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Well, I'm sure that we are all ready for spring, ready for both the work to break and for Steward School.

The Marcellus-Utica Midstream Conference in Pittsburgh echoed that there is a multitude of proposed energy projects for 2018. The two-billion-dollar Nexus pipeline in Ohio is progressing. In December, they started cutting and clearing in preparation for kicking off the 255-mile pipeline that begins near Hanoverton in Columbiana County, Ohio, and will connect to existing natural gas pipelines in Michigan. As of this report, Latex sent in a notification for its 80 miles of 36" mainline. Unfortunately, some other projects are still waiting on state and water permits or facing environmental resistance. This reinforces the need to stay on top of our Action Network page. Pipeliners Local 798's participation at the conference was well received. It is apparent we are making a large footprint in the industry. Our booth provides an occasion to build relationships with the oil and gas community, promote 798 labor as a valuable resource for successful projects, and to organize non-union contractors.

One of the best ways to prepare for the work season is to attend Steward School. Our week-long event is an atmosphere of fellowship while interacting with Brother and Sister members beyond the ROW. Join contractors, sister local representatives, keynote speakers, and special guests from the UA for our annual opportunity to brush-up on contract knowledge through interpretations, Q & A, and updates. One such industry update is the new DOT policy regarding opiate prescriptions. I'm sure this topic will be discussed at length during our Steward School sessions. Those who want to be Stewards this year, be sure to sign-up for the Steward Reporting Class.

In conclusion, I want to acknowledge the official January retirement of our Financial Secretary-Treasurer Wade Pilgreen. I'm happy for him, yet sad to see him go. Wade has been a great friend and union brother who indeed made things a little bit better every day with his work ethic, sense of humor, and dedication to 798. He will truly be missed. Best wishes to both Wade and Toni for a peaceful retirement. Justin Wallace, however, has provided a smooth transition and will pursue the office of Financial Secretary-Treasurer with the same heart and focus as his predecessor. Congratulations Justin for being the unopposed nominee and officially being sworn in at the January regular membership meeting.

If I can be of assistance, please contact me. Remember to always support our Ladies of 798, especially at Steward School.

Pre-Jobs:

1127 Construction:

-Akron, OH. Blanket emergency call-out in Ohio for Dominion Energy. Superintendent: Nick Smith. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Akron, OH. 30" launchers and receivers for Dominion Energy. Superintendent: Rick Mathia. Welder Foreman: Dave Kandle. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 3-22-18.

Contractors Rental Corp.:

-Various locations IN, MI, OH, KY, WV, PA. Continued blanket for emergency and call-out work for Marathon Petroleum Company. Superintendent: Christopher Randolph. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

Geeding Construction:

-Columbus, OH. 12" cut-outs and road bore for Buckeye. Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Welder Foreman: Brad Jenkins. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-5-18.

Henkels and McCoy:

-Wakeman, OH. Blanket maintenance services and anomaly investigation in OH, MI, IN, MI, PA for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: J.C. Croft. Welder Foreman: Michael Hawk. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

InterCon Construction, Inc.:

-Upper Peninsula, MI. 36 integrity digs for Enbridge Energy. Superintendent: Nick Gretzinger. Welder Foreman: Russ Messer. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 3-1-18.

Kirila Contractors:

-Brookfield, OH. Maintenance shop blanket. Superintendent: Ronald Kirila. Welder Foreman: Ted Hazelet. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

Meade:

-South Bend, IN. Under 2 miles to fabricate, build 2 stations, bore 1,000' and open cut 8,700' of 16" located in St. Joseph County IN for NipsCo. Superintendent: Josh Hanna. Welder Foreman: Bob Rose. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-15-18.

Minnesota Limited:

-Dover, OH. Blanket emergency call-out work in OH, PA, WV for Dominion. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Dover, OH. Blanket emergency call-out work in OH, PA, WV for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Dover, OH. Blanket emergency call-out work in OH, PA, WV for TransCanada-CPG. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Dover, OH. Blanket emergency call-out work in IN, OH, PA, WV for Vectren. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Dover, OH. Continued blanket shop work only. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Evansville, IN. Blanket emergency call-out and maintenance work in IN, OH, KY for Vectren. Superintendent: Greg Frazier. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA.
Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Lebanon, IN. Installation of new regulation station, 2"-6" piping for Vectren.
Superintendent: Doug Vaughn. Welder Foreman: Francisco Sarrazola. Working 6-10s.
Approx. completion 2-9-18.

R. L. Morris and Sons:

-Kalkaska, MI. 3-22" integrity digs on high pressure line 600 upstream of gate station for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Brent Kniss. Welder Foreman: Mark Blaisdell.
Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 2-13-18.

Roberts:

-Various locations IN, MI, OH, PA. Blanket for integrity maintenance for Buckeye.
Superintendent: Bobby Westrater. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working 5-10s. Approx.
completion 12-31-18.

Snelson:

-Kensington, OH. Nexus compressor station, pipe size 36"-1" for Nexus (Enbridge).
Superintendent: Abraham Mueller. Welder Foreman: Mike Bouchard. Working 6-10s.
Approx. completion 7-15-18.

Welded:

-Orion Township, MI. Replace 1,100' of 22" on line 600 for Consumers Energy.
Superintendent: Jeff Sanderson. Welder Foreman: William Ferguson. Working 6-10s.
Approx. completion 3-1-18.