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## Labor Council Makes General Election Endorsements

By Mark Benkart  
Labor Council  
Vice-President

The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council has endorsed candidates running in the November general election.

The endorsements were made by votes of the delegates attending the August Labor Council meeting. Thank you to all delegates who participated in the endorsement votes.

All candidates endorsed also were endorsed by the Labor Council in the May 21st primary election.

The Labor Council endorsed candidates are:

Beaver County Court of Common Pleas Judge – Laura Tocci (Dem.)

County Commissioner – Tony Amadio (Dem.)

Clerk of Courts – Judy Enslin (Dem.)

District Attorney – Edward Knafelc (Dem.)

Prothonotary – Mike Rossi (Dem.)

Recorder of Deeds – Dee Dixon (Dem.)

Register of Wills – Tracey Antoline Patton (Dem.)

Sheriff – Wayne Kress (Dem.)

Treasurer – Lori Bohach (Dem.)

Midland Borough Council – Dan Onuska (Dem.)

Additionally, the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO

has endorsed Amanda Green-Hawkins (Dem.) and Dan McCaffery (Dem.) for Superior Court judgeships.

The Labor Council will print slate cards with the names of its endorsed candidates and distribute the slate cards to affiliated unions and individual union members.

The Labor Council's endorsement process began on March 16<sup>th</sup> with primary election candidate interviews by the Executive Board and continued through the May primary elections to our August meeting

general election endorsements.

This process was in full accord with the theme of this year's Pa. AFL-CIO COPE Institute which emphasized the need for union mem-



Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council delegates at 2019 Pa. AFL-CIO COPE Institute, from left: Vice-President Mark Benkart, SEIU Local 668 delegate Doc Meyers and Vice-President Howard Thompson.

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# President's Report

By Rick Galiano  
Labor Council President

\* Thank you to all those Labor Council delegates and affiliated local union members who attended the Labor Day parades in Pittsburgh and Erie.

\* Thank you to all those Labor Council executive board members and delegates who participated in the Labor Council's endorsement process for candidates running in the November 4<sup>th</sup> general election. The state AFL-CIO at its 2019 COPE Institute in August encouraged Labor Councils to be involved in local elec-



Rosann Barker, NWPA ALF Director, addressing the August Labor Council meeting. Roseann reported on upcoming NWPA ALF activities, including the Erie Labor Day Parade, a press conference of September 11<sup>th</sup> in Erie City Council Chambers on Public Sector OSHA bills HB 1082 and SB 464, the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter NWPA ALF meeting and the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual NWPA ALF Golf Outing on September 27<sup>th</sup> (see the brochure attached to the end of this issue of the Union Bug for additional information). She also stressed the importance of supporting Labor friendly candidates for local political offices such as school boards in order to prevent the outsourcing of union jobs.

tions and our Labor Council delegates at the Institute were able to point out all that we accomplished.

\* The Labor Council has printed slate cards with the names of its endorsed November 4<sup>th</sup> general election candidates. Please contact me if you would like to receive cards to pass out to the members of your local union.

\* Congratulations to Labor Council Community Services chairman Mark Benkart for being chosen by the Beaver County NAACP to receive its 2019 Community Service award. The award will be presented to Mark at the October 19 Beaver County NAACP banquet at The Club at Shadow Lakes.

\* The food and refreshments at the August Labor Council meeting were sponsored by USW Local 9305.



Labor Council President Rick Galiano (L) installing Alex Angleton, United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 420, as a Labor Council delegate at the August Labor Council meeting.

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## Unions Submit Historic Number of Comments to U.S. DOL to Support Apprenticeships

Reprinted from the August 30<sup>th</sup> issue of PA AFL-CIO Newsletter

*[Editor's Note – see the July issue of the UNION BUG, Page 5, for additional background information on the fight to preserve union apprenticeship programs]*

Labor unions and our allies came together to support union apprenticeship programs and defend the building and construction trades gold-standard of job training. 317,814 comments were submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor to keep IRAPS (industry-recognized apprenticeship programs) out of the construction industry. This is the greatest number of comments ever received by the Department of Labor.

Union members from across the movement, teachers, civil servants, healthcare workers and so many more of our sisters and brothers lent their voices in solidarity to this cause. For over 80 years, the Registered Apprenticeship model has served the construction industry and entire communities well by providing safe, structured learning environments where men and women from all walks of life can learn a trade and provide for their families with middle class sustaining careers. IRAPs will not provide any of that but will instead only serve to advance a race to the bottom and undermine the safety and financial security of hard-working families.

The North American Building Trades issued the following statement:

**WASHINGTON** – Tuesday, August 27, 2019 – A united front of business officials, labor leaders and nearly 325,000 Americans have made history by submitting the greatest number of comments ever received by the Department of Labor (DOL), all in opposition to the proposed DOL rule that would cut wages and destroy jobs in a dangerous economic experiment.

North America's Building Trades Unions' President Sean McGarvey issued the following statement marking the end of the formal comment period on the DOL's proposed rule to dramatically alter the nation's apprenticeship system with a new proposal known as Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs):

"This historic number of nearly 325,000 comments submitted by working men and women across the United States, makes it clear that construction workers don't want the federal government to cut wages and destroy jobs in a dangerous economic experiment. The message from Michigan to Florida, from Pennsylvania to New Mexico was absolutely clear: they don't want the swamp to undermine their standard of living and the opportunity for future generations to realize the American Dream. These Americans voted for job creation, not lower wages. They voted to end the special interests' grip on government. They voted to strengthen communities long forgotten, not put public safety at risk. Though the comment period on this major rule occurred in the middle of the

summer vacation season and no customary extensions to the time for filing comments were granted, this historic engagement by working families should remind those in the White House and the Department of Labor who are pursuing their own, narrow, ideological agenda that the voting public is now on high alert and will be watching as this proposal develops.

"Our members do not stand alone. Through this comment period, contractors, industry leaders, project owners, educators, safety and training professionals, investors, community advocates, faith leaders, environmental stewards, veterans, State Apprenticeship Agencies and overwhelming bipartisan majorities in Congress have spoken in one voice: IRAPs have no place in the construction industry. For over 80 years, the Registered Apprenticeship model has served the construction industry and entire communities well by providing safe, structured learning environments where men and women from all walks of life can learn a trade and provide for their families with middle class sustaining careers. Those who truly know and advocate on behalf of the construction industry understand that IRAPs will not provide any of that but will instead only serve to advance a race to the bottom and undermine the safety and financial security of hard-working families.

"While the American people were going about their daily lives, working hard and trying to

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## Council Endorsements

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bers to run for local political offices and for Labor Council to support labor-friendly candidates in local elections

Howard Thompson, Doc Meyers and I represented the Labor Council at the Institute. The Institute was once again held at the Shippensburg College from July 16 to July 19.

There were many candidates running for state, county and local offices present. One of the candidates was Mike Rossi, who is running for the office of Beaver County Prothonotary. Mike is a Communication Workers of America member.

The COPE institute was very informative. There was discussion about the 2018 gains that were made in not only with Union candidates, but also with women winning positions. We wish our endorsed candidates success in the November general election.

## Apprenticeships

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enjoy some time with their families over the summer months, a politically and ideologically motivated attack surfaced, and they responded. Moreover, while they have made their views clear on IRAP's, they remain concerned about negative signals from the current regime of the Department of Labor led by Acting Secretary Pat Pizzella and Acting Assistant Secretary John Pallasch at the behest of ideologically motivated special interest groups. To be sure, whether they are in Wisconsin, Georgia, Minnesota or Missouri, as they learn more about this and other proposed initiatives by these actors, millions of great Americans are enraged and engaged and will be watching both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue closely to be sure the ideologues do not prevail."

## Coal and Nuclear Power Plants Update

By Dan Onuska  
Labor Council  
Executive Vice Preident

Earlier this month FirstEnergy Solutions announced it will accelerate the deactivation of its remaining coal-powered unit in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. Bruce Mansfield Unit 3 will be deactivated on November 7, 2019. The previously communicated deactivation date for the facility was June 1, 2021.

The Company has been in discussions with union leadership and has committed to honor the collective bargaining agreement, in-

cluding severance as applicable. Deactivation activities should be completed by May 2020.

The status of the Beaver Valley Power Station remains unchanged. Legislative efforts in the spring were unsuccessful in reaching a solu-

tion to save Three Mile Island near Harrisburg, and the other eight remaining nuclear units in the state. Three Mile Island will cease operations later this month. The Beaver Valley units are currently slated for deactivation in the spring (unit 1) and fall (unit 2) of 2021.

Labor and the company continue to work together with local legislators to prevent the premature deactivation of these units.



# Labor Day 2019

## Pittsburgh



IAM Local 1976 contingent marching in the Allegheny-Fayette Central Labor Council Labor Day parade in Pittsburgh. For the past 37 years the Labor Council has put on the largest participation Labor Day parade in the United States.

## Erie



Part of the UE Contingent who marched in the NWPA ALF Labor Day parade in Erie. More than 300 UE Local 506 members marched in the parade. For the third year in a row, UE Local 506 won 1<sup>st</sup> place for the most participants in the parade.



Labor Council Executive Vice-President Dan Onuska, second from left, standing, with family members at Pittsburgh Labor Day Parade.

## Venengo County



Labor Day rally at the Venengo County Courthouse expressing opposition of community members, elected officials, Polk State Center employees and families of Polk residents to Pa. Dept. of Human Services plan to close Polk State Center for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The rally-goers heard testimony from the families of Polk State Center residents who fear that residents will not receive the same level of care if residences are placed into "community" settings. AFSCME Local 1050 represents 626 Polk State Center employees.

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We're on the Web:  
[pa.aflcio.org/349](http://pa.aflcio.org/349)

## Calendar of Events

- 09/16 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings; Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; IBEW 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 09/25 NWPA ALF 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Executive Board meeting – 6:00 PM; AFSCME DC 85 Hall, 1276, Franklin, Pa. 16323.
- 09/27 NWPA ALF 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing – 9:30 AM Registration; Whispering Woods Golf Club, 7214 Grubb Rd., Erie, Pa. 16506. See attached registration brochure for additional information.
- 10/08 Community Services/Moral Monday meeting: 7:00 PM; IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 10/19 Beaver County NAACP 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Human Rights Banquet: 5:00 PM; The Club at Shadow Lakes, 2000 Beaver Lakes Boulevard, Aliquippa. Labor Council Vice-President Mark Benkart will be honored at the banquet with a Community Service Award. See attached registration brochure for additional information.
- 10/19 New Castle Branch of NAACP Freedom Fund Annual Banquet: 5:30 PM; The Gathering Banquet Center, 2552 Benjamin Franklin Highway, Edinburg, Pa. 16116. See attached flyer for additional information.
- 10/21 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings; Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; IBEW 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.

Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at [jkohser@verizon.net](mailto:jkohser@verizon.net), by 6:00 p.m. on October 11th to be considered for publication in the October 2019 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.

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Brothers, Sisters and Friends of Labor,

We invite you to join us at our 9th Annual NWPALF Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 27th for a day of fun, food, and Solidarity. Our venue is at one of the top 10 Public Golf Courses in the state of Pennsylvania and ordered good weather.

Half of the proceeds benefit the four (4) food bank warehouses that service those in need in our jurisdiction. Please join us for a day of Solidarity, golfing, good food and fun as we raise money for a good cause.

One panel of this brochure is designed to tear off and be sent in with your check for your registration and/or sponsorship.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

In Solidarity,

Officers and Delegates of the  
NWPALF Area Labor Federation



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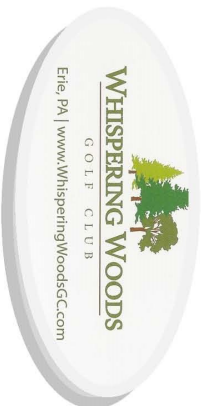
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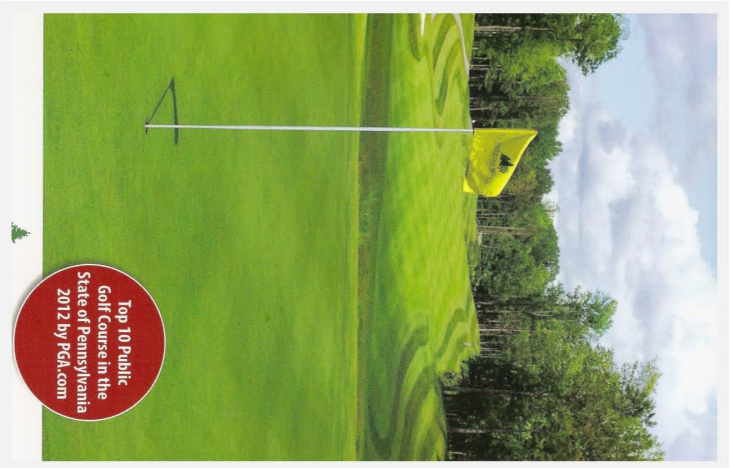
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NWPALF AREA LABOR FEDERATION  
9TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019



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**NWPA AREA LABOR FEDERATION  
9TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING  
WHISPERING WOODS GOLF CLUB  
7214 GRUBB RD., ERIE, PA 16506**

**Friday, Sept. 27th**

**9:30 AM Registration**

Part of the profits benefit the Food Banks within our Jurisdiction (2nd Harvest Food Bank, Mercer County Food Bank, the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank and the Westmoreland Food Bank.)

**10:00 AM Shotgun Start**

**Registration Deadline is  
September 6th.**

**\$90.00 per golfer includes  
( for the 1st 100 golfers):**

- 18 holes and riding cart,
- doughnuts and coffee in the morning,
- refreshments on the course,
- Sausage Sandwich at the turn,
- Steak Dinner and fixings,
- skill prizes,
- and other awards.

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- ◆ **\$250.00 CART SPONSOR-SHIP:** Your business or name will be highlighted on a cart sign. Players will see your business or name on their cart. You will receive a hole sign at one of the holes along with a sign placed on the scoreboard at dinner.
- ◆ **\$100.00 HOLE SPONSOR-SHIP:** Your business or name will be placed on a teeing green all day.
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- PROGRAM BOOKLET:** Will be given to all players and sent to sponsors
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  - ◆ \$75.00 full page Ads (4" X 7")
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  - ◆ List of sponsors and volunteers
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**Deadline : September 6th.**  
**1st Come, 1st Serve, to 1st 100 Golfers**  
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**1276 Liberty St. Ste 2**  
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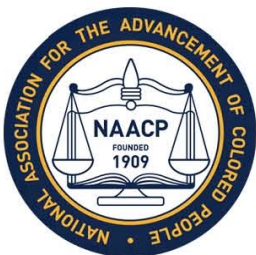
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**Beaver County Branch** Unit 2372  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

*INVITATION*

The Beaver County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (BCNAACP) will be celebrating its Twenty-Second Annual Human Rights Banquet on Saturday, October 19, 2019, with a “Meet & Greet” at 5:00pm. The banquet will be held at Club at Shadow Lakes, 2000 Beaver Lakes Boulevard, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Roger Davis, President of Community College of Beaver County, Monaca, PA. Mrs. Bernice Mason and Mr. Joseph West will receive our President’s Awards and Coaches Michael Warfield of Aliquippa and Coach Michael Bariski of Midland will both receive our 2019 NAACP Sports Awards. This year’s theme will be: “We Are The Change We Seek.”

If you have any questions, please contact our BCNAACP office at: (724) 378-2882 or (724) 643-1827.

Thank you in advance for your support.

**Willie Sallis, President**  
**Beaver County NAACP**

Please complete the reservation form below & return to BCNAACP by October 4, 2019.

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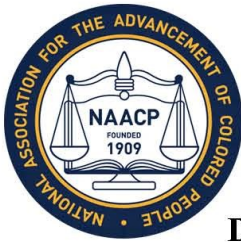
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**Beaver County Branch Unit 2372**  
 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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**Dear BCNAACP Supporter:**

You are hereby authorized to insert an advertisement in our souvenir program from the Beaver County NAACP's Twenty-Second Annual Human Rights Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2018 at 5:00pm at Club at Shadow Lakes, 2000 Beaver Lakes Boulevard, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

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 Willie Sallis, President  
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Please feel free to call our office at (724) 378-2882 if you have any questions.  
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Please join us!

## NEW CASTLE BRANCH OF NAACP FREEDOM FUND ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday, October 19, 2019  
The Gathering Banquet Center  
2552 Benjamin Franklin Highway

Speaker: Chandi Chapman  
New Castle Native, University of Pittsburgh Graduate  
and  
Pittsburgh Action News WTAE news anchor

Doors will open at 5:30 pm  
Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30  
\$30 Donation

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