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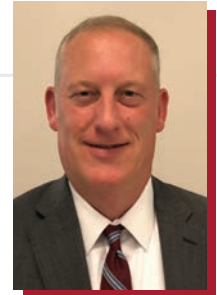
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### ON THE COVER

Local 302 member, mechanic, and job steward Dean Davidson working for Granite Construction on the Port of Alaska's Modernization Program, Anchorage, Alaska; read more about the project on p. 19

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NEW OFFICE  
LOCATION





## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

In September 2024 Local 302 staff attended the 79th Convention of the Western Conference of Operating Engineers held in Tacoma, Washington. This is an opportunity for delegates to receive updates from IUOE leadership, political representatives, and topic experts.

You'll read broader IUOE highlights in District 4 Representative Sean Jeffries' report on page 15. I also wanted to share the Local 302 specific updates provided by Jacob H. Black, In-House Local 302 Counsel, Recording-Corresponding-Financial Secretary and Sean Jeffries, President and District 4 Representative:

### Washington:

- With \$23 billion, Sound Transit continues to schedule projects out until 2045
- \$1.4 billion State Route 520 project with Skanska will be starting
- \$900 million Interstate 405 and Highway 522 Skanska project started this season
- Local 302 successfully organized two Vac

Truck companies to include the Assistant Engineer on the truck and the remote-control Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Operators

- The school districts and colleges we represent have been averaging a 12-15% wage increase along with other wins in those contracts
- We recently organized a new unit of 26 members at Virginia Mason Hospital of Seattle

### Alaska:

- Willow Project by Conoco Phillips is the largest project on the North Slope in 20 years to employ 2,500 construction workers with an estimated 9 million hours
- Santos – Pikka Project also on the North Slope is installing 90 miles of pipeline
- Cooper Landing Project on the Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska is the largest single span bridge in Alaska

### Idaho:

- Hours and work opportunities have also



Local 302 and Stationary Training Trust staff attend the 79th Convention of the Western Conference of Operating Engineers held in Tacoma, WA



increased in 2024 to include construction of a \$15 billion chip plant for Micron

- \$109 million Interstate 15 project with Western Construction, Inc. will be starting
- Currently, we are waiting on a ruling from the United States Court of Appeals, for the District of Columbia Circuit to require Virginia Transformer Corporation to bargain a first contract for approximately 200 people in the unit

These are definite points of pride and indicate great current and future work opportunities for our members.

In other news, the holiday parties are underway, and if you haven't already, submit your RSVP. As always we'll be collecting new/unwrapped toys and/or canned food at the parties to help those in need. I'll see you there.

In Solidarity,

Daren Konopaski

Business Manager and International First Vice President



From left to right: Business Manager Daren Konopaski, retiree Donald F. Davis, and retiree and former Local 302 Field Representative Grant Alexander at the Bremerton, WA Retiree Luncheon

# Holiday toy drive

**HELP BRING JOY TO CHILDREN IN NEED!**

**In keeping with tradition, Local 302 collects and donates new, unwrapped toys, and/or canned food to our regional labor agencies.**

**If you'd like to contribute please bring these items to the holiday party in your district.**





# Happy Holidays!

Local 302 Members, you and one guest are invited to attend our annual Holiday parties! It is very important you RSVP so we can be financially responsible to make sure we don't order too much or too little food. Please be respectful and contact your local union office to RSVP for the specific location you plan to attend.

## ALASKA

**12/13/2024: Anchorage** — The Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center, 600 W 7th Ave, Anchorage — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:00PM. Dinner at 7:00PM. Please call (907) 561-5288 Option 1 to RSVP by November 25.

**12/14/2024: Fairbanks** — Westmark Hotel, 813 Noble St, Fairbanks — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:30PM. Dinner at 7:00PM. Please call (907) 561-5288 Option 1 to RSVP by November 25.

**12/15/2024: Juneau** — The Moose Lodge, 8335 Airport Blvd, Juneau — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Please call (907) 561-5288 Option 1 to RSVP by November 25.

## WASHINGTON

**\*\*\*New Location\*\*\* 11/2/2024: Wenatchee** — Buzz Inn Steakhouse, 1112 N Wenatchee Ave #1534, Wenatchee — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Please call (425) 806-0302 Option 1 to RSVP by October 25.

**11/3/2024: Yakima** — Red Lion Hotel, 607 E Yakima Ave, Yakima — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Please call (425) 806-0302 Option 1 to RSVP by October 21.

**11/4/2024: Kennewick** — Tri-Cities Elks Lodge #2755, 15 S Colorado St, Kennewick — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Please call (425) 806-0302 Option 1 to RSVP by October 21.

**11/5/2024: Spokane** — Ruby River Hotel, 700 N Division St, Spokane — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Please call (425) 806-0302 Option 1 to RSVP by October 30.

**\*\*\*New Location\*\*\* 11/8/2024: Port Angeles** — Navel Elks Lodge, 131 E 1st St, Port Angeles — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Please call (425) 806-0302 Option 1 to RSVP by October 25.

**12/3/2024: Bremerton** — Bremerton Elks Lodge 1181, 4131 Pine Rd NE, Bremerton — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Please call (425) 806-0302 Option 1 to RSVP by November 19.

**12/7/2024: Bothell** — Union Hall, 18701 120th Ave NE, Bothell — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 5:30PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Please call (425) 806-0302 Option 1 to RSVP by November 19.

**12/9/2024: Mt. Vernon** — Mt. Vernon Elks Lodge 1604, 2120 Market St, Mt. Vernon — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Please call (425) 806-0302 Option 1 to RSVP by November 25.

**12/10/2024: Hoquiam** — Hoquiam Elks Lodge 1082, 624 K St, Hoquiam — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Please call (425) 806-0302 Option 1 to RSVP by November 25.

## IDAHO

**11/13/2024: Pocatello** — Red Lion Hotel, 1555 Pocatello Creek Rd, Pocatello — Appetizers and No Host Bar at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Please call (425) 806-0302 Option 1 by October 30.



# DISTRICT REPORT

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From left to right, Local 302 members George Meaden, Chayss Skews, Brian Decker, and Shawn Wilson stand in front of a tele-scoping forklift at the Snoqualmie Casino Expansion Project

## Expanding the Snoqualmie Casino Hotel and Valet Garage

*Story continued on the next page*



Left to right, Local 302 members Ty Roberts, lift operator, and Jon Bauer, a general foreman at Skanska who assists with management of the forklifts and civil work, at the Snoqualmie Casino Expansion Project



# DISTRICT 1 REPORT CONTINUED

Located approximately 30 minutes east of Seattle, the Snoqualmie Casino is tucked away across a 57-acre property on a sloping hillside surrounded by evergreen Douglas firs.

The existing entertainment and casino facility opened in 2008 with a 185,000 square foot, two story casino building and a six-level parking structure. The casino building contains multiple gaming oppor-

tunities, a sportsbook, a premier concert venue, and several dining facilities.

A \$400 million multi-phase expansion is currently underway surrounding the existing complex.

This expansion will add a 10-story hotel immediately adjacent to the existing casino building, as well as a below-grade valet garage and tunnel to the south.

It will include an expanded gaming floor, destination spa, a 2,000-seat entertainment and convention center, and restaurants. The completed expansion is scheduled to open in 2025.

Local 302 members have fulfilled utilities, dirt work, piles, shoring system, road construction, retaining wall systems, and all crane work for this project.



Local 302 members, working for DBM Contractors, Inc. completed shoring and augercast pile installation at the Snoqualmie Casino Hotel and Valet Garage Expansion Project; photo courtesy of Skanska





Local 302 member Matt Marler lays out a grid line for an elevator at the Snoqualmie Casino Expansion Project

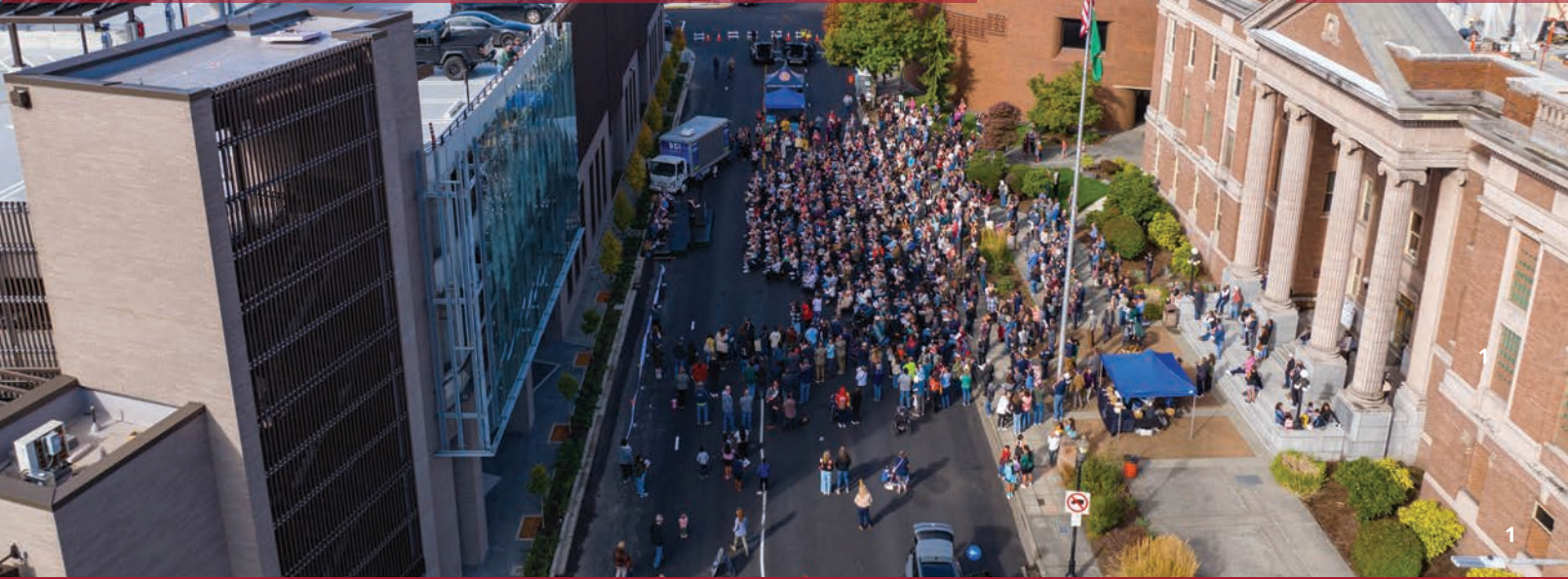


Local 302 member Chayss Skews grading out a loading dock podium, and Travis Dolozycki checking grade, at the Snoqualmie Casino Expansion Project



Rendering of the new Snoqualmie Casino Expansion Project; courtesy of Skanska





## Mount Vernon's massive new library is a 'national model' for rural development

**T**he \$61 million Mount Vernon Library Commons is a mixed-use project that began construction in September of 2022, and is estimated to be open to the public by January 2025.

Local 302 operators fulfilled all the dirt and foundation work, concrete paving, and tower crane work for the project.

The project includes a public library, a community conference center, a commercial kitchen, and three floors of structured parking to support commerce and development in the downtown area. The project is the largest municipally owned

Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station in the United States.

Drivers who have historically driven past Mount Vernon on I-5, can now stop to eat and shop while charging their vehicle in one of the 76 chargers, four of which are Direct Current fast-charging stations. Nine electric bicycle-charging lockers are also available to commuters.

Also, because of the garage's proximity to Skagit Station, people will be able to park and either catch the bus or train to their final location.

The environmentally thoughtful project is the first publicly-bid proj-

ect in Washington state to achieve "Passive House" certification and yields 80 percent less energy usage than the current city library, which was built in the 1950's.

The project was funded entirely by federal, state, and local resources without increasing local property taxes. Federal funding sources included a \$12.5 million Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grant from President Joe Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and a \$26.8 million Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Transit-Oriented Development loan from the Department of Transportation.



1. Aerial footage of the Mount Vernon Library Commons project ribbon cutting event with the new commons on the left and Skagit County Court House on the right; photo courtesy of Damian Vines Photography
2. Local 302 crane operator Alex Maras sets rebar columns for the Mount Vernon Library Commons project; photo courtesy of Mt. Vernon Library
3. Local 302 member Chris Jensen operates an excavator at the Mount Vernon Library Commons project
4. Ribbon cutting at the Mount Vernon Library Commons project on September 28, 2024 with elected officials including Mount Vernon Mayor Peter Donovan, second from the left, US Senator Maria Cantwell, third from the left, and US Representative Rick Larsen, fifth from the left; photo courtesy of Damian Vines Photography





# DISTRICT REPORT

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## The Silverdale Hall Moved!



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Meetings by appointment only

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Hood Canal Bridge; photo courtesy of the Washington State Department of Transportation

## Local 302 advocates for Olympic Peninsula member jobs, tackles traffic issues

By Eric Arntson, District 3 Representative

Local 302 always keeps an eye towards the future, observing community needs, and initiating conversation with leaders to get projects off the ground.

Here are three examples on the Olympic Peninsula.

### Hood Canal Bridge — infrastructure needed to address travel demands

**T**he Hood Canal Bridge (officially William A. Bugge Bridge) is a floating bridge that carries State Route 104 across Hood Canal in Puget Sound and connects the Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas. At 7,869 feet in length (floating portion 6,521 feet), it is the longest floating bridge in the world located in a saltwater tidal basin, and the third longest

floating bridge overall.

It opened in 1961 and since then, it has become a vital link for residents, freight haulers, commuters, and recreational travelers. The convenience it provides has had a major impact on economic development, especially in eastern Jefferson County.

The Hood Canal Bridge currently sees a significant amount of traffic daily. On average, about 15,000 vehicles cross the bridge each weekday, and this number increases to around

19,000 vehicles on weekends.

Local 302 continues to advocate for a plan to address increasing demands that are placed on the Hood Canal Bridge and the surrounding areas. This infrastructure work would help the community and bring jobs to Local 302 membership.

Currently, there are no plans to expand the Hood Canal Bridge, but this is a great example of how Local 302 is forward-thinking to better our communities and line up jobs for membership.





The Hood Canal Bridge uses a mechanical process that retracts the bridge lanes back under the higher roadway; In this photo the Ohio Class Trident Ballistic Missile Submarine, USS OHIO (Blue) (SSBN 726), maneuvers through Hood Canal Bridge returning to her homeport in Bangor, WA, 1998; photo courtesy of the US Navy

## Gorst SR3/SR16 Corridor Project receives initial funding

A group of diverse community partners came together to form the Gorst Coalition to secure federal and state resources and address the longstanding needs of the Gorst Corridor, a common route that connects travel to the entire Olympic Peninsula.

The State Route 3 and State Route 16 intersection in Gorst, WA that leads to SR 304 has long been a headache to the estimated 85,000 commuters who travel along the busy route to and from work around Sinclair Inlet.

Members of the Gorst Coalition recognized the urgent need to relieve severe traffic congestion, make needed safety improvements, provide resiliency from sea level rise and seismic events, support vital National Security objectives and reduce impacts on the Gorst Corridor ecosystem. Local 302 continues to be part of this coalition to improve the community and bring jobs to our membership.

Gorst SR3/SR16 Corridor project seeks to:

- Add an additional lane on SR 3 in each direction from Gorst SR3/SR16 intersection to SR 304.
- Reinforce/rebuild the SR 3/SR 16 intersection within Gorst to address resiliency, safety, access,

and congestion.

- Connect local communities with non-motorized facilities to support safe bicycling and pedestrian access.
- Construct a Kitsap Park and Ride.

In 2022 the Washington State Legislature provided \$74.298 million to fund the initial critical design, environmental and cultural resources work necessary to build the Gorst project.

Local 302 will keep advocating for more funding to move this project forward.

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# DISTRICT 3 REPORT CONTINUED



State Route 3 Freight Corridor Project; courtesy of the Washington State Department of Transportation

## State Route 3 Freight Corridor (Belfair Bypass)

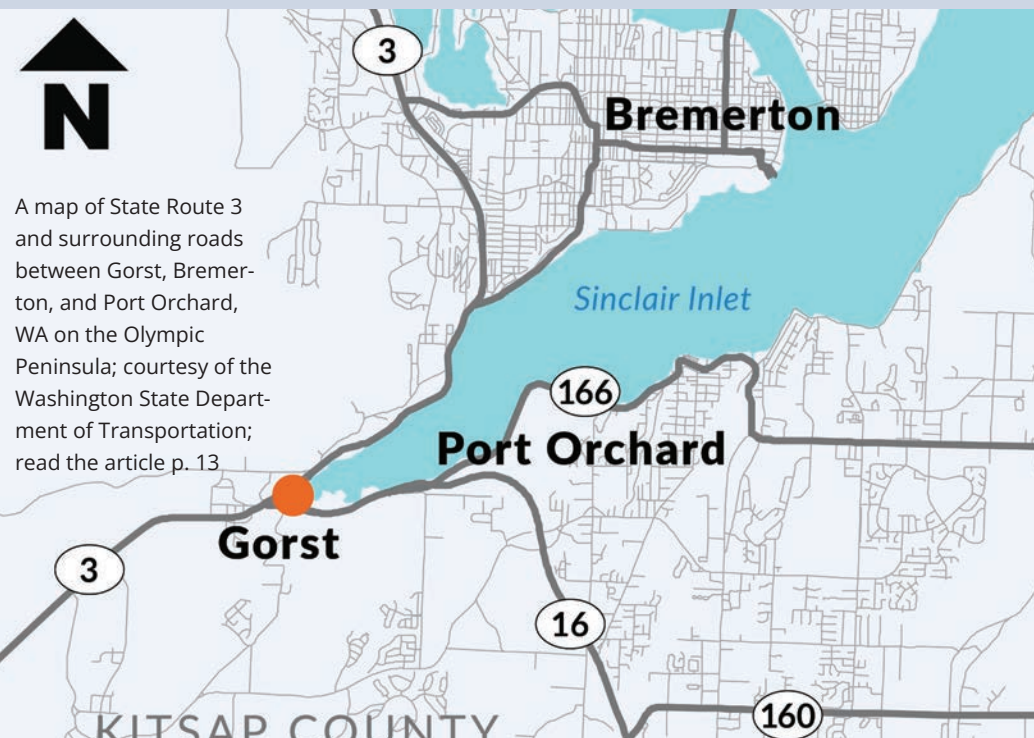
For over 11 years Local 302 advocated to fund the Belfair Bypass, now known as the State Route (SR) 3 Freight Corridor project.

State Route 3 regularly experiences congestion during peak commute hours, especially as drivers stop and make turns. This heavy congestion has the potential to negatively affect emergency response times and economic vitality.

The SR 3 Freight Corridor would reduce congestion and improve safety through Belfair and provide an alternate route during highway closures. Construction of this project would provide safe and reliable regional access to jobs, goods, and services, and improve travel times for all public service providers.

The great news is in June 2019, the Washington State Legislature provided \$66.9 million to design and construct the SR 3 Freight Corridor, and another \$11.1 million in 2022. The total approved project funding is \$78 million. The total cost includes environmental, preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction.

This project will provide Local 302 members with work scheduled to start in 2026 and completed by 2028.



A map of State Route 3 and surrounding roads between Gorst, Bremerton, and Port Orchard, WA on the Olympic Peninsula; courtesy of the Washington State Department of Transportation; read the article p. 13



# DISTRICT REPORT

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Local 302 Business Manager and International First Vice President Daren Konopaski was the master of ceremonies at the 79th Convention of the Western Conference of Operating Engineers

## Seventy-Ninth Convention of the Western Conference of Operating Engineers

By Sean Jeffries, President and District 4 Representative

**S**eptember 17 – 19, 2024  
Local 302 attended the 79th Convention of the Western Conference of Operating Engineers held in Tacoma, WA.

This was an opportunity for delegates to gather for updates from IUOE leadership, political representatives, and topic experts. Delegates from the following western states were represented: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New

Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Local 302's own Daren Konopaski is president of the Western Conference and was the master of ceremonies for the event.

Read on for some highlights from the conference.

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Washington State Senator Emily Randall, 26th Legislative District, Bremerton, speaks at the 79th Convention of the Western Conference of Operating Engineers





# DISTRICT 4 REPORT CONTINUED

Left to right: IUOE General President James T. Callahan, Washington State Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, Local 302 Business Manager and International First Vice President Daren Konopaski, and Local 3 Business Manager Dan Reding at the 79th Convention of the Western Conference of Operating Engineers



## Washington State Secretary of State Steve Hobbs: Elections ARE Secure.

Secretary Hobbs presents on election integrity, the role of artificial intelligence, and measures to thwart cyberattacks.

Secretary Hobbs' two main calls to action:

- **We must fight misinformation about elections.**

Other countries and people who are working against the United States want to create fear. They want the US population to have doubts about each other and our election process, so we're distracted and not focused on infiltration tactics they're using against our country. **Misinformation is mainly spread via social media via accessing your "friend" network.** The next time you get a questionable social media friend request, pause, and consider if it's malicious. **The**

**main way to fight misinformation is to fact check.**

Does something look suspicious? Seek out a reputable, not opinion based, source. A great place to start is your local or state elected officials. **Do your part to stop, not spread, misinformation.** Learn more about securing your vote here: [www.sos.wa.gov/elections/voters/securing-your-vote](http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/voters/securing-your-vote)

- **Engage with local government to educate them about Project Labor Agreements and apprenticeships.** These topics are fundamental to operating engineer work.

## Follow the International on social media!

Hopefully you're already following Local 302 on social media on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn at @IUOELocal302.

And did you know the International Union of Operating Engineers is on social media too?

Connect with them as they spotlight the work of IUOE members throughout North America and

the benefits of working union.

These links are the only official social media sites managed by the International. Please share, like, and subscribe.



## Construction Employment Hits Another Record

New data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported overall employment in construction grew by 25,000 jobs in September to reach 8,303,000 workers. **This is yet another new record for the most construction workers ever employed in the United States.** And it is another example of how the Biden-Harris administration is delivering for Operating Engineers.

Other highlights of BLS Jobs Report for September include:

- Employers added 254,000 jobs to their payrolls.
- The unemployment rate ticked down to 4.1% in September and has remained at its lowest levels in 50 years.

- Since the start of the Biden-Harris administration, 16.2 million jobs have been added to the U.S. economy.
- Over 740,00 construction jobs have been created since President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in November 2021.
- Employers in the "heavy and civil engineering" subsector of the construction industry added 3,800 jobs to their payrolls, achieving a new employment record.

Additionally, since the start of the Biden-Harris administration, the economy has add 729,000 American manufacturing jobs. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has awarded funding to over 60,000 new projects in communities throughout the nation.

Derek Donley, Local 302 member, and International Union of Operating Engineers, Director, provides data updates at the Western Region at the 79th Convention of the Western Conference of Operating Engineers



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# DISTRICT REPORT

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## Turning low-activity waste into glass at the Hanford Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant

**T**he Hanford Site, located in southeastern Washington state, was used to produce plutonium over a 40-year period, helping end World War II and playing a major role in the nation's defense efforts during the Cold War. As a result, 56 million gallons of radioactive and chemical waste are now stored in 158 underground tanks on the Hanford Site.

To address this challenge, the United States Department of Energy contracted Bechtel National Inc. to design and build the world's largest radioactive-waste treatment plant (WTP).

Since its inception over 20 years ago, crews at times of over 100 Local 302 members have been instrumental in the project growth providing:

- Excavation for all the buildings on site and for utilities at the Balance of Facilities (BOF)
- Thousands of crane "picks" varying from the largest of vessels to the heaviest of vault doors
- Repair facility and mobile mechanics, to assure all

equipment is inspected and repaired as needed

The Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant, also known as the "Vit Plant", will use a process called vitrification to immobilize Hanford tank waste in glass. The glass form is stable and impervious to the environment. In this form, the waste's radioactivity will dissipate over hundreds to thousands of years.



Photos 1 and 2: Local 302 members operate the cranes, pump trucks and more at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant Project at the Hanford Site in Richland, WA; photos courtesy of Bechtel National, Inc.





## Modernizing Alaska's most critical port for future generations

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Local 302 members working for Manson Construction Co. dredge behind sheet piles prior to pulling them at the old North Extension at the Port of Alaska



# DISTRICT 6 REPORT CONTINUED

**T**he Port of Alaska is a critical transportation hub for the entire state. Interior Alaskan communities, military facilities, mining operations and rural Native Alaskan villages rely on the Port for consistent access to critical supplies. Food, consumer goods, building materials and cars all pass through the Port. Replacing existing Port facilities is key to ensuring the continued vitality of Alaska and ensures food security for Alaskans.

The foundations of the four terminals that make up the Port of Alaska have corroded and begun to split apart. Steel sleeves have been installed to help maintain their functionality, but they have a limited benefit.

The original terminals were constructed between the

late 1950s and 1970s and today, engineers estimate they will begin applying restrictions to Port operations by 2025 — sooner if there is a large earthquake.

The goal of the Port of Alaska's Modernization Program (PAMP) is to replace Anchorage's aging docks and allow the Port to continue its three critical functions:

- serve as Alaska's key inbound cargo gateway
- operate critical national defense infrastructure
- support the movement of consumer goods, industrial development and disaster recovery

PAMP will be funded through a combination of federal and state grants, Port of Alaska funds, and a potential tariff surcharge. At a cost of \$1.9 billion, the program is not yet fully funded.



Local 302 member working one of Pacific Pile & Marine's derrick barges getting ready to place a work platform that helps guide the 12-foot diameter piles as they are driven into the seafloor of the Petroleum Cement Terminal; photo courtesy of the Port of Alaska





The Petroleum Cement Terminal trestle and product lines leading to the cement dome at the Port of Alaska; Ice floes limit the in-water construction season to just six months a year; photo courtesy of the Port of Alaska

## Local 302 operators are key to port modernization

Local 302 members working for Manson Construction have been tasked with dredging and sheet pile removal on the North Extension Stabilization Step 1 (NES1).

Local 302 members working for Granite Construction have been tasked with support to Manson Construction by excavating behind the sheet piles and sloping the grade in NES1 to accommodate for armor rock and other material placement to prevent erosion.

## A challenging environment

The Port of Alaska is strategically located adjacent to Alaska's population center and acts as the primary road, marine, air, rail, and pipeline cargo distribution system. While its location is ideal for supporting the movement of goods and services, the environment presents challenges for construction:

- Ice floes limit the in-water construction season to just six months per year, essentially doubling the number of construction seasons compared to a similar project in a warmer environment.
- With a range of almost 40 feet, the tides in Cook Inlet are the highest in the United States, creating swift currents and requiring a robust anchoring system for work vessels.
- The waterway is home to many marine mammals and fish, including the endangered Cook Inlet beluga whale, which requires special operations and restricts design flexibility and construction methods.
- Alaska is one of the most seismically active regions in the world and has more earthquakes than anywhere else in North America.



# DISTRICT REPORT

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## Bridging a rocky gap in Alaska's Denali National Park & Preserve



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1. Aerial footage of the Pretty Rock Landslide along Denali Park Road near Mile 45; the Poly Chrome Area Improvement Plan will restore access to remote areas of Denali National Park; photo courtesy of Granite Construction
2. Local 302 operators work to construct a temporary route as it allowed NPS maintenance crews and landholders access to the 45 miles of park road and private properties beyond the slide for the first time since 2021 when the slide happened; photo courtesy of Granite Construction
3. Ground ice removal from the west cut at Denali National Park & Preserve; photo courtesy of BGC Engineering/Federal Highway Administration



**T**he Denali Park Road is a 92-mile-long out-and-back road that heads west from the park entrance near Healy, Alaska to Kantishna, an outpost within the heart of Denali Park & Preserve. In the summer of 2021, a segment of the Denali Park Road through the Polychrome Pass area was cut off by the Pretty Rocks Landslide near Mile 45, preventing travel further west.

The complexity of the geology, climate, permafrost, and seismic hazards present a unique challenge for developing a solution to reopen the Denali Park Road and regain access to the stunning landscape.

The Polychrome Area Improvement Plan is an exciting and challenging \$207 million project that will restore access to remote areas of Denali National Park & Preserve that were cut off by the 2021 Pretty Rocks Landslide.

Working for general contractor Granite Construction, Local 302 operators and mechanics laid the literal groundwork for the construction of the 475-foot bridge; hauling gravel, conducting the earth works, and operating multiple staging areas. Working for drilling subcontractor DBM Contractors Inc. Local 302 members performed drilling services, making the rock anchors, soils, nails, and thermosyphons needed to make this geotechnically challenging project possible.

The majestic wilderness of Denali National Park & Preserve is a point of pride for Alaska and all Americans. The park sees hundreds of thousands of visitors a year and this bridge will restore access to some of the most popular destinations in the park.

Local 302 is proud of our operators and mechanics whose expertise has been crucial to the success of this project.





# DISTRICT REPORT

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A drone photo shows the landslide aftermath in Ketchikan, Alaska on August 26, 2024; photo courtesy of Travis Watkins, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

## Helping the community after natural disasters

Opposite page photos: Local 302 members and mechanics Chuck Henderson (top left) and Nick Taylor (bottom left) kept the heavy equipment running smoothly during the Ketchikan landslide cleanup

### Ketchikan landslide

**A** landslide in Ketchikan, Alaska August 25, 2024 killed one person, injured three others, and destroyed multiple homes.

The landslide tore down a steep slope above the Third Avenue Bypass, crossing the road and continuing downhill. The slide sent a dense wave of snapped trees, toppled power poles and dirt crashing into a row of hillside homes.

Shout out to our Local 302 members Stew Meeks, Tim Webb, Corbin Cam-

eron, Paul Julifs, Chuck Henderson, and Nick Taylor who were called in through the State of Alaska emergency declaration to help clean up the disaster.

Landslides like the one that occurred in Ketchikan can strike with little warning, sending earth and trees crashing down a mountainside as fast as a car on a highway. The Ketchikan landslide was attributed to heavy rainfall, according to the National Weather Service in Juneau. Between 5 and 9 inches of rain fell in the higher elevations of the Ketchikan Range over the span





of about 30 hours, the weather service said. Ketchikan's average rainfall for the entire month of August is typically 8 inches.

Alaska is on the front lines of climate change, facing a rapidly changing climate as it is warming more than twice as fast as the planet as a whole, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association. Thinning glaciers, melting permafrost, warming oceans and less sea ice make it a frequent victim of floods and landslides.

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Local 302 members Stew Meeks and Corbin Cameron operate excavators on the Third Avenue Bypass to clean debris after the Ketchikan landslide; photo courtesy of Travis Watkins, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities



Local 302 member Stew Meeks, facing up uphill where the Ketchikan landslide occurred, cleans debris



# DISTRICT 8 REPORT CONTINUED



## Helping our Union family through times of need

**O**n August 6, 2024, a glacial outburst flood from the Suicide Basin and Mendenhall Glacier caused major flooding in northern Juneau, Alaska. Multiple homes and roads were inundated as flood waters overflowed the banks of the Mendenhall River.

Shout out to District 8 Representative Corey Baxter who helped member Kris Hill by tearing out ruined insulation and repairing his home after the flood. Corey's assistance helped Kris get back to work as soon as possible.

Another big shout out to Local 302 mem-

bers Brandon Godkin, Dorion Hobbs, and Ryan Judson who didn't think twice about taking the workday off to help neighbors pump water out of flooded crawl spaces under their homes.

This is a great example of what unions are all about, helping our brothers and sisters through times of need. Consider how you can help someone in your community!

Photo above: High water around homes and neighborhoods following an outburst of flooding from a lake dammed by the Mendenhall Glacier on August 6, 2024 in Juneau, Alaska; photo courtesy of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Photo below: Local 302 member Kris Hill with new insulation under his home after the August 6, 2024 flood in Juneau, Alaska





# DISTRICT REPORT

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**C**lean Harbors is North America's leading provider of environmental and industrial services. Clean Harbors and its subsidiary, Safety-Kleen, offer a full range of used oil products collection and recycling services.

IUOE Local 302 members are leading this work at the Clean Harbors recycling plant in South Seattle, WA with an advanced re-refining process that returns

used motor oil to its original state. The process includes recycling waste oil, oil filters, anti-freeze, and used absorbents.

By collecting and re-refining used oil, this closes the loop for the life cycle of oil. Using the re-refined oil minimizes the environmental impacts of our industries.

*Story continued on the next page*

## Recycling used automotive oil and oil products



Local 302 members who work for the Clean Harbors recycling plant located in South Seattle, WA; left to right Isaura Duenas, Ivan Nochvay, Gary Maddox, Nofo Filimaua, Ronald Clancy, Kevin Boyd, and Bill Filbert



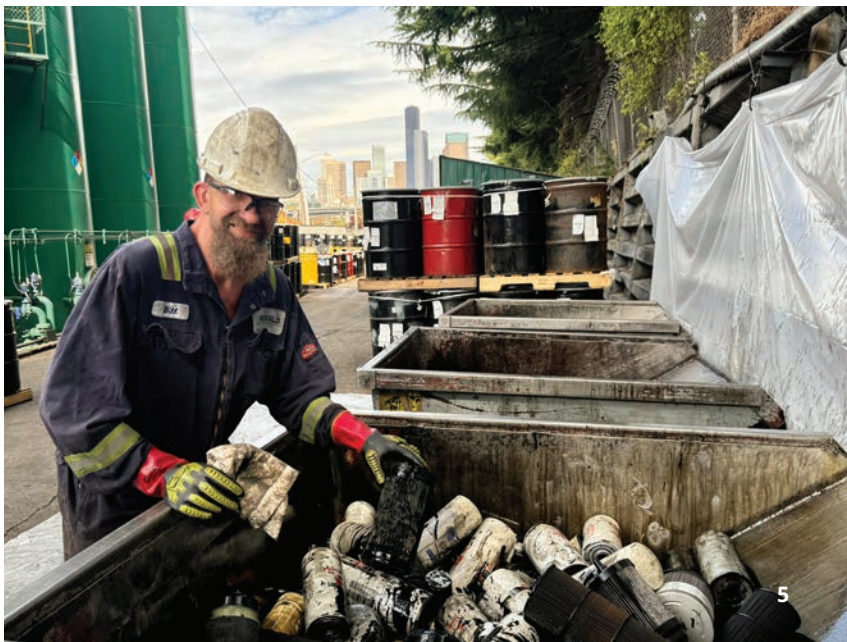
# DISTRICT 286 REPORT CONTINUED

Wondering how to recycle your used oil and oil products?

Residential: Contact your local city and/or county. Commercial: Clean Harbors is a great place to start: [www.cleanharbors.com/](http://www.cleanharbors.com/)







1. Local 302 member Gary Maddox receives a Safety-Kleen truck which off-loads oily water for processing through the Industrial Waste Water System at the Clean Harbors plant
2. Local 302 member Isaura Duenas seals up empty drums at the Clean Harbors plant to be sent back to the hub and filled up with used materials again
3. Left to right, Local 302 members Kevin Boyd, Ivan Nochvay, and Gary Maddox at the Clean Harbors plant
4. Local 302 member Ronald Clancy dumps used automotive oil containers and filters to be sorted for recycling at the Clean Harbors plant
5. Local 302 member Bill Filbert sorts used automotive oil containers and filters to separate what can be recycled or trashed at the Clean Harbors plant
6. Local 302 member Ivan Nochvay on a backhoe mixing sawdust with paper debris to absorb moisture at the Clean Harbors plant; this material can't be recycled so it will be sent to the landfill
7. Used automotive oil containers and filters are crushed for recycling at the Clean Harbors plant



# TRAINING CENTER UPDATES

## ELLENSBURG, WA TRAINING CENTER



Apprentice Rebekah Diffner at the Snoqualmie Pass Phase 3 project SB Structures

2024 - 2025

**Starting Sept 9, 2024 - Call the Training Office for More Information**

**Apprentice and Journey Level**

**CHOOSE ONE : Grade Checking, Forklift, Blade, Backhoe, Excavator**

October 28 - November 7, 2024	2-Wk
November 11 - 21, 2024	2-Wk
December 2 - 12, 2024	2-Wk
January 6 - 16, 2025	2-Wk
January 21 - 30, 2025	2-Wk
February 3 - 13, 2025	2-Wk
February 17 - February 27, 2025	2-Wk
March 24 - April 3, 2025	2-Wk
April 7 - 17, 2025	2-Wk

**Hydraulic OR Lattice Crane Training**

October 14 - 31, 2024	3-Wk
November 4 - 21, 2024	3-Wk
December 2 - 19, 2024	3-Wk
January 6 - 30, 2025	4-Wk
February 3 - 27, 2025	4-Wk
March 24 - April 17, 2025	4-Wk

**Tower Crane:**

October 14 - 24, 2024	2-Wk
October 28 - November 7, 2024	2-Wk
November 11 - 21, 2024	2-Wk
December 2 - 12, 2024	2-Wk
January 6 - 16, 2025	2-Wk
January 21 - 30, 2025	2-Wk
February 3 - 13, 2025	2-Wk
February 17 - February 27, 2025	2-Wk
March 24 - April 3, 2025	2-Wk
April 7 - 17, 2025	2-Wk

**CDL Training:**

*\*Paperwork Due BEFORE Being Admitted to Training  
Call the Training Office for More Information*

September 9 - October 9, 2024	CLASS
October 21 - November 20, 2024	CLASS
December 2 - December 18, 2024	CLASS
January 6 - February 5, 2025	CLASS
February 10 - 26, 2025	CLASS
March 24 - April 23, 2025	CLASS
April 28 - May 29, 2025	CLASS
June 2 - July 2, 2025	CLASS

**DOT Hazmat Endorsement**

*\*Paperwork Due Beforehand - Call the Training Office for More Information*

Dates To Be Determined @ Ellensburg Training Center



# Interested in taking training at the Ellensburg, WA Training Center?

Call the Ellensburg Training Center office at (509) 968-3203 to verify eligibility.

## 2025 Operating Engineers Training at a Glance

Visit the Ellensburg Training Office to Sign Up for All Courses: (509) 968-3203 [www.oetraining.com](http://www.oetraining.com) - All Classes Are Subject To Change -

Training:	40-Hour Hazmat: *Must attend all days*	Apprenticeship Program:
ft, Dozer, Loader, tor	December 9 - 12, 2024 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 5 pm (4 Days)	<b>Apprenticeship Applications Due:</b> November 8, 2024 by 5 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	February 3 - 6, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 5 pm (4 Days)	<a href="https://oetraining.unionimpact.com">https://oetraining.unionimpact.com</a>
Course: Mon-Thurs	April 7 - 10, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 5 pm (4 Days)	
Course: Mon-Thurs		<b>Interviews / Safety &amp; Orientation:</b>
Course: Mon-Thurs	<b>8-Hour Hazmat Refresher:</b>	<b>Interviews via Zoom:</b> January 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 2025
Course: Mon-Thurs	October 28 - 29, 2024 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm (2 Nights)	<b>S&amp;O @ Ellensburg:</b> March 3 - 6, March 10 - 13, and March 17 - 20, 2025
Course: Mon-Thurs	November 23, 2024 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 3:30 pm	
Course: Mon-Thurs	December 2 - 3, 2024 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm (2 Nights)	<b>Entry-Level Apprentice Training:</b>
Course: Mon-Thurs	December 14, 2024 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 3:30 pm	April 28 - June 19, 2025 8-Weeks (Mon - Thurs)
Course: Mon-Thurs	January 25, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 3:30 pm	
Course: Mon-Thurs	January 27 - 28, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm (2 Nights)	<b>TOP HAND COMPETITION:</b>
Course: Mon-Thurs	February 8, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 3:30 pm	<b>Saturday, June 21, 2025 @ Ellensburg Training Center</b>
Course: Mon-Thurs	February 18 - 19, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm (2 Nights)	Compete for the title of "Top Hand" in a variety of equipment: Dozer, Loader, Blade, Excavator, Backhoe, Forklift, Truck and Trailer, Hydraulic and Lattice Cranes. Bring the whole family to explore the Training Center and enjoy a fun-filled day with free activities!
Course: Mon-Thurs	March 8, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 3:30 pm	Check the website for more information: <a href="http://www.oetraining.com">www.oetraining.com</a>
Course: Mon-Thurs	March 10 - 11, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm (2 Nights)	
Course: Mon-Thurs	April 12, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 3:30 pm	<b>NCCCO Crane &amp; Rigger/Signal - Refresher Courses:</b>
Course: Mon-Thurs		Visit the Training Website or Call the Training Office for Information and to Sign Up
Course: Mon-Thurs	<b>OSHA 10: *Must attend all days*</b>	<b>MOBILE Core:</b> September 21, 2024 @ Tacoma 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs	November 20 - 22, 2024 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm (3 Nights)	<b>MOBILE Load Charts:</b> September 21, 2024 @ Tacoma 12:30 - 5 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	December 16 - 17, 2024 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 3:30 pm (2 Days)	<b>TOWER:</b> September 22, 2024 @ Tacoma 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs	January 11 - 12, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 3:30 pm (2 Days)	<b>RIGGER &amp; SIGNAL:</b> October 5, 2024 @ Bothell 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs	February 10 - 12, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm (3 Nights)	<b>MOBILE Core:</b> November 16, 2024 @ Bothell 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs	March 13 - 14, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 3:30 pm (2 Days)	<b>MOBILE Load Charts:</b> November 16, 2024 @ Bothell 12:30 - 5 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	April 14 - 16, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm (3 Nights)	<b>TOWER:</b> November 17, 2024 @ Bothell 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs		<b>MOBILE Core:</b> December 14, 2024 @ Tacoma 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs	<b>OSHA 30: *Must attend all days*</b>	<b>MOBILE Load Charts:</b> December 14, 2024 @ Tacoma 12:30 - 5 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	January 21 - 24, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 3:30 pm (4 Days)	<b>TOWER:</b> December 15, 2024 @ Tacoma 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs	March 3 - 6, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 7 am - 3:30 pm (4 Days)	<b>RIGGER &amp; SIGNAL:</b> January 11, 2025 @ Tacoma 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs		<b>MOBILE Core:</b> February 1, 2025 @ Bothell 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs	<b>High Hazard Facility (20- HR RSO): *Must attend both days*</b>	<b>MOBILE Load Charts:</b> February 1, 2025 @ Bothell 12:30 - 5 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	September 14 - 15, 2024 @ Bothell 7 am - 5 pm (2 Days)	<b>TOWER:</b> February 2, 2025 @ Bothell 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs	October 19 - 20, 2024 @ Bothell 7 am - 5 pm (2 Days)	<b>TOWER:</b> March 10, 2025 @ Kennewick 5 - 9 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	November 16 - 17, 2024 @ Tacoma 7 am - 5 pm (2 Days)	<b>MOBILE Core:</b> March 11, 2025 @ Kennewick 5 - 9 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs		<b>MOBILE Load Charts:</b> March 12, 2025 @ Kennewick 5 - 9 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	<b>First Aid/CPR:</b>	<b>RIGGER &amp; SIGNAL:</b> March 13, 2025 @ Kennewick 8 am - 5 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	<i>Must Attend Zoom Training and Practical Exam for Certification</i>	<b>RIGGER &amp; SIGNAL:</b> April 5, 2025 @ Bothell 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs	October 1, 2024 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm	<b>TOWER:</b> May 5, 2025 @ Spokane 5 - 9 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	November 12, 2024 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm	<b>MOBILE Core:</b> May 6, 2025 @ Spokane 5 - 9 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	December 18, 2024 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm	<b>MOBILE Load Charts:</b> May 7, 2025 @ Spokane 5 - 9 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	January 10, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm	<b>RIGGER &amp; SIGNAL:</b> May 8, 2025 @ Spokane 5 - 9 pm
Course: Mon-Thurs	February 7, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm	<b>RIGGER &amp; SIGNAL:</b> June 14, 2025 @ Tacoma 8 am - Noon
Course: Mon-Thurs	March 12, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm	
Course: Mon-Thurs	March 15, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 7 - 11 am	<b>NCCCO Rigging &amp; Signaling Practical Exams:</b>
Course: Mon-Thurs	April 11, 2025 - Online ZOOM Call 5 - 9 pm	<i>Call the Training Office to Sign Up for Scheduled Testing Time</i>
Course: Mon-Thurs		October 5 - 6, 2024 @ Bothell
Course: Mon-Thurs	<b>GPS Training:</b>	January 11 - 12, 2025 @ Tacoma
Course: Mon-Thurs	December 16 - 17, 2024 2 Day Course	March 14 - 15, 2025 @ Kennewick
Course: Mon-Thurs	December 18 - 19, 2024 2 Day Course	April 5 - 6, 2025 @ Bothell
Course: Mon-Thurs	April 21 - 22, 2025 2 Day Course	May 9 - 10, 2025 @ Spokane
Course: Mon-Thurs	April 23 - 24, 2025 2 Day Course	June 14 - 15, 2025 @ Tacoma






Entry Level Training Spangle, WA apprentice Hank Heins



Entry Level Training Spangle, WA apprentice Deshaun Singleton



A full-page photograph showing a man, Ben Starkey, working on the hydraulic system of a large yellow Caterpillar D10 dozer. He is wearing a bright green safety shirt, a grey baseball cap, and safety glasses. He is focused on connecting or adjusting a black hydraulic hose on the ripper attachment. The background shows a clear blue sky and a dirt embankment. The machine's components are large, heavy-duty, and show signs of use and dirt.

Apprentice Ben Starkey working for Great Northwest Inc., changing the hydraulic hose on the ripper of a Cat D10 dozer, Dalton Highway MP 18-37 Reconstruction, Alaska; The Dalton Highway is designated as a rural principal arterial and provides the only vehicle access from Fairbanks to Deadhorse, serving as a critical supply route between commerce and industrial centers; The project is needed due to sub-standard road geometry and failing embankment sections on this key economic link for the State of Alaska



## Thanks to everyone who attended the Boiler Symposium at the Local 302 Bothell Hall!



The Western Washington Stationary Engineers Training Trust Boiler Symposium was a great opportunity for boiler operators to network with each other and industry professionals, get a refresher on their skills,

and obtain their 5-year boiler refresher certification.

The event is approved by the Bates Technical College Steam Certification Board and the Seattle Steam License Advisory Board.

### BOILER SYMPOSIUM & REFRESHER

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT!

• JUNE 26 - 27, 2025  
AT THE IUOE LOCAL  
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**Congratulations to stationary engineer, Adam Fulford, Seattle Public Schools, for completing the 4-year apprenticeship!**

Learn more about furthering your career through stationary apprenticeship at [www.IUOE302.org](http://www.IUOE302.org).

Current Stationary Apprentices: Winter schedule starts January 6, 2025. Schedules are live on the website.



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**BRENNA MOORE**

**OPERATING ENGINEER**

**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**



## **Why did you join IUOE Local 302? How long have you been a member?**

I joined IUOE Local 302 when I was 19 years old. I knew an apprenticeship program would allow me to start planning for my future immediately out of the gate. When I was little, I would help my Grandpa run his tractors and backhoe while doing projects around his property. From a young age I knew I loved playing in the dirt, pulling those levers. I have been a Local 302 member for 12 years.

## **What are your favorite things about being a union member?**

My favorite aspects are having the ability to learn my trade on the job and being able to use that

knowledge to teach and mentor apprentices high school kids. I have met so many amazing individuals and formed strong friendships. When you're nervous about a task, there's someone to say, you can do this, just follow my signals. You build that trust with your crew and know that no matter what unknown variables surface you as a crew can overcome them together. The unspoken bond that crews form keeps us safe and motivated to conquer the work to be done.

## **What's your current job and what do you enjoy about it?**

I operate a loader and an excavator most days. I have learned an incredible amount about project organization and projections. This position has

allowed me to be creative and design how I would like operations to be run ensuring safety and effectiveness. In doing so, I have reached new levels of potential that I didn't believe I could reach prior to being given this opportunity.

## **What are the top things you wish you would've known when you started your career?**

I wish I would have known to be truer to myself instead of trying to be what others wanted me to be. As a woman, you don't have to be one of the men, we can run beside them exercising our own personal strengths as an asset to the execution of the work plan. I've learned having effective communication is just as impor-

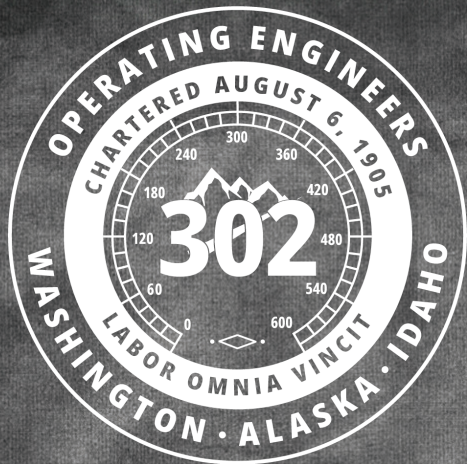
tant as having talent on a machine.

## **What advice would you give to people considering a career in the trades?**

My advice is to always be willing to learn and ask for help if you need it. All of us have a unique path across the chess board of our career, each moving in different directions and speeds but with the same goal to grow into our aspirations. Smile through the hard days, and always try one more time. Lastly, don't let the doubts of others become your limitations.

*Is there a Local 302 member you think we should feature in the Loadline? Email [mainoffice@iuoe302.org](mailto:mainoffice@iuoe302.org).*





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# FROM THE DESK OF THE DISPATCHERS

**Washington Members: If applying for unemployment, it's CRITICAL to apply correctly so you don't owe money back**

- Always ensure you're on the Local 302 Out of Work List as soon as you leave employment, and your membership dues are in good standing.
- Choose "regular layoff" as opposed to the "stand-by" option. If you are at the training center do not check you are in "school".
- Always check the "union shop" training option and that you are available for work.

For more tips on Washington unemployment scan this QR code:



**All Members: Ensure your contact and qualifications are up to date with Local 302**

- It's part of each member's responsibility to ensure your mailing address and phone number are up to date with Local 302. If we can't get ahold of you, we can't dispatch you out to jobs.
- Ensure your qualifications are always up to date, and they're reported to Local 302. If your qualifications are expired, we can't dispatch you out to jobs.
- It's very important to re-register for the Out of Work List well in advance of when your registration expires. If you re-register late, you'll get dropped off the list. TIP: If registered for 90 days, re-register every 60 days. Scan this QR Code for more information:





# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

## THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT FOR THE CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC, SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, TACOMA, WA

We had an excellent turnout for the Charity Golf Classic and are excited to announce **we raised over \$21,000 for the following three charities:**

- **Local 302 Hope Fund**
- **Sunrise for Children**

- **Puget Sound Labor Agency Food Bank**

We're working hard to grow this event, and all Local 302 events.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this event such a success.





# AGC and MLAWW Western Washington Master Labor Agreement members, this announcement is for YOU!

## BUILD A STRONGER FUTURE

Just like IUOE Local 302, OE Federal is proudly built on strong union values. We understand the unique needs of union members, offering specialized loans and credit cards tailored for your lifestyle. As a member-owned cooperative, our profits go back to you through lower rates and fewer fees, ensuring you get the best value. With deep roots in the union community, OE Federal supports union events and initiatives, embodying the spirit of solidarity. Plus, with our cutting-edge mobile app, you can access your money anytime, anywhere, making your banking experience seamless and convenient.

Members working under **AGC and MLAWW Western Washington Master Labor Agreements** must create an account with OE Federal Credit Union to access their Paid Time Off funds.

Explore OE Federal's banking, loan, insurance, and investment products. We've got IUOE Local 302 covered!

### - AUTO -



OE Federal understands how important it is to have a reliable vehicle. Whether you're buying a new car, a used one, or refinancing your current loan, they're by your side.

### - HOME -



OE Federal is committed to helping you finance the home of your dreams. Through purchasing, remodeling, or refinancing, they've got your back.

### - CREDIT CARD -



Think of OE Federal's Visa STEEL as your trusted partner. Their card options allow you to make flexible payments, build credit, or earn rewards. Plus, you receive exclusive union benefits!

### - SAVINGS -



Everyone's saving for something different: a new home, growing family, or safety net for life's surprises. OE Federal believes in the power of savings for what matters most.

### - PAID TIME OFF PAY -



Starting January 2025, OE Federal will handle Paid Time Off Pay for eligible Local 302 members. Deposits will be made monthly into OE Federal accounts, with the first one on March 15th, 2025, for January PTO.



**OE Federal welcomes IUOE Local 302! Your first Paid Time Off Pay deposit will be on March 15th, 2025. Open your account today to be ready. Scan the QR Code to learn more about your Paid Time Off Pay, account opening, and all OE Federal has to offer.**



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**OPERATING  
ENGINEERS**  
LOCAL 302

# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST SIGNATORY ORGANIZATIONS!

## CONSTRUCTION:

- **P&A Civil, LLC** serving Western Washington
- **R-2 Contractors, Inc** serving Western Washington
- **Sam Rhodes, Inc** serving Western Washington
- **C&W Excavating, LLC** serving Southern Idaho
- **Global Scaffold Construction Services** serving Southern Idaho

## STATIONARY:

- **Virginia Mason Franciscan Health**, Seattle
- **Sunrise Dental**, Puyallup, Lacey, Sequim, Marysville, Bellingham, and Mt. Vernon

SUPPORT UNION AND DO BUSINESS WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS TODAY.

Interested in becoming signatory with Local 302? Improve your bottom line: have access to a skilled and trained workforce which improves your overall market share. Call us today to learn more: (425) 806-0302.



# LOCAL 302

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## MEMBER AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Washington State Industrial Safety and Health Advisory Board, Local 302 Field Representative Dean Stoneburner second from left; photo courtesy of David Hundley Photography

### Governor's Washington State Industrial Safety & Health Advisory Board

We're proud of IUOE Local 302 Field Representatives Dean Stoneburner and Larry Kratz who serve on the Washington State Governor's Industrial Safety and Health Advisory Board.

The board was created in 1951 to provide a means for representatives from various industries to

contribute and serve as advisors regarding safe workplaces. It is made up of management and labor representatives from 17 industries and is supported by staff from the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries.

Board members plan statewide events to educate the workforce on accident prevention to reduce injuries and fatalities.



Left to right: District 6 Field Representatives Bill Sims and Jamie Mack at the Diamond High School Career Fair

**Shout out to District 6 Field Representatives Bill Sims and Jamie Mack** for representing Local 302 at

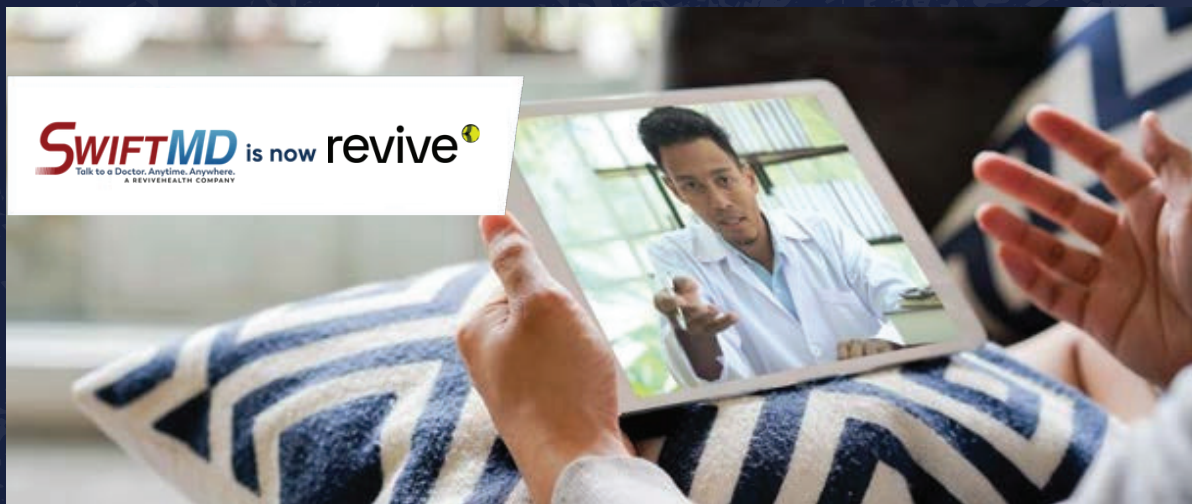
the Diamond High School career fair in Anchorage, Alaska.



# HEALTH & WELFARE

LOCAL 302 MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE PART OF THE WELFARE AND PENSION ADMINISTRATION SERVICE (WPAS) ADMINISTERED HEALTHCARE HAVE ACCESS TO SWIFTMD, NOW KNOWN AS REVIVE.

GET 24/7 ACCESS TO DOCTORS BY PHONE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE AT NO OUT-OF-POCKET COST TO YOU!



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# 5 Things You Should Know to Stay Safe

**1** Ensure there's a safe way to enter and exit.  
*See 1926.651(c)*



**2** Trenches must have cave-in protection.  
*See 1926.652(a)*



**3** Keep materials away from the edge of the trench.  
*See 1926.651(j)*



**4** Look for standing water or other hazards.  
*See 1926.651(h)*



**5** Never enter a trench unless it has been properly inspected.  
*See 1926.651(k)*



**Trench safety is vital in construction to protect workers from the risks of trench collapses** which can lead to

serious injuries or fatalities. Furthermore, maintaining safe trench conditions ensures the stability of heavy machinery

and protects the surrounding environment from issues like soil erosion and groundwater contamination.



# Retiree Jerry Shull gives back to Skagit Habitat for Humanity

**L**ocal 302 operators have the best skills in the industry.

As any operator knows these skills lead to meaningful careers, and they're immensely helpful in our personal lives. Not only to fix homes and properties, but those of our neighbors.

After 52-year Local 302 member Jerry Shull retired in 2007, time opened up, and he decided to use his skills to give back to the local community.

For the next 10 years Jerry helped build 15 homes for the Skagit Habitat for Humanity in the greater Mt. Vernon, WA area.

The Habitat Homebuyer Program provides a unique opportunity for hard-working, low-income individu-

als and families to help build and buy their own home.

"Building housing to help people was one of the greatest enjoyments of my life," said Jerry Shull.

Jerry has the full range of skills to build a home from the ground up. Although he mostly used his operating engineer experience to dig housing foundations with an excavator, grade dirt, and more.

Jerry has since moved to the Yakima, WA area to be closer to his daughter and grandchildren where he enjoys fixing up his family's properties.

*Is there a retiree you'd like to recognize in the Loadline? Email [mainoffice@iuoe302.org](mailto:mainoffice@iuoe302.org).*

Photo to the right, left to right: Local 302 retiree Jerry Shull with fellow Skagit Habitat for Humanity volunteer Dave Groves on a job site



Local 302 retiree Jerry Shull digs the foundation in an excavator for a Skagit Habitat for Humanity house in Mt. Vernon, WA; photo courtesy of Skagit Habitat for Humanity





Local 302 retiree Jerry Shull on a tractor helping build a Skagit Habit for Humanity house; photo courtesy of Skagit Habitat for Humanity



A home Local 302 retiree Jerry Shull helped build for Skagit Habitat for Humanity in Sedro-Woolley, WA; photo courtesy of Skagit Habitat for Humanity



# CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

**JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024**

ALAN TODD - KIRKLAND, WA  
ALLEN HOLTZHEIMER - WASILLA, WA  
ALVIN NELSON - FOLSOM, CA  
BERNARD YOST - CAMANO ISLAND, WA  
BERT PRICE - BUCKLEY WA  
CHARLES SIMS - GEORGETOWN, ID  
DANIEL CHAPPELL - GLENNALLEN, AK  
DAVID BROWN - EVERETT, WA  
DENNIS SWOBODA - DEER PARK, WA  
EDWARD SCOTT - BELLINGHAM, WA  
EMMETT HARTLEY - GIG HARBOR, WA  
FRANK SNOW - YUMA, AZ  
GARRETT LIEN - FORT WORTH, TX  
GERALD MUSIC - PRYOR, OK  
GREG LOPEZ - GRAHAM, WA  
JAMES CONE - NINE MILE FALLS, WA

JAMES TOBIN - MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, WA  
JEFF STOUT - SOLDOTNA, AK  
JEFF WEIGELT - SNOHOMISH, WA  
JOHN CRAIG - EDMONDS, WA  
JOHN FORSTER - CHENEY, WA  
JOHN NOYD - ARLINGTON, WA  
KIM LANIER - MARYSVILLE, WA  
LANCE SHAW - WASILLA, AK  
LONNIE GERT - KENT, WA  
LOREN BISHOP - CHIMACUM, WA  
MARTIN BRIAN - SELAH, WA  
PATRICK DONNELLY - EAGLE RIVER, AK  
RICHARD LAWSON - WASILLA, WA  
ROBERT HILLING - EDGEWOOD, WA  
ROBERT ROBISON - GOLD BAR, WA  
ROBERT SPINKS - FT. WAINWRIGHT, AK

ROBERT WILSON - WASILLA, AK  
RONALD HONE - WASILLA, AK  
SAMUEL ALEXANDER - ANDERSON ISLAND, WA  
STEVEN TROWBRIDGE - TWIN FALLS, ID  
TIMOTHY BERENS - MOSES LAKE, WA  
TODD ROMANO - AUBURN, WA  
TOM KENDRICK - MONROE, WA  
TROY HOKENSON - RENTON, WA  
VICTOR KAZAKEVICIUS - DAYTON, ID  
WILLIAM TRYON - MT. PLEASANT, UT

## IN MEMORIAM — JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024

**IUOE LOCAL 302 MOURNS THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS**

ADRIAN ACOSTA - ANCHORAGE, AK  
ALFRED SAYSELL - HERMISTON, OR  
ARTHUR CAISSIE - NORTH POLE, AK  
CATO TOLLE - YAKIMA, WA  
CHARLES KENNEDY - PORT TOWNSEND, WA  
CURTIS TEEL - NORTH POLE, AK  
DAVID TAYLOR JR - SPARKS, NV  
DON SCHOENFELDER - SNOHOMISH, WA  
DONALD SPAULDING - ROCKFORD, WA  
ELMER VERMILYEA - FLORENCE, OR  
FRANK GAGNON JR - SEDRO WOOLEY, WA  
FRED KNOWLES - BONNEY LAKE, WA

FRED WINKELKOTTER - KANOSH, UT  
GABRIEL CORDI - SEATTLE, WA  
GEORGE AUBIN - CANBY, OR  
GERALD HARRISON - LEWISTON, ID  
JAMES TOLAN - ANCHORAGE, AK  
JEFF ERICKSON - NORTH POLE, AK  
JOSEPH SMITH - RIGBY, ID  
KELLY BROWN - CARNATION, WA  
LEO GELLINGS - VANCOUVER, WA  
LEONARD BLANKENSHIP - CARNATION, WA  
MARK MC CULLOUGH - TOK, AK  
MICHAEL GRUBB - WILLOW, AK

PAUL SCHWARZ JR - SELAH, WA  
ROBERT THOMAS - ANCHORAGE, AK  
ROBERT MICHAEL - SALEM, SC  
ROBERT WRIGHT - WASILLA, AK  
RONALD ROBINSON - DELTA JUNCTION, AK  
RUSSELL MC KINNON - RICE, WA  
STEVEN BERGE - PORT ANGELES, WA  
TIMOTHY GWASH - ANCHORAGE, AK  
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VINCE KENNEDY - SEATTLE, WA  
WILLIAM GERARD - STANWOOD, WA





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## AUBURN, WA STATIONARY TRAINING PROGRAM

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## CALENDAR

### DISTRICT MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS CONVENE AT 7 P.M.

#### DISTRICT 1 – BOTHELL

1st Thursday of each month  
Union Hall, 18701 120th Ave NE

#### DISTRICT 2 – BELLINGHAM

3rd Thursday of each month  
1700 North State St

#### DISTRICT 3 – HOQUIAM

2nd Thursday of each month  
Elks Club, 624 K St

#### DISTRICT 3 – SILVERDALE

3rd Wednesday of each month  
Union Hall, 9301 Linder Way NW

#### DISTRICT 3 – PORT ANGELES

3rd Thursday of each month  
Eagles Hall Aerie No. 483,  
2843 E Myrtle St

#### DISTRICT 4 – WENATCHEE

2nd Thursday of each month  
Veterans Hall,  
1206 N Wenatchee Ave

#### DISTRICT 4 – ELLENSBURG

2nd Wednesday of each month  
Union Hall, 403 S Water St

#### DISTRICT 5 – BOISE

4th Tuesday of each month  
IBEW Hall, 225 N 16th St

#### DISTRICT 5 – LEWISTON

2nd Wednesday of each month  
Central Labor Council,  
1618 Idaho St Suite 102

#### DISTRICT 5 – POCATELLO

4th Wednesday of each month  
Labor Temple, 456 N Arthur St

#### DISTRICT 5 – SPOKANE

2nd Monday of each month  
Union Hall, 510 S Elm St

#### DISTRICT 5 – KENNEWICK

2nd Tuesday of each month  
Union Hall, 2637 W Albany Ave

#### DISTRICT 6 – ANCHORAGE

4th Thursday of each month  
Union Hall, 4001 Denali St

#### DISTRICT 7 – FAIRBANKS

4th Wednesday of each month  
Union Hall, 3002 Lathrop St

#### DISTRICT 8 – JUNEAU

4th Tuesday of each month  
Union Hall, 9309 Glacier Hwy,  
Suite A-105

#### DISTRICT 286 – AUBURN

2nd Tuesday of each month  
Union Hall, 18 E St SW

## DECEMBER

5 Semi-Annual Meeting at the  
Bothell Hall

25 Christmas Day

31 New Year's Eve

## JANUARY

1 New Year's Day

20 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## FEBRUARY

14 Valentine's Day

17 Presidents' Day



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