

**U.S. Senate**

Natalie Tennant

**U.S. Congress**

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Nick Casey, WVA District 2
Nick J. Rahall II, WVA District 3

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**Anthony DeVitis**, District 36

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**Larry Edgell**, District 2

**Robert “Robin” Wilson Jr.**, District 3

**Ron Stollings**, District 7

**Erik Wells**, District 8

**Mike Green**, District 9

**Ronald “Ron” Miller**, District 10

**Gregory A. Tucker**, District 11

**Mike Romano**, District 12

**Bob Beach**, District 13

**Stan Shaver**, District 14

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Mick Bates, District 30

Clyde D. McKnight Jr., District 31

**Dave Perry**, District 32

**Margaret Anne Staggers**, District 32

**John Pino**, District 32

**Davis A. Walker**, District 33

**Brent Boggs**, District 34

“Bobbie” Hatfield, District 35

Andrew D. Byrd, District 35

**Sherrri Wong**, District 35

Thorton Cooper, District 35

**Nancy Guthrie**, District 36

**Danny Wells**, District 36

**Larry Rowe**, District 36

**Mike Pushkin**, District 37

**Sally Shepherd**, District 39

**Adam R. Young**, District 41

Ray Canterbury, District 42

**Coy A. Flowers**, District 42

**Denise L. Campbell**, District 43

**Dana L. Lynch**, District 44

Bill Hamilton, District 45

**Peggy Donaldson Smith**, District 46

“Tammy” Stemple, District 47

Richard J. Iaquinta, District 48

Tim Miley (Speaker), District 48

**Joe Shaffer**, District 48

**Patsy Samuel Trecost II**, District 48

**Mike Manypenny**, District 49

**Mike Caputo**, District 50

Linda Longstreth, District 50

Tim Manchin, District 50

**Barbara E. Fleischauer**, District 51

**Charlene Marshall**, District 51

Anthony “Tony” Barill, District 51

**Nancy Jamison**, District 51

**John Williams**, District 51

**Larry Williams**, District 52

**Isaac Sponaugle**, District 55
They first battled to bring about a six-day work week and 10-hour days, before establishing a more traditional five-day work week. Then, the fight led to an eight-hour workday, along with the concept of overtime pay when you work longer. Conversations about health care also started.

But Labor Day shouldn’t just be a history lesson. It’s also a great time to assess current working standards and overall labor relations.

Some of today’s worker battles sound similar to the fights waged more than a century ago: High unemployment and even more people classified as underemployed; unsafe working conditions; and wage theft, to name a few.

The officers and staff of Sheet Metal Workers Local 33 are committed to serving you and being part of the ongoing struggle started by our Brothers and Sisters from decades ago.

Besides remembering the importance and history of Labor Day, you can continue to spread that important message year-round. Regularly attending your District’s Union meetings and getting involved are ways you can repay those that fought before us. And it also allows you to make a better life for the generations to follow.

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**ELECTION REMINDER**

Remember to get out and vote on Nov. 4 for Labor friendly candidates. Here in WV, every TV commercial or newspaper ad is touting every Democrat to Obama, Obamacare and the war on coal – all trying to get you to vote Republican.

Well the real truth is the War on Labor! There are more than 20,000 Union construction workers in WV, and around 22,000 coal miners in WV. The real War is on us, the hard working Union men and women of this state.

So when you go out and vote in November, vote your pocketbook/wallet (Labor-friendly candidates), especially if you like making a fair wage with benefits and a retirement.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The retirement orientation will be on Oct. 4 in Vienna, WV. There will be an asbestos screening on Oct. 16 at the Charleston Hall.

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**VERMILION**

Dave Larson, Business Agent

The overall employment outlook in the Vermilion District has remained pretty consistent throughout the summer and should remain about the same as we head toward the winter months. All of our local shops are staying fairly busy. We currently have seven Journeymen available for work.

The new Lorain High School is coming out of the ground ahead of schedule and should start taking some guys in a couple months.

There was some work at the Avon Ford plant this summer in the body and paint shop, but we were not able to get any Vermilion guys out there because the in-house crews claimed the work for themselves.

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**RENEGOTIATION STATUS**

This summer, we had five separate agreements that were due to expire and required renegotiation. The agreements completed so far are: Our Building Trades, Industrial shop and Industrial Door.

We are still working on the agreement covering our members that work for the Lorain City Schools and the Luxury Heating agreement.

I would like to thank all of the members who were involved or are still involved in these negotiations. As anyone that has ever been part of the negotiating process can tell you, it is a very demanding process.

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**ELECTION REMINDER**

We are coming up on election time again. It is important that all members get out and vote.

If you have moved, you need to re-register. If you have kids or grandchildren who have turned or will turn 18 by Election Day, you can stop in and get a Voter Registration form and help them fill it out.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We are looking for people for the Recreation Committee. If you are interested, please let me know.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Don’t forget, our Union meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Hall on McClurg Road.

FISH FRY

Reminder that the Western Reserve Building Trades Fish Fry is Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.
You can call or stop by the Union Hall on McClurg Road for tickets.

IN CLOSING

I hope everyone had a safe and happy summer.

TOLEDO

No submission received by deadline.

PARKERSBURG

Dean Tuell, Business Representative

Heading into winter, work in the Parkersburg District remains steady.
While there are no huge projects on the horizon, our local contractors have done a good job getting our share of the man-hours available.
Of course, we could always use more.
We have about 4 journeymen available for work.

Odebrecht from Brazil is still moving forward with the $5 billion dollar proposed Ethane Cracker plant to be built at the old GE plant site and surrounding area.

DEDICATED SERVICE

Congratulations to those who received their well-deserved service pins!
If you were not able to attend the picnic, pins may be picked up at the Hall.
Also, anyone who did not attend is welcome to the remaining picnic handouts (while they last).
Next year’s picnic will be Aug. 29, 2015. Save that date.

POLITICS

The elections are in full swing.
Remember to support people who support the working class, not the corporations or the billionaires.
We can never outspend them, but we can get out and help them get elected.
Just don’t sit back and let them take this country to their crazy view.
Don’t ever be fooled by all the crap they put on TV.
They don’t want a fair wage for anyone.
They want to go back to the time when there were only rich and poor – them and you.
Remember to vote for all our local and state Labor-endorsed candidates.
“We Are The 99 Percent. Vote for Labor-friendly candidates.”
The job you save might be your own!

PARKERSBURG PICNIC

Our annual picnic was held Aug. 23 at the DuPont Employees Park with about 320 attending this year.
A big thank you to all who made the event a success!
The addition of the clay shoot was big success.
If you have any suggestions for next year, please let me or a committee person know.

DRUG TEST REMINDER

Drug testing must be kept up to date.
You will receive notification when your card is about to expire.
If you are uncertain if your testing is current, check with the PMCT office at 304-485-6322, or go online at http://pmctedf.com/.
Most of our work sites require verification before you enter.

TRI-COUNTY

Open enrollment for actives and early retirees will be in November.
Remember to read all the information. If you are not changing enrollment information, you do not need to do anything.
Again, information only needs to be returned under open enrollment if you are making changes.
If you encounter problems, be certain to let BeneSys or a Trustee know.
If you have questions, call BeneSys at 866-599-3176 or ask your Agent.
Please be patient and read all communications from the fund, or check the web site for additional information, http://www.sheelmetalworkers33benefitfunds.org.

IN CLOSING

Have a joyful Thanksgiving (DEER SEASON). Always remember those who are less fortunate than yourself and the reason for the season.

AKRON

Business Agents Brad Klausner; Keith Barker; Jerry Durieux

Work in the Akron District has slowed down some. There are 40 members available for work at this time.

TRAINING UPDATES

The apprenticeship school has started the fall classes. There are many classes offered, including some new classes that have never been offered before.
Wes Smith, Akron’s Training Coordinator/Instructor, has everything running smooth.
For those of you that don’t have the OSHA 30 certification, please contact Wes Smith at 330-833-2888.

Members at the annual Parkersburg Picnic on Aug. 23 at the DuPont Employees Park.

PHOTOS: COURTESY OF PARKERSBURG DISTRICT

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Wes is also teaching one of our new classes: ICRA. ICRA stands for infection, control, risk, assessment. ICRA certification is going to be required to perform work on the hospitals in our area starting the first of the year.

There will be a lot of industrial work coming to our area.

We need you to come in and brush up on your welding skills. Tig welders are in demand, so if you are sitting at home watching Sally Jesse or Judge Judy, you could come down to the hall and practice.

Hey, you already built this fine training facility - no reason to just have apprentices use it. Journeypersons are encouraged to be here.

GOOD LUCK

From time to time we like to show off what we do, and this year we are excited to be sending one of our apprentices to New Orleans to compete in a refrigeration contest. John Moore will be competing against the UA at the Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors (PHCC) National Contest. He and other apprentices will have a chance to kick their tails.

John, we are all pushing for you. Good luck!

MISSED IN MANSFIELD

In Mansfield, the Med Central Hospital job went to Bruner, a union plumbing outfit from Columbus.

All should be good, right? Wrong!

They subbed it to a nonunion sheet metal contractor from Wapakoneta: JMC Mechanical. Thanks, Brothers.

AKRON WORK STATUS

Work in Akron has been good for a while now, but a few jobs have wrapped up.

The college work in the area had to be finished or put on hold for the fall semester to kick off.

No worries, though. There are more projects on their way at both Akron U. and Kent St.

AKRON CHILDREN’S WRAP UP

This past year, Akron Children’s Hospital has been a great boost to man hours contributed to our local.

Many of our members have worked on this project. At one time we had 50 members working out there.

There have been at least 20 to 30 members out there consistently for the duration of the job.

You know good things don’t last forever, and as sheet metal workers, we always work ourselves out of jobs. This one is no different.

Akron Children’s is winding down and should be wrapped up when the snow is on the ground.

CANTON WORK UPDATES

Work in Canton is picking up. The industrial work is going strong with more on the horizon. Currently we are picking up some of the oil and gas work at various sites, in their administration buildings and enclosed work areas.

We will continue to go after all the oil and gas work we can get our hands on.

Here is a quick peek at some of what’s coming up in the Canton area:

• Wooster water treatment plant, $4 million total project.
• North Canton water treatment plant, $3 million total project.
• Ohio State (Wooster College), $500,000 addition.
• Stark Metro housing improvements.
• Canton Fire Station, $3 million total project.
• The Grove Villas of Green, $40 million total project.

• Wooster Fire Station #2, $3 million total project.
• Green Central Park.
• Akron Canton Airport, ticket concourse rehab.
• The CNG fueling station.

ELECTION REMINDER

Don’t forget it is an election year, and Malvern School is back on the ballot in November.

WHEELING

Scott Mazzulli, Business Agent

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer as it is coming to an end and cold weather will be right around the corner.

We currently have nine journeymen available for work and we signed up a new apprentice and classified worker.

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HELP US UPDATE OUR WEBSITE

Sharing photos and highlighting the accomplishments of individual members adds value to our website and makes it a more effective public relations tool.

We encourage you to send in material to update your district’s portion of our website.

Pictures from events remain the easiest way to shine a spotlight on our members.

Other options to consider for website posts include:

• Examples that illustrate the training or skill level of our workforce.
• Projects (of any size) completed on time or under budget.
• Charity work done in the community.
• Volunteer efforts by individual members.

You can email your photos and info to smwlu33@bmamedia.com.
OUTAGE SCHEDULED
We have an outage scheduled in late September for the W.H. Sammis Power Plant and the Cardinal Power Plant. The scope for Sammis has not been released at the time of this writing.

NEW PLANT UPDATE
The proposed Moundsville Power Plant will be a gas-fired power plant.
It had a series of hoops to go through and technically still does before it becomes a reality.
Moundsville Power approached Project Best and the Upper Ohio Valley Building Trades out of the gate to get much needed support for the project. They agreed to a Project Labor Agreement immediately with the Trades which is great for all of us, if the project does in fact come to fruition.
The biggest hurdle for Moundsville Power was cleared in mid-August when the County Commissioners voted 2-1 in support of a PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes). The Longview Power Plant used the same program as the Gypsum plant in Marshall County.

We will have several contractors bidding this project when it comes about, but that is more than a year away once all the obstacles are cleared.
The commissioners’ 2-1 vote shows how important all political races are. The commissioner that voted against this project is actually a Tea Party politician.
It is important for our members to be involved in local politics even beyond voting. We need our members and their families to become candidates for city councils, school boards, commissioner races and other posts.

TRAINING UPDATES
The asbestos refresher class will be held sometime between mid- and late-September.
I would like to thank Jason Baggott for teaching the fabrication class for our members at Mountain Aire.
We have a residential training fund as well as journeymen upgrade fund. If you are interested in teaching any upcoming classes, please call the Hall. If you are interested in taking any upcoming classes, call the Hall as well.

Classes planned are as follows: Soldering, Low Voltage, Basic Layout and Architectural.
Other classes coming: Wall Panel installation and architectural soldering.
Call the office if you are interested in any class.

WORK UPDATES
John Marshall School will be a big HVAC job. It is out for bid, and several out of town contractors have called and asked for wage sheets. Hopefully a local contractor will get this job.
Ohio County schools had a roofing project go bad. Ohio County schools have always been a friend of Project Best, but somehow this project slipped through the cracks.
We were able to get the architectural part of the project turned around, and, more importantly, our friend Shane Mallott took over as school board president. His first order of business was getting the bid criteria approved by the Board. We will NOT have these issues in the future.

CONVENTION IN REVIEW
The First General Convention of the Sheet Metal Air Rail Transportation Union was held the week of Aug. 11.
There were several items of business conducted there since the UTU merged with us.
The issues we are having with the insulators were discussed and a resolution passed.
Several items of interest were discussed, and I will be reporting on them at our next union meeting.

NEW OPPORTUNITY
Residential roofing is an industry that we have never really addressed. I believe there is an opportunity to grow our membership in this market, and we will be working on it in the months to come.

NEW WEBSITE
We are always looking for members that can do service work and we also need panel installer.
We have created a website to try to recruit future members for this type of work and also to gain more apprentice applicants.

REMINDERS
The Christmas Party will take place on Dec. 6. For apprentices, OJT sheets are due by the 6th of each month.
Our monthly Union Meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of each month, starting at 7 p.m.
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CLEVELAND

Business Agents Tim Miller, Todd Alishusky, and Kevin Tolley

Work in the Cleveland District has picked up. We currently have 95 members available for work. We are hopeful this trend continues.

If you are laid off and your dues are current, you can apply for Hardship at the Hall. You must apply no later than the 25th of the month.

ELECTION REMINDER

As election time rolls around again we must remember to support and vote for Pro-Labor candidates and Pro-Labor issues.

Your COPE 33 Committee will be sending out a recommended candidate/list. We encourage you to give this list serious consideration.

The COPE 33 Committee sends out questionnaires to candidates with questions on issues that are important to our union to make every effort to support the right candidates.

We are and will continue to be involved in this election with lit-drops, phone banks, putting out yard signs, and whatever else it takes.

With that being said, we need volunteers to do these tasks.

If you are interested and willing to spare some time, give us a call. It only benefits the Labor movement and helps preserve work for our membership.

KEEP CONTACT INFO CURRENT

We say it all the time, but it is important to keep your contact info updated at the Hall.

We have found that many members have moved or changed phone numbers and have not informed the Hall of this.

WORK OUTLOOK

Upcoming and ongoing projects include: Nestle Research Center, Cleveland Browns Stadium, South Pointe Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center, North Royalton City Hall renovations, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Schools work, East Ohio Gas Building, Ameritrust Tower, American Greetings, County Hotel, Flats East Bank Phase II, Brooklyn High School, Lakeland Community College, KSU Geauga and Ashtabula Campus, Lake West Hospital, Lake County Jail and Maintenance Facility, Lubrizol Wickliffe and Painesville, and Cristal Global Manufacturing.

THANKS FOR JOINING

We would like to thank all those who came out for this year’s Labor Day Festival, and thanks to the members who played in the Trades Softball tournament.

It was a good time. We hope everyone had a good Labor Day!

UPGRADE YOUR SKILLS

It is important for our members to keep upgrading their skills.

If a contractor needs a welder, we should be able to provide one.

The more skills a member has, the more opportunities for employment there are for that member, and the more aggressive our contractors can be in bidding on work.

IN CLOSING

Remember to take advantage of the events that our Cleveland District Rec Fund puts on for our members.

NORTH CENTRAL WV DISTRICT

Steven T. Perdue, Business Representative

The work in North Central WV has picked up and should be good for the next two years as it looks now.

There are a few travelers in the area now, with more expected in the near future.

We should know soon about the Ruby Towers Project. The job is between SSM Industries and McKamish.

Air Systems Sheet Metal has been very busy with work going on in several parts of the state and they are keeping a lot of our members working.

WG Tomko is wrapping up some projects and has laid off most of the 33 hands, but will be picking up again in October and November with several projects in the works.

McKamish has several members employed and will be hiring more as time goes on with work in multiple parts of North Central.

DSO has the Sharp Hospital Job which should last for a good while as long as the different phases can fall into place.

Chapman is in and out with the Gas and Oil projects keeping some of our members working.

Hraneck is starting work in Morgantown and Yoder has a job coming up soon.

In general, the work should be good with jobs starting and finishing to keep some bouncing around, (but working), with travelers able to stick around for a while.

The outage at Harrison is a seven-week outage with the unit going down Sept. 26.

The baseball Stadium in Morgantown is under way.

There is a big Project in the works in Harrison County, which to my understanding will go Union as per conversations with the County Commissioners.

THE PICNIC

The Picnic for North Central WV in 2015 will be July 25 at the VA Park in Clarksburg. Our last picnic had more than 122 members, and family and guests in attendance. Remember, all are welcome.

Dave Minor and Kenneth M. Perdue were to be given their 40-year awards, while JR Lohr, Steve Perdue, Jeff Fry, Tim Miller and James Cain were to receive their 25-year awards.

The Recreation Committee consists of Steven Perdue, Chad Laya, Jim Jackson, Kevin Perdue, Kerry Harvath, Mike E. Venettozzi, Jeremiah Perdue, Chris Garrett and Jeff Fry.

The pictures were taken by Angie Venettozzi, wife of Mike Venettozzi.

There were others that assisted in the works, and a big thanks to all.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This December, we will have the North Central WV Christmas Party at the Hall. We’re hoping for a big turnout!

CONVENTION UPDATE

The first International Convention with the merged SWIA and UTU took place in August, and the IA Constitution was reworked to accommodate the two merged International Unions, now known as SMART: Sheet Metal Air Rail & Transportation.

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PHOTO: TONI GEIB ON BEHALF OF BMA MEDIA GROUP

Organizer Dave Coleman and Business Agent Tim Miller were among the Local 33 members who attended the Second Annual North Shore AFL-CIO Federation of Labor 2014 Labor Day Festival in Brook Park.
There is a serious situation between the Insulators and SMART over work jurisdiction, and our International is taking action to protect our members. More to come as things progress.

**TRAINING UPDATES**

The Fire Life Safety Classes will be set up for those who do not already have the certification for Teck 1 and if needed, Supervisor 1.

In the near future, we will set up for Teck 2 and Supervisor 2.

It is very important that members contact my office to get their names on the list for class.

The Sheet Metal License is under the DOL, while the Fire Life Safety will be under the State Fire Marshall.

The Law comes into effect January of 2016, so there is time to get the certifications needed.

**ELECTION REMINDER**

We were fortunate to have a Labor-friendly House of Delegates and State Senate to assist us in getting our Bill passed, but in the upcoming election that all could change.

If our members and families don’t get out and vote to support the Labor Endorsed Candidates, all of the success we have had in getting Labor-friendly Laws pass could be for nothing.

On the Federal level is a US Senate seat up for grabs, and we must support Natalie Tennant, who is endorsed by the WV AFL-CIO and WV State Building and Trades.

Please get out and vote for our labor-endorsed candidates.

**SUPPORT OUR WORKERS**

The Ruskin Plant has laid off the entire workforce as of Aug. 1, with much of the work going to Mexico.

Don’t think this can’t happen again. Be American and buy American.

Support our workers and our country by buying Made in The USA and Union Made.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Union meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except for holidays, so check for changed meeting dates in November and December.

The North Central Wage Disbursement is Sept. 16 at the Hall. Be there.