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I have always thought of spring as the true start of a new year, a rebirth or new growth if you will. It is ironic that our annual Steward School is always the second week of April just as everything is coming back to life, especially the new work season. It is a great time to get together to refresh, learn, and get ready for the work load to unfold.

Steward School is a long tradition within Local 798 and has evolved into a week-long “shindig” as one of our 50+ year members called it. I am proud to share that we had over 500 in attendance including UA reps, contractor reps, sister locals, and other crafts as well as many of our own new members or first time attendees. The 2018 Steward School had a feel of balance. Everyone seemed to be focused and soaking up the information like a sponge. This should carry over well to the ROW and getting everyone on the same page. So with that, thank you to everyone who pulled together to make this year’s *shindig* what it was.

But like everything there is always room to improve. Advocating for our jobs and our future has become a hot topic. The Action Network tool has made it easy to advocate, and it is full of information about the projects you could work on if you would just help out. Some of us are doing a great job. A few are *superstars* clicking on everything that comes their way. Unfortunately, the majority of our own members are not doing anything. Some are opening the emails but stopping before taking ACTION. This is unacceptable. You must read the emails, open the links, and sign the petitions. When we became members of Local 798 we took an oath, a pledge. To quote a portion of section 153 of the United Association Constitution and By-Laws: ***“I (state name) in the presence of this local union, do truly promise and pledge my word of honor that I am familiar with the provisions and requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Association and that I will not perform any act in any way prejudicial to the best interest of the United Association, but will at all times endeavor to promote its prosperity and usefulness.”*** If you are not using the Action Network; you are breaking the pledge. You want to work; then do your part. Sign-up and start advocating at www.action.local798.org. If you don’t know how to get started; call the hall and ask for help.

What better time than now to prioritize and participate. Be proud of your profession, your skill, and your union. Pull together and let our voices be heard in support of pipeline projects, our constitution, and as a united organization. Promote your own prosperity.

If I can be of assistance, please contact me.

Pre-Jobs:

Geeding:

-Toledo, OH. 8” bore in Lucas County, OH for Buckeye. Superintendent: Logan Verslous. Welder Foreman: William “Jody” Hawks. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-12-18.

Henkels & McCoy:

-Saginaw, MI. 2”, 8”, 12”, 16”, 24” install new launcher, meter runs, and PDL’s for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Mark Turnbull. Welder Foreman: Sonny Brewer. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-4-18.

-Milford, MI. 200’ of 36” and 30” plus by-pass valves for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Gordon Donnelly. Welder Foreman: Charles Beddingfield. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

InfraSource:

-Brooklyn, IN. Hydrotest 15 miles of 16” plus launchers, regulator station, filters for Vectren. Superintendent: Tim Dunn. Welder Foreman: Leroy Noll. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-1-18.

Latex:

-Elyria, OH. 80 miles of 36” new lay for Nexus Gas Transmission. Superintendent: Mike Hamilton. Welder Foreman: Mitchell Dwayne Elliott Jr. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-1-18.

Meade:

-Linden, IN. Take-up 7 miles of 8" and install 10 miles of 12" for Vectren. Superintendent: Packard Campbell. Welder Foreman: Josh McGee. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-15-18.

Michels:

- Northwood, OH. 111 miles of 36" new lay for Nexus Gas. Superintendent: Billy Rogers. Welder Foreman: Carl Overstreet Jr. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-15-18.
- Bellville, MI. Receiver barrel and connecting piping to DTE for Nexus Gas. Superintendent: Spencer Fern. Welder Foreman: Mike Green. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-1-18.
- Linden, MI. Receiver barrel modifications for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Brody Scholz. Welder Foreman: Adam Conzemius. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Castalia, OH. Install metering station from Nexus to Dominion Gas for Nexus Gas. Superintendent: Bill Boyle. Welder Foreman: Troy Post. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-9-18.
- Canton, OH. 56 miles of 36" new lay for Nexus Gas Transmission. Superintendent: Mike Falls. Welder Foreman: Michael Hawkins. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-1-18.
- Middlebury, IN. 430' of 8" HDD and tie-ins for NipSco-Nisource. Superintendent: Marty Mack. Welder Foreman: Jerome Bruns. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-9-18.
- Bellaire, OH. 4.5 miles of 36" new lay for Enbridge. Superintendent: Gerald Hill. Welder Foreman: Johnny Walker. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-1-18.

Minnesota Limited:

- Bloomington, IN. Various sized fabrication, fittings and pipe section replacements for Vectren. Superintendent: Tommy Alexander. Welder Foreman: Francisco Serrazola. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-1-18.
- Evansville, IN. 16" pipe highway crossing replacements for Vectren. Superintendent: Greg Frazier. Welder Foreman: Scott Kidd. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-1-18.
- Centerville, OH. 15, 488' of 20" take-up, relay and valve replacements for Vectren. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: Calvin Fuller. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-15-18.
- Pittsboro, IN. 16" piping replacement and mainline valve install for Vectren. Superintendent: Frank Walters. Welder Foreman: Troy Allen. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4-14-18.
- Mingo Junction, OH. 2,600' of 12" and 63,000' of 20" for Mark West. Superintendent: Troy Stamper. Welder Foreman: Doug Simpson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-1-18.

PJ Steele:

- Weidman, MI. 1 mile of 4", 6", 8" of take-up and relay for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Larry Townsend. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 6-15-18.

Price Gregory:

- Lancaster, OH. Take-up and relay 14 miles of 20", install 7.6 miles of 20", abandon 17.5 miles of 20" and install 300' of 4" for Columbia Gas Transmission-TransCanada. Superintendent: Jack Burch. Welder Foreman: Steve Yates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-1-18.

R.L. Coolsaet:

- Romulus, MI. Assist on pigging 30" pipeline for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Bart Geannette. Welder Foreman: Scott Simonich. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-22-18.

R.L. Morris and Sons:

- Kalkaska, MI. Unknown amount of 12"-36" launcher-receiver integrity work for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jon Lancer. Welder Foreman: Mark Blaisdell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-15-18.
- Kalkaska, MI. Emergency and call-out work for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Greg Morris. Welder Foreman: Mark Blaisdell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion unknown (blanket work).

Schmid Pipeline Construction Inc.:

- New Athens, OH. 1.5 miles of 8" for Blue Racer Midstream. Superintendent: Chad Monk. Welder Foreman: Mike Waller. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-25-18.

U.S. Pipeline:

-St. Clairsville, OH. Install 1,800' of 30", install launchers and receivers, teal piping modification project for Enbridge. Superintendent: Todd Strasburg and Tommy Dunn. Welder Foreman: Mike Bennington. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-1-18.

VEC:

-Hubbard, OH. 1"- 36" shop fabrication for TransCanada. Superintendent: Chad Dager. Welder Foreman: Justin Trammell. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

-Cecil, OH. 1"-16" existing station rework for TransCanada. Superintendent: Sean Sheehan. Welder Foreman: Tim Schwendiman. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9-15-18.