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Chapmanville School is a PW Repeal Disaster

The new Chapmanville Intermediate School in Logan County is one of the first school projects to be bid since the repeal of the state prevailing wage law.

The project has been plagued with problems and has missed critical deadlines. County officials, struggling for months to get the project on schedule, required the contractor to develop a plan to meet the opening date. But the plan failed.

The new school was scheduled to be complete on June 30 but missed that deadline and others including the first day of school. Now it looks like the school will not open until October or as late as November.

In addition there has been an abundance of quality problems including many pages of punch list items well after the general contractor Persinger & Associates from Charleston promised to have the school "substantially complete."

Five such punch lists produced in August ranging from faulty door

installations, improper base installation, and cracked concrete sidewalks, totaling around 800 items of concern.

"All projects have punch lists but this one, some two months after the completion date, is very extensive,"

said Dave Efaw, Secretary-Treasurer of the WV State Building Trades.

Because the building was not ready for the start of the school year the county reopened two schools that had been closed and students began

their year in these old buildings.

"If this is an example of what prevailing wage repeal brings it proves what a terrible decision repeal was," said Efaw.

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A punch list with hundreds of items at the Chapmanville Intermediate School in Logan County includes shoddy work like this floor. The project is months past its completion date and is another example of the failure of prevailing wage repeal.

Savings Claimed from PW Repeal Untrue

A report claiming seven percent saving as a result of repealing the state prevailing wage law is riddled with inaccurate and misleading data according to the Affiliated Construction Trades.

"They used the wrong numbers and therefore got misleading results," said ACT Director Steve White.

"We have tracked every project since the prevailing wage law has

been repealed and can say with certainty there has been zero savings to taxpayers as a result."

In addition White points to plenty of evidence showing the negative results of prevailing wage.

"We see poor quality construction, significant delays, cost overruns, low wages, the elimination of benefits, safety citations, all of which we believe is attributed to the repeal

of prevailing wage," said White.

The report was commissioned by the anti-union Associated Builders and Contractors group which promoted repeal.

In 2016 the same author prepared a report in Kentucky as a staffer for their state legislature.

According to Bill Finn of the Kentucky State Building Trades that report was widely criticized as inac-

curate and misleading by economists in the field.

"There is good news in this report once you get past the false claim about savings," said White.

White explains the report focused on the actual cost to taxpayers by looking at square foot pricing.

This is a big improvement from the prior false claims of 25 percent

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Painting Company Violates WV Jobs Act

An Ohio based bridge painting company has been fined \$7,500 for violating the West Virginia Jobs Act at projects in Kanawha and Raleigh Counties.

Elite Contractors Inc., from Campbell, Ohio was low bidder on a contract to repaint multiple bridges for the WV Parkways Authority.

The bid was in October of 2017 at more than \$1.3 million.

The WV Jobs Act requires the company to hire local workers when available.

Elite got a waiver from WorkForce for part of the work under the contract but brought in workers under a different classification where they had no waiver.

Payroll records show workers from Louisiana and Florida were imported to work at the project.

The WV Division of Labor enforces the Jobs Act and issued a 'Notice of Penalties' letter on July 25.

The letter explained a review of payroll records found 30 violations of the Act from June 2, 2018 to July 14, 2018.

"We expect there may be additional fines before this project is completed," said Brian Stanley, Director of Organizing for Painters District Council 53.

According to Stanley the contract was to be complete June 29, 2018 and probably won't be done until October.

Stanley said Painters DC 53 has members who are qualified bridge painters and want to go to work but have been unsuccessful in getting Elite to hire them.

"When contractors give local workers a chance they are always satisfied with our local skill level and work ethic," said Stanley. "But some companies prefer to bring in their workers and we don't think that is fair." ■

Insulators Local 80 Apprenticeship

PROGRAM NAME: Heat & Frost Insulators Local 80 JATC

WHERE TO APPLY: Any WorkForce WV office

WHEN TO APPLY: September 24th – November 30th, 2018

HOURS TO APPLY: Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 – 5:00, Friday 9 – 5. Please check your local WorkForce WV Office for TABE testing times.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

AGE: At least 18 years of age

EDUCATION: High School Diploma or equivalent

PHYSICAL: Must be physically able to perform the work of the trade, a drug test will be required

DRIVERS LICENSE: Must have a valid Driver's License

APTITUDE: Meet testing requirements administered by WorkForce WV

RESIDENCY: Must reside in one of the following counties at least one year prior to applying

Ohio: Gallia, Meigs, Washington, Jackson, Pike, Lawrence or Scioto

Kentucky: Bath, Carter, Floyd, Knott, Letcher, Martin, Owsley, Rowan, Boyd, Elliot, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Menifee, Pike, Wolfe, Breathitt, Estill, Johnson, Lee, Magoffin, Morgan or Powell.

Virginia: Allegheny, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Bland Botetourt, Buchanan, Campbell, Carroll, Charlotte, Craig,

Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Halifax, Henry, Highland, Montgomery, Nelson, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Pulaski, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Russell, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington or Wythe.

West Virginia: Boone, Calhoun, Fayette, Jackson, Lincoln, Mason, Monroe, Pleasants, Raleigh, Roane, Webster, Wyoming, Braxton, Clay, Gilmer, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Randolph, Summers, Wirt, Wayne, Cabell, Doddridge, Greenbrier, Lewis, McDowell, Mingo, Pendleton, Putnam, Ritchie, Kanawha, Logan, Mercer, Wood or Upshur.

DOCUMENTS: Certified Birth Certificate, Copy of High School Diploma or GED/TASC Certificate, copy of Valid Driver's License, Certified High School Transcript of Grades, must be mailed c/o JATC, P.O. Box 806, Winfield, WV 25213 and received no later than December 31, 2018.

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Savings Claimed

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savings based on wage cuts.

The biggest problem with the square footage numbers is they included site preparation costs which vary widely and have nothing to do with wages.

In addition, and noted in the report, the larger a school is the lower the square footage cost.

So comparing large schools to small schools shows a lower square footage cost that has nothing to do with labor costs.

ACT has asked a few economists to review the ABC report and the first point made is there is not enough data to draw any firm conclusion.

The report only looked at six schools that had no prevailing wage requirement, one of which was built entirely by union contractors and all the projects had some portion of prevailing wage comparable pay.

"We are still reviewing the report and welcome the debate," said White. ■

Catlettsburg Kentucky Labor Day Parade



Members and family of Iron Workers Local 769 based in Ashland, Kentucky were part of this year's Labor Day Parade held in Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

According to Mark Johnson, Business Manager of the Tri-State Building Trades the Catlettsburg Labor Day event was well attended by all the crafts.

In Portsmouth, Ohio there was a River Days Parade event also on Labor Day weekend where there was good participation by all.

"We fed more than 500 people participating in the River Days Parade," said Johnson. "Jeff Rowe from Sheet Metal Workers Local 24 led the effort along with plenty of rank and file help."

Trade Endorsement 2018 General Election

U.S. Senate - Joe Manchin	25th	Tony Paynter (R)
U. S. House of Representatives	26th	Ed Evans
1st District David McKinley (R)	27th	Carol Bailey
2nd District Talley Sergent		Lacy Watson
3rd District Richard Ojeda		Phoebe Meadows
State Senate	28th	Andrew Evans
1st William Ihlenfeld		Sandy Shaw
2nd Denny Longwell	29th	Ricky Moye
3rd James Leach	30th	Mick Bates
4th Brian Prim	31st	Richard Snuffer
5th Mike Woelfel	32nd	Luke Lively
6th Charles Sammons		Margaret Staggers
7th Ron Stollings		Mel Kessler
8th Richard Lindsay	33rd	David Walker
9th William 'Bill' Wooton	34th	Brent Boggs
10th Stephen Baldwin	35th	Andrew Byrd
11th Bill Hamilton (R)		Renate Pore
12th Mike Romano		James Robinette
13th Bob Beach		Doug Skaff Jr.
14th Stephanie Zucker	36th	Andrew Robinson
15th Jason Armentrout (I)		Larry Rowe
16th John Unger		Amanda Estep-Burton
17th Terrell Ellis	37th	Mike Pushkin
House of Delegates	38th	Tom Tull
1st Diana Magnone	39th	David "Woody" Holmes
Randy Swartzmiller	40th	Melissa Huffman
2nd Phillip Diserio	41st	Paul O'Dell Jr.
3rd Shawn Fluharty	42nd	Jeff Campbell
Erikka Storch (R)		Cindy Lavender-Bowe
4th Joe Canestraro	43rd	Bill Hartman
Lisa Zukoff		Cody Thompson
5th Dave Pethtel	44th	Dana Lynch
6th T. Chris Combs	45th	Matthew Kerner
7th Lissa Lucas	46th	Robert "Bob" Stultz
8th David Bland	47th	Ed Larry
9th Jim Marion	48th	Tim Miley
10th Andy Daniel		Richard Iaquinta
Harry Deitzler		Robert Garcia
J. Morgan Leach		Derek McIntyre
11th Sarah Duncan	49th	George Abel
12th Missy Morris	50th	Mike Caputo
13th Scott Brewer		Linda Longstreth
14th Brianne Solomon		Michael Angelucci
16th Sean Hornbuckle		Guy Ward (R)
Matt Spurlock	51st	Barbara Fleischauer
Vera Miller (R)		Evan Hansen
17th Chad Lovejoy		Rodney Pyles
Matthew Rohrbach (R)		Danielle Walker
18th Karen Nance		John Williams
19th Ken Hicks	52nd	Gary Knotts
Robert Thompson	53rd	Cory Chase
21st Phyllis White	54th	John Hott (R)
22nd Gary McCallister	55th	Isaac Sponaugle
Zack Maynard (R)	56th	Timothy Ryan
23rd Rodney Miller	58th	Bibi Hahn
24th Ralph Rodighiero	59th	John Isner
Timothy Tomblin	61st	Jason Barrett

63rd Sam Brown
64th Barby Frankenberry
65th Sammi Brown

There are nine candidates affiliated with the WV State Building Trades. Below is a profile of three.

Gary Knotts is running for the House of Delegates in Preston County which is the 52nd District. He has been a member of IBEW Local 596 for 27 years. Knotts is spending as much time as possible reaching out to citizens in every small town or community he can and at events to speak to them about what they think matters most.



"I don't believe the current Legislature represents the real citizens of West Virginia," said Knotts. "It's time for us to have new leadership that will focus on allowing working people to live here and make a living wage. The attacks on average citizens haven't stopped and they won't stop until we elect representatives that care about real people, not corporations. I will be one of those delegates if elected."

James Robinette is a 3rd generation pipefitter from Local Union 625 and has been working in the trades since 2007. He is also an apprenticeship instructor for 625 and serves on their Finance committee. Robinette is running for House of Delegates in District 35 which is part of Kanawha County.



He is currently reaching out to voters using social media and by

66th David Dinges
67th John Doyle
Bold = Trades Member

door knocking to talk to folks directly about their concerns.

"I decided to run for office after the Legislature began their attack on working people," said Robinette. "In particular the passage of so-called Right-to-Work fueled my desire to run for office and try to turn back some of these harmful laws that hurt the hard working West Virginians. Legislators need to focus on our economy and create more good paying jobs and stop attacking people who are already able to make a decent living here."

David Bland is running for the House of Delegates in District Eight covering Wood County.

A lifelong citizen of West Virginia and a 17 year member of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, Bland is reaching out to his potential constituents with a lot of door knocking and events.



"I am running for office because I am tired of West Virginia and its citizens being left behind," said Bland. "The continued attack on working people by this current Legislature is a disgrace and it is time to create an economy that allows our children to stay instead of moving away to find a good paying job. Right now our teachers, police officers and nurses among others are underpaid and a lot of our current legislators are trying to ruin the livelihood of construction workers too." ■

Chapmanville School

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"What I do know is the low bid may turn out to be very expensive for taxpayers when all is said and done."

OSHA has issued a number of citations at the job including at least two contractors with initial fines more than \$20,000.

At least one contractor was fined

for violation of the WV Jobs Act. A May 24 letter from the WV Division of Labor to Ever Castillo at a Maryland address noted 50 violations of the Jobs Act and levied a \$12,500 fine.

It is believed Persinger must pay a \$2,000 per day late fee or liquidated damage, required by the contract. ■

Make Sure You Are Registered to Vote, Vote Early, Consider Absentee Ballot

Tuesday, October 16 is the last day to register to vote or to make corrections to your registration.

If you are already registered to vote and would like to check on the status of your registration, you may visit the Secretary of State's webpage and enter your name and birthday to see your status, your party, your political districts, as well as, your polling place. <https://ovr.sos.wv.gov/Register/Landing>

You can register to vote online by downloading and completing the West Virginia Voter Registration Application and mailing it to your County Clerk or the Secretary of State's Office. You may also register to vote in person at any of the following locations:

- Your County Clerk's Office
- The Secretary of State's Office
- The DMV

Public assistance offices
Agencies who serve people with disabilities

Marriage license offices
Military recruiting agencies

Early voting is available weekdays during regular business hours and on Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm beginning October 24 through November 3, 2018, at your county courthouse or other designated locations.

If you cannot make it to your polling place during Early Voting (October 24 – November 3) or on Election Day (November 6), you may be able to cast your vote on an absentee ballot by mail.

You must meet the following criteria: your work hours and distance from the county seat make voting in person impossible, a work assignment requiring you to live outside of your county, traveling outside of

your county for business or personal reasons, you are a student attending school, an injury, illness, physical disability, or advanced age prevents access to your polling place.

To vote an absentee ballot in the November 2018 election you must file an application before Wednesday, October 31. Application forms can be found on the Secretary of State's

website.

You can mail, fax or email the completed form to your County Clerk; contact information is also on the website.

Once you receive your ballot from your County Clerk, vote and return it as soon as possible. Mailed ballots should be postmarked by Election Day. ■

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6th Annual Breath of Life Motorcycle Rally Held



Insulators Local 80 based in Winfield hosted the 6th annual Breath of Life Motorcycle Rally in Huntington, West Virginia at the Black Sheep Harley-Davidson on August 11, 2018.

The event raised more than \$15,000 for Mesothelioma research. Mesothelioma is a deadly disease with no known cure affecting those exposed to asbestos.

According to Local 80 Business Manager Ron Piersol, Jr. there were 80 participants from Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Kentucky, and Michigan.

"We were happy to sponsor this year's event and appreciate the many volunteers who made this a success," said Piersol.

Labor Event at Ballpark



Operating Engineers Local 132's Neil Huffman was one of the many volunteers helping out for an early Labor Day celebration in Charleston.

The Charleston Building and Construction Trades Council along with the Kanawha Valley Labor Council and a variety of unions sponsored "Labor Day" at Appalachian Power Park on Saturday, August 18.

According to Charleston Building Trades Business Manager Paul Breedlove there were hundreds of local union workers and family members who came out to enjoy a tailgate event and a ballgame.

"We appreciate all of the volunteers who made this an enjoyable family event," said Breedlove.