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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The 2018 Steward School has just concluded. While it is impossible to put into words all that transpired for the week, I will try to give you a brief snapshot of the events. Monday afternoon was the charity golf tournament that was sold out completely, thanks to all the participants and the many sponsors. Cathy Blackmore from the Dispatch Office did an outstanding job making sure the event went off without a hitch. Tuesday, Lincoln Electric hosted their annual BBQ down at the Training Center for all the early arrivals. Lincoln showed off their latest and greatest equipment and consumables. Wednesday's kickoff was highlighted by special guests: UA Executive Vice President Jim Moss, Director of Pipeline and Gas Distribution David Barnett and UA Attorney Ellen Boardman. They conveyed the message to the membership that we had the #1 pension of all the UA locals, and the #1 health care in the organization. Wednesday evening, the Ladies of 798 held their annual charity basket auction and set a new record of over \$138,000! It was a lively event to say the least and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Charlse Fromme and all the ladies and men behind the scenes who built and bought baskets. Thursday was another fun-filled day of interpretations from the contract, and later that evening we honored our retired members with 50+ years of service. **What a remarkable group of men who brought this Local together 69 years ago and have entrusted it into our hands for safe keeping.** The personal highlight for me was being able to give my father, Doyle Hendrix, his 53-year certificate. That night we also had the Pendergraft brothers receive awards: Claude and Harvey received their 50-year certificates; Dewey received his 51-year certificate; and big brother George came in at 58 years! Congratulations to the four of you. Friday concluded the interpretations, and we finished the afternoon back at the Training Center for the crawfish and shrimp boil hosted by Miller Electric. Friday night's regular meeting was well attended and concluded the week.

There were so many inspiring moments during the week it would take the whole Blue Light to mention them all, but I do want to mention a couple of good ones. Friday morning, Black Schroeder presented the Pipeline Etiquette, and Guy Williams presented the Standard of Excellence with a heavy dose of pipeline seasoning. If you did not attend these two presentations, you should mark it on your bucket list as a "must do" for next year. Thank you, Brothers, for your heart-felt sincerity and servitude to Local 798. **I would like to thank President Preston Ri'chard, Inside Guard Chad Williams, and all the volunteers for the entire week.** Without your help, none of this would be possible. I would be amiss if I didn't mention my entire staff inside and outside the hall, PIBF, and the Training Center for all your hard work guaranteeing that the members were catered to for the week. Local 798 Office Manager Josalyn Johnson made sure everything flowed well. Even when I didn't follow the agenda, she stayed cool and calm, never letting anyone see her sweat! Last but certainly not least, a big round of applause to all our vendors who support Local 798 and the Training Center, not just during Steward School but all 365 days of the year: Lincoln Electric, Miller Electric, PFERD, PSS, Mathey Dearman, Darby Equipment, DeWALT and Hypertherm. With your support we continue to supply the industry with trained professionals.

My message for all the attendees at Steward School and the membership receiving this publication is, we must continue to partner with the clients at the various meetings in support of pipeline projects. **It is vital that we exceed the clients' expectations of members advocating through the Action Network.** This plan is working, and we are seeing the fruits of our labor already with more clients wanting to partner with organized labor now, and into the future. **You are in control of your destiny by your actions or inactions.** Don't leave the heavy lifting to others, we must all pull in unison and share the load. Advocate!!!

Bob Kime, PIBF Administrator, will be retiring as of June 1 this year, after 48 years of dedicated service. Bob was recognized on stage at the opening session and was awarded Honorary Membership into 798 for his nearly five decades of loyal service to the participants. Congratulations, Bob! We wish you and Suzy all the best as you enter this exciting chapter of your life. Renee Vause, Assistant Administrator, will move up to take over Bob's spot and I feel confident that she too, will do a great job for the members. The pension fund closed out the year at 119.7% funded and I anticipate that later in the year, we will be calculating some future increases and retiree raises!

The work outlook for the next few years is absolutely amazing, but I want to remind the active membership about keeping safety at the forefront. A large portion of our work will be located in some of the toughest pipeline terrain in the world. I realize that we have worked in these mountains before, but never with such large diameters including hundreds of miles of 42". Be your Brother's and Sister's keeper. If something doesn't look right, immediately speak up. The life you save may be your own. As Always, I am proud to say, **"I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."**

Fraternally,



Daniel C. Hendrix

At the Retiree's Banquet we had the Pendergraft brothers receive awards: Claude and Harvey received their 50-year certificates; Dewey received his 51-year certificate; and big brother George came in at 58 years! Congratulations to the four of you.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Steward School 2018 has come to an end, and I believe a good time was had by all. Thank you to each and every member and their families that were able to come to Tulsa and participate. UA Executive Vice President Jim Moss, UA Director of Pipeline & Gas Distribution Dave Barnett, and UA Special Representative-Pipeline & Gas Distribution Mike Mikich were all in attendance. It's always good to thoroughly go through the National Pipeline Agreement because this is the document that we work under every day on the job. Ellen Boardman gave a presentation on the new drug testing requirements, and Mike Shelton put together a presentation on what to do if you are injured on a job. Both presentations were very informative.



The George Lambert/Harry Faucett Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament was a success, and fortunately, the weather did cooperate. Over \$36,000 was raised, which all goes toward scholarship opportunities for Local 798 members' families. Thanks to everyone that participated by playing and thank you to our many sponsors. It's nice to have so many sponsors supporting a cause that we all believe in. Special thanks to all the volunteers that help with the tournament, and especially Cathy Blackmore. Cathy does a fantastic job of putting this all together, and I want to thank her for a job well done.

We had around 130 participants in the Steward Reporting Class. This class is vitally important, and it was good to see so many in attendance. Amber Vreeland did a great job presenting, and thanks to Charles Yates, Jr., Chad Gilbert, David Butterworth, and Ed Coker for being on hand to answer questions as they came up. I also want to thank Wade Pilgreen. Wade put this class together several years back, and it has proven to be very beneficial to Job Stewards. If you are a Job Steward and were not able to attend the class, I would advise you to look to our website for the tutorial videos on the steward's reports. Amber Vreeland put the videos together, and they are very well done.

The PIBF session was very informative and included presentations from the Trust Company of Oklahoma, Arkansas Best Federal Credit Union, and Vanguard. Bob Kime, Director of PIBF, was recognized for having worked at PIBF for 48 years. Bob will be retiring June 1 of this year, and I would like to thank Bob for the job he has done and wish him well in retirement.

Jay Vincent gave a presentation on the Local 798 Action Network. I know we say this often, but if you aren't participating in the Action Network, you are letting down your Brothers and Sisters. This has become so important, and it is yielding results. As Local 798 members, we are the experts on the subject of pipeline construction, not the protesters who have never stepped foot on a pipeline right-of-way. So let's not allow their voices to be louder than ours. Please, take action when asked, and invite your friends and family to sign up, also.

The Ladies of 798 raised over \$138,000 at their annual charity basket auction. This money was distributed among several different charity organizations at the Ladies' meeting on Friday night. These ladies work very hard, and every penny goes directly to worthy charitable causes. Great job, ladies!

The highlight of my week was the retiree banquet. Members with 50 or more years of membership were recognized and honored. These men blazed the trail that we are all on now, and we definitely owe them a debt of gratitude.

Thanks to all the people behind the scenes that made this Steward School a success. Josalyn Johnson, Local 798 Office Manager, and the entire Local 798 office staff worked tirelessly to pull this event off. Farron Hollabaugh and the Training Center staff worked very hard hosting all the events at the Training Center. Thank you to Inside Guard Chad Williams, and to all that served as Inside Guards this past week. Thank you to all the sponsors that donate their time, money, and merchandise for Steward School. If you couldn't make it this year, try to make plans for next April.

If there's anything I can ever help you with, please don't hesitate to call. As always, I am proud to have the opportunity to serve the membership of Pipeliners Local Union 798.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Wallace".

Justin Wallace



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- Danny Hendrix



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### Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

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I am writing this report after returning from the 2018 Steward School in Tulsa, which was an amazing week of fellowship and information. It was very refreshing to see all the new members and their families and have a chance to reconnect with old and dear friends.

Our Business Manager Danny Hendrix, Financial Secretary-Treasurer Justin Wallace, Office Manager Josalyn Johnson, and many others behind the scenes worked for months to ensure the success of our Steward School. They deserve a big "Thank You" for all the long hours and preparation that it took to pull off this amazing event.

Business Agent Black Schroeder spoke on R.O.W Etiquette, Recording Secretary Guy Williams spoke on Standard of Excellence, and President Preston Ri'chard spoke about What our Work Consists of Outside the Pipe Gang and Firing Line. These union leaders had a powerful message to share with the membership. If you did not attend Steward School, get with someone who did and find out what is needed to continue to ensure the growth of our great Local. Always remember that we set the bar of excellence, and each member should present themselves with that key fact in mind.

As you already know, this was my first Steward School as a Business Agent. I want to express my sincere appreciation for the warm reception I received with my new position and all the questions I received from the membership. Words cannot describe the honor it is to represent my fellow Brothers and Sisters in this capacity.

Another very important topic this week was the 798 Action Network. It is vital for our future that EVERY member participates. Our action page is the best avenue to accomplish our goals. It is a way for legislators to hear our voice and understand the passion we have for the work we do. As we all know, the "squeaky wheel gets the grease," so let's be louder than our opposition!

I would like to take the time to acknowledge our Inside Guard, Chad Williams, and all the volunteers for Inside Guard. They did a great job helping to keep everything running in an orderly and professional manner. Also, thank you to Farron Hollabaugh, his staff, and the young men and women of the Welding School, who worked countless hours behind the scenes.

The work in the South is still abundant, unfortunately, we are still suffering from the lack of fair union contractors to cover the work load. Union hands working non-union jobs is more detrimental than ever to our way of life. I encourage and appreciate all the phone calls with information about what is going on in the South. You are my eyes and ears and it is you that I serve. I will continue to work diligently on your behalf to bring more union work to my jurisdiction. I also want to remind you that during your travels, be cordial to all workers, union and non-union alike. We are a brotherhood of excellence. With that being said, we want to encourage non-union workers who have the skill set and fortitude to enjoy the benefits that we are so very blessed to

Lastly, if you are having trouble contacting me, please call my cell number: (918) 991-5341. As always, I look forward to hearing from you. May God bless you and your families with a healthy and prosperous year. And remember, there is Strength in numbers and Greater Strength in ORGANIZED numbers.

Pre-Jobs:

Rockford Corporation:

-Okeechobee, FL. 5.11 miles of 20", fabrication and meter station. Gas Company: Nexterra, Superintendent: Cole Henson, Welder Foreman: Marty Elliott, Steward: Basil Long, Approx. completion: unknown.

T.J. Construction, Inc:

-Fulton, MS. 2 miles of 4" main extension. Gas Company: City of Fulton, Mississippi, Superintendent: Will Munsey, Steward: Dustin Bilbrey, Approx. completion: Unknown.

### Chad Gilbert

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I am writing my report while attending Pipeliners Local Union 798 Steward School. It has been a very rewarding time spent at the school. Being able to see and talk to friends is such a pleasure.

Speakers at this year's Steward School included Brothers Jim Moss and David Barnett from the UA. It was David's first Steward School as director of the UA Pipeline Department, and he has already started working hard to further the pipeline industry.

Business Manager Danny Hendrix did a great job overseeing and directing the school, answering all questions pertaining to the contract and our Locals' main issues. The Retirement Banquet for our Brothers with 50-plus-years in the Local was, as it is each year, moving and enjoyable for all. Norma Hendrix and The Ladies of 798, once again, provided women's activities and an auction, which was a tremendous success. It was appreciated by all in attendance.

It's starting to look promising for opportunities for employment in the West this year. The contractors are bidding on several projects that should be starting in July/August. These projects are smaller jobs but should employ a number of 798 members.

I have also been talking with a number of non-union contractors about signing the agreement. If, and when they do sign the agreement, we have to do our part and work hard to show them they have made the correct decision to join ranks with Local 798 members. I have no doubt when a contractor sees our quality of work and commitment to safety, they will see they made the right choice.

With the work season in full swing, please be careful in the field. If I can help you, please do not hesitate to call.

New Pre-Jobs:

Michels:

-Colorado Springs, CO. Blanket Maintenance. Steward: Chris Jost. Welder Foreman: Dennis Stiles. 90% Integrity Scale. Working 5-8s.

Snelson:

-Henderson, CO. Blanket Maintenance. Steward: Brian Gilley. Welder Foreman: Jimmy Hendricks. 90% High Integrity Scale. Working 5-8s.



## Phillip Wallace

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The 2018 Steward School proved to be another successful event, as always. Your Business Manager Danny Hendrix, Financial Secretary-Treasurer Justin Wallace, and the Local 798 office staff, put together another great presentation to inform 798 members and guests about the National Pipeline Agreement that we work and live by. Thanks to our United Association guests, Pipeline Director David Barnett and Executive Vice President Jim Moss for their friendly words of wisdom from the UA. These guys are Pipeline leaders and for the past 12 years have played a big role in guiding Local 798 to the success we enjoy today. This Local and its members are truly blessed.

A lot of our members have been working through the winter months and were unable to attend the Steward School. The 2017-18 winter has been a tough one with record low temperatures, snow, and rain, but you have stayed the course to man these jobs in miserable conditions. It's hard to stay the course with short checks, but every waiting-time day makes the job last one day longer. The sunshine is coming soon, and these projects will start working a lot of hours to make up the lost time. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to man these jobs. That's what real Pipeliners do.

Thanks goes out to our sponsors for their friendship and for the dedication to our Local. Thank you for all you do for this Local and the pipeline industry. The Lincoln Electric BBQ and the Miller crawfish and shrimp boil were great. Farron Hollabaugh and the Training Center staff did a fantastic job once again. These guys and gals sacrifice their time and work hard so you can enjoy the food and fun. Thanks for all you do. I can't say enough about our Ladies of 798 for their hard work and dedication. It's not just the Charity Basket Auction. These ladies don't limit themselves to one event a year. They are everywhere we have jobs, supporting the communities we work in, to show we are good family people that have a job to do for this country. Thanks ladies, we couldn't do it without you.

The work in my area has been going since January with Maintenance and Integrity replacement work. These jobs don't put a lot of people to work, but these are good jobs that will work our members for many years to come. Almost every gas and oil company in my area have gone to the In-Service Welding Test with low hydrogen welding process. The long-term future of our Local will be maintenance work. The Keystone XL and the Line 3 Replacement looks like HDD's and swamp lay for this coming winter and mainline lay for 2019.

We have worked hard on getting permits for the last few years, and it looks like we have won these two battles for next year's jobs. We still need your help to advocate for your future jobs. Get involved in your Action Network. Let your voice and your family's voice be heard by the politicians who hold up your future jobs by listening to the enemies of pipeline, the groups that we fight every day. We need your help. Get involved!

God Bless you and keep you safe in your travels and on the right-of-way.

Danny and Justin, along with the rest of the 798 staff, did an excellent job putting together another great Steward School. Thanks to every one of you for the countless hours and effort you put into making the event successful. Thanks to all the members who invested their time and money to learn and to support their Local Union. Think about how things would be if no one showed up at the union meetings or the Steward School. Everyone in attendance had the opportunity to leave Tulsa with a better understanding of the National Pipeline Agreement and how this union works.

The highlight of the Steward School was the Retiree Banquet. It was great to see those guys and to listen to some of their stories. If God is willing, hopefully all of us we will be standing up there some day. Farron and his staff at the Training Center were on the ball. The Lincoln Electric BBQ was great, just like the Miller Crawfish and Shrimp Boil. All of our sponsors are probably the most important thing we have going for us. You are all Grand Champions. Thank you.

The Inside Guards did a great job making things run like a well-oiled machine all week long. The speakers were great throughout the entire Steward School, and everything was explained extensively. Jim Moss continues to inspire everyone. Thanks, Jim, for what you do and mostly for what you have already done. The UA Pipeline Department was represented well by David Barnett and Mike Mikich. David, congratulations on your appointment to Pipeline Director, and thank you for being there for the UA and Local 798. Ellen Boardman and Mike Shelton did a great job on their presentations, as always.

Congratulations to Bob Kime, Director of the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund on his retirement, and to Renee Vause for her appointment as our new Director. Last but not least, THE LADIES OF 798 knocked it out of the ballpark this time, Great job, Ladies!

There are several projects being bid. If we pick up some of this work, it looks like it will be in the fall or this winter. If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me. Please work safe all day, every day.

Pre-Jobs:

Price Gregory:

-RMS Shop. Conroe, TX. Run 42" stick rod procedures for EQT "Mountain Valley Pipeline." Superintendent: Greg Newcomb. Welder Foreman: Stan Campbell. Started 4-16-18. Completed 4-21-18.

## Charles Yates, Jr.

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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

## Black Schroeder

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I have just returned home from Tulsa after attending the 2018 Steward School and April Meeting. I have some really great news to report to the membership. There is a good possibility we could get some big work in West Texas this winter. The bad news is, if the membership doesn't start engaging, get off high-center and start advocating for our future, everyone will be working in Ohio and West Virginia for the next few years. It is imperative that you get on your phone or computer and join the Local 798 Action Network now. You are punching a button for YOUR JOBS, YOUR PENSION, YOUR HEALTH CARE, and YOUR RIGHT TO BE ABLE TO LIVE THE AMERICAN DREAM. If you are having problems signing up, don't stop or get discouraged, just ask for help. Think of it like this: The Local 798 Action Network is like having a good box of rods, or a sweet welding machine, or maybe a spacing tool made from an old buggy spring. Your future depends on you!

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](http://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 Steel:

-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.

## David Butterworth

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I am writing this report after returning from the 2018 Steward School. This annual event is an essential part of what makes us who we are as a local union. This year's Retiree Banquet was a poignant look at the past. This event allows you to gain perspective on the fight those before us fought so that we could be where we are today. If you didn't make it this year, I would plan on making it a priority in 2019.

Another item touched on was our advocacy participation, and sadly, our lack thereof. I have personally watched our advocacy turn the tide on gaining the permits we need to go to work on projects. If you attended the ASR meetings in Pennsylvania last summer, you know exactly what I am talking about. The first round of FERC meetings we attended were dominated by the opposition, but during the last round of PA DEP meetings, we had strong participation by our members. After we gained equal footing in these meetings, the PA DEP granted the necessary permits. Our participation also caused the opposition to walk out of the last PA DEP meeting.

The concept of creating an equal voice against the opposition doesn't just apply to physically attending the environmental meetings. You can do this by making your voice heard by logging onto [action.local798.org](http://action.local798.org). I've said many times that the opposition is extremely passionate, and quite frankly, they are more passionate than us right now. I'm sure if the opposition had a tool such as this, they would use it wholeheartedly.

Right now, their voice is louder than ours, and it's up to us to start taking this seriously. If we don't do this, we have no one to blame but ourselves. We need to be ready for a day when these projects start getting denied again like they did under the previous administration. The only way to get ready for that day is to start living up to our obligation and use the Action Network today!

The work outlook is astronomical. I currently have five of the eight MXP Spreads (Approx. 160 miles of 36") and seven of the nine MVP (Approx. 305 miles of 42") spreads pre-jobbed. Also, the ME2 and ASR projects continue in PA. 2018 is going to be a prosperous, but dangerous year. Please show up each day sober, ready to work and focused on safety awareness. I will see you on the ROW this summer, and I am excited to walk up some hills while on job visits.

**Pre-Jobs:**

**Apex Pipeline Services:**

-Gladly, WV. Fab and Install. Superintendent: Eric Creel. Welder Foreman: Derrick Bennett. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

**GPL Construction:**

-Wallingford, CT. 8.7 miles of 16" street work. Superintendent: Michael Gaudette. Welder Foreman: Ken Jones. Special Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 5-10s.

**Henkels & McCoy:**

-Ripley, WV. 23 miles of 36" for MXP (Spread 7). Superintendent: Marty Moss. Welder Foreman: Jamie Hankins. Mainline Rates. Working 6-11s.  
-Hurricane, WV. 17 miles of 36" for MXP (Spread 8). Superintendent: Kenny Sweetin. Welder Foreman: Jerrid Wilcox. Mainline rates. Working 6-12s.  
-Hughesville, PA. 8.5 miles of 42" for ASR (Spread 2A). Superintendent: Tubby Long. Welder Foreman: Brett Mason. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

**InfraSource:**

-Greensburg, PA. Integrity pipe and valve replace. Superintendent: Billy Burlison. Welder Foreman: Jody Kimmell. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Manassas, VA. 9,500' of 12" street work. Superintendent: Jeramie Brown. Welder Foreman: Gee Cuffey, Jr. Special Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s.

**Michels:**

-Tunkhannock, PA. Facility Interconnect. Superintendent: Colby Hutson. Welder Foreman: Derek Strong. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Shirleysburg, PA. 7.1 miles of 20" and 20.8 miles of 16" for ME2. Superintendent: Kirk Baker. Welder Foreman: Brian Anderson. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Moundsville, WV. 22,000' of 30" and 22,000' of 36" lift and lay. Superintendent: Brian Smith. Welder Foreman: Shane Sheffield. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Drums, PA. 4,100' of 24" take-up and re-lay. Superintendent: Carl Bubolz. Welder Foreman: Thomas Mitchell. Integrity Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s.

**Otis Eastern:**

-Canonsburg, PA. 9 miles of 20" take-up and re-lay. Superintendent: Danny Cox. Welder Foreman: Dave Marsh. Integrity Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s.  
-Cameron, WV. 30" and 36" interconnects. Superintendent: Earl McDonald. Welder Foreman: Billy Dufford. Integrity Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s.  
-Woodbine, MD. 10,000' of 26" install. Superintendent: Butch Neidermaier. Welder Foreman: Andy Shingledecker. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

**Price Gregory:**

-Yorktown Heights, NY. 3.5 miles of 42" take-up and re-lay. Superintendent: Buck Hines. Welder Foreman: Jerry Haynes. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Millwood, WV. 30.2 miles of 36" for MXP (Spread 6). Superintendent: Terry McDaniel. Welder Foreman: Billy Burns. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Mineral Wells, WV. 20.7 miles of 36" for MXP (Spread 5). Superintendent: Todd Burlison. Welder Foreman: Jeremy Padgett. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

**Precision:**

-Port Jervis, NY. 7.7 miles of 36" plus associated 30" and 12". Superintendent: Ronnie Michalkovich. Welder Foreman: Joe Meche. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Bridgeport, WV. 34.8 miles of 42" for MVP (Spread A). Superintendent: Brad Moser. Welder Foreman: Jimmy Dick. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Bridgeport, WV. 30.6 miles of 42" for MVP (Spread B). Superintendent: Jim Cunningham. Welder Foreman: Dennis Jackson. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Sutton, WV. 33.2 miles of 42" and 1,200' of 24" for MVP (Spread C). Superintendent: Rick Swing. Welder Foreman: Raymond Johnson. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Summersville, WV. 29.6 miles of 42" for MVP (Spread D). Superintendent: Joe Parrish. Welder Foreman: Billy Hawkins. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Pembroke/Blacksburg, VA. 33.7 miles of 42" for MVP (Spread G). Superintendent: Mark Wright. Welder Foreman: Harry Houser. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Elliston, VA. 26.7 miles of 42" for MVP (Spread H). Superintendent: Chad Thompson. Welder Foreman: Stephen Morris. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

-Rocky Mount, VA. 50.2 miles of 42" for MVP (Spread I). Superintendent: Kevin Olerud. Welder Foreman: Tim Gintz. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Manassas, VA. Trap mods, hydro, MLV replace. Superintendent: Cory Vandervoorden. Welder Foreman: Andy Davis. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.

**Snelson:**

-St. Mary's, WV. 20 miles of 36" for MXP (Spread 2). Superintendent: Richard Ludlow. Welder Foreman: Carroll Morris. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

**Union Pipeline:**

-Burgettstown, PA. 3.8 miles of 20" new-lay. Superintendent: Perry Rogers. Welder Foreman: Eric Raymond. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

**VEC:**

-Edinburg, VA. Install valves and piping 1-36". Superintendent: Chad Less. Welder Foreman: Boucher Mooney. Integrity Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s.

**Welded:**

-Morgantown, PA. 16-20" testing, new-lay, bores, HDDs, fab, tie-ins for ME2. Superintendent: Richard Bailey. Welder Foreman: Boyd Catching. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
-Washington, PA. 20" testing, HDDs, tie-ins, fab, new-lay for ME2. Superintendent: Rob Seebeck. Welder Foreman: Doug Gochneaur. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

**Chris Lancaster**

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I am writing this report after returning home from the 2018 Steward School. As in the past, this was a very informative meeting, as well as enjoyable with the fun events that were held. If you were working and unable to attend, you missed a great Steward School. Thanks to all the great speakers who spoke; they delivered good information to us to use out on the jobs and the areas we work in as well.

The Retiree Banquet was a humbling event, and it was heartwarming to see and visit with the 50-plus-year members who helped bring us the things we take for granted today. When you are out on the ROW enjoying the good pay, benefits and working conditions, remember those benefits didn't just happen. These retired members fought for those conditions, so be mindful and help secure our working conditions for future generations of pipeliners. Thank you to the Inside Guards and the 798 staff for giving up your time to make sure everything went in an orderly and timely manner. Thank you to the Ladies of 798 for all the things you do for the charities you support, and for the support you give to us. We couldn't do the things we do without your help.

The work outlook is unbelievable. We are on track to having record man-hour year. We are going to need everyone's help in manning and completing these projects on time, but most of all, doing them safely. Some of this work is in steep and dangerous terrain, so we all need to watch out for ourselves and others as well. When this year is over, let's make sure we all return home safe.

We still have good jobs awaiting permits. We need your help getting these permits pushed through. If you haven't already joined the Action Network and signed these petitions, I encourage you to do so now. If possible, you might try attending the town hall meeting in your area. These jobs are your future work so let's do all we can to get them.

It's an honor for me to represent the finest pipeliners in the world. I look forward to seeing you on the ROW soon. If I can be of help please don't hesitate to call. Have a safe and prosperous work season.

**Pre-Jobs:**

**B&G Pipeline:**

-Ellenboro, NC. 36,274' of 16" pipe. Welder Foreman: Naaman Warren. Superintendent: Thomas Born. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-1-18.

**Meade:**

-Erlanger, KY. 75 miles of 24". Welder Foreman: Chris Lee. Superintendent: John Karlsson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-1-18.

**Price Gregory:**

-Florence, KY. 3 miles of 8" caliper pig run. Welder Foreman: Sam Wilson. Superintendent: Tommy Hardwick. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4-15-18.



### DISPATCH REPORT By Ricky Jones

**As of the date of this writing, the wheel has:**

**1,143 Welders  
154 Journeymen  
1,508 Helpers**

I sincerely hope you were handed this Blue Light by your Job Steward instead of picking it up at your home address. By the time you read this report, I expect nearly everyone on the Out-of-Work Wheel to be gone to a job or at least packing up to get on the road. All indicators are that work should be in full swing soon. Here in Dispatch we are already having trouble filling jobs off the Job Line. As of April 14, we have begun calling off the top of the wheel for Welders, Journeymen and Helpers. Please consider taking a job off the Job Line, even if you are hired out for a job that has not yet started. Please man the work as soon as possible. Do not get caught in the trap of waiting on a job and missing out on good pay and benefits that you could already be accumulating for the year.

I would like to review a basic Dispatch policy that is important to all our members. If you leave a job for ANY reason, call and put your name back on the wheel. If you are attempting to save your spot on the wheel, it must be done in less than five business days after separation from the job. Make the call to get back on the wheel, then the Dispatch Office will work on it and determine what we can do for you. But, it is the member's responsibility to place his/her name on the wheel.

Four semi-synthetic opioids have been added to the DOT drug test. If you test positive for any of these, the MRO is going to ask to see a copy of your prescription and speak with the prescribing doctor within five business days. Your doctor and the MRO must come to some agreement to determine if you are safe to work. The MRO is the person you should be in conversation with concerning this issue, (not the safety person representing the contractor). I encourage you to speak to your doctor about this before you travel to a job if possible. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call the Dispatch Office.

I pray everyone has a safe and prosperous year.

Ricky Jones  
Dispatcher



### ORGANIZING REPORT By Ronnie Hill (918) 284-6862

I'm hoping this report finds everyone doing well and working or getting ready for work. It appears that we have another great work year on the horizon, and for that we are truly blessed.

I have been on the road for over a month now, first to the National Pipeline Conference in Scottsdale, AZ. We heard from General President McManus and other UA leaders. It was very informative, and the UA and Union Pipeline Locals are strong and productive. After attending the National Pipeline Conference, I made a quick trip to West Texas, then on to Tulsa where Terry Langley and I attended the Pipeline Energy Expo. While there, we represented Local 798 and met with many people that are essential to the pipeline industry. After wrapping up there, it was straight to Steward School.

Just when you think Steward School can't get any better, you have an unbelievable school like this year. It was so good to see friends that I haven't seen in years, but what really stood out was the number of new members that attended this year's Steward School. I got the opportunity to meet many new members that I have brought on board, and it was great to see that these people are taking an interest and attending the functions of their local union. Brothers and Sisters, this is what makes a local union rise above all the others. Participation is the key to success. The men and women that take the time out of their busy lives, travel many miles, miss work, and spend their money to come to the meetings and to Steward School, are to be commended. Thank you for coming and making your local union the best in the UA.

Steward School was a huge success and very informative, not to mention all the fun that we had. As the contract was studied, questions were answered and clarified. This will ensure harmony on the job more than any other thing. Business Manager Danny Hendrix and Financial Secretary Justin Wallace did an outstanding job along with all of the Business Agents and guest speakers. It's always good to welcome Brother Jim Moss to our meetings as he has done so much to bring 798 to the forefront. We also got to hear from our very own UA Pipeline Director David Barnett. Great job, David, it is always good to see you.

Steward School wasn't only about business. It was also about giving and helping those that are less fortunate than ourselves. We raised a record amount of money for charity. There are very few people in this country that have the opportunity to make the amount of money we do, and our members, contractors, and vendors showed that they aren't afraid to give some of it back. The Ladies of 798 Basket Auction brought in \$138,355 in about two hours. This is amazing and speaks volumes about Pipeliners all over this country.

The golf tournament for the Voluntary Fund brought in \$35,315. The Lincoln and Miller welding machine raffle brought in a combined total of \$50,600. This is amazing and shows what you can accomplish when you stand together for a good cause. Thank you to all who participated, and to all the vendors who believe in us and what we do. Hopefully, we have brightened someone's world that is less fortunate than ourselves.

I would also like to thank all of the people who take a few seconds out of their busy lives to respond to our ACTION NETWORK. You are the backbone of this Local Union. This ACTION NETWORK works folks, but it only works if you participate. Although we have many responding, we aren't anywhere close to where we should be. We have 7,682 members in this Local Union, and we should have 7,682 responses within seconds after the petitions are emailed. Actually, we should have double or quadruple that because each member should have their family members involved. Many jobs this year would have already started if not for opposition to these jobs by radical anti-pipeline groups. Not only do we advocate to get these jobs started for the clients, but we advocate to do it with the safest, most productive, and most qualified people in the pipeline world. And that is Local 798 people. Join this ACTION NETWORK, respond to it, do it today, and every day. It only takes seconds to do it. People tell me all of the time, "If I can help in anyway, let me know." Well here it is. If you want to help pipeline jobs, your own career, and union labor, join this ACTION NETWORK now! To join, just Google ACTION.LOCAL.ORG and follow the instructions, or text the word STEWARD to (918) 779-1897. It's simple, it's quick, and it means the difference between sitting at home or going to work. I cannot stress this enough. We are united and stand in solidarity and must act like it and show the world that Local 798 is a driving force in the pipeline industry. Anything less than a hundred percent is NOT ACCEPTABLE.

We have some major projects getting underway, and some of it is like nothing anyone has ever done. We have a lot of big pipe, and the roughest terrain in America. No one could pull this off like 798. Those involved will make history. Be productive, be the best in the industry, but above all, be safe. Pay attention to what is going on above you, and always be alert. I will be headed back to West Texas in the morning, if I can be of help to anyone please call. If any non-union contractors call you wanting you to work, let me know. Working non-union will NOT be tolerated – whether you are a Journeyman, Welder or Helper.



**MEDICARE CARD REVISION – PROVIDE THE PIBF OFFICE WITH A COPY OF YOUR NEW CARD**

Beginning in April 2018, Medicare will begin the process of removing social security numbers (SSN's) from all Medicare cards and replacing the SSN with a new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). Medicare will be mailing new Medicare cards with their new assigned MBI number to everyone with Medicare in phases by geographic location over the next 12 months. If you are covered under the Active, Retiree or COBRA plans, please provide PIBF with a copy of your new card by mailing or faxing a copy to our office.

**WEALTH OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [www.pibf.org](http://www.pibf.org)**

As was covered in the PIBF Steward School presentation, the PIBF website is a great resource of information that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The commonly used forms such as Census, HRA, Pension direct deposit and 401(k) distributions/election/beneficiary forms are available in the main section of the website along with other valuable information. In the "Members Login" section you can access a pension calculator, work history, eligibility, 401(k) contributions, change of address form, claims history, HRA balance and claims, and much more.

**NEW PENSION TAX TABLE INSTALLED**

Pension tax tables are updated the first quarter each year. The new table for 2018 was installed effective March 1, 2018. Please review your deposit amount as of that date and after and let us know if you need to make any changes.

**UPDATE YOUR CENSUS CARD AFTER A DIVORCE**

If your divorce and your ex-spouse is listed as your beneficiary, the designation will be considered invalid. If you want to keep your ex-spouse as your beneficiary, you must fill out a new form dated after your divorce date for it to be valid.

**GYM MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOT A COVERED BENEFIT**

The PIBF office has received many phone calls regarding gym memberships. Please note, gym memberships are not eligible for reimbursement under the Health & Welfare plan or the HRA benefit.

**Pipeline Welding Technology Delivers More Reactive Arc and Greater Control**

*By Jake Zwyer, Product Manager, Power Systems Division, Miller Electric Mfg., LLC*

As a cross-country pipeline welder, you face daily demands to produce high-quality work as quickly as possible. This requires a reliable welder/generator that helps you maximize productivity, efficiency, and quality, on the job.

With every weld subjected to the highest non-destructive evaluation standards there is no room for defects – they cost time and money - and have the potential to hold up an entire operation. Too many defects can ultimately cost a pipeline welder their job.

To address the specific challenges of transmission pipeline welding, Miller Electric Mfg., LLC has gathered feedback from the industry and incorporated new technology into our welding arcs. The new Dynamic DIG technology delivers a smoother, more consistent stick welding arc that can be tailored to match the application, material, variations in pipe fit-up, and welder technique.

The results? Improved puddle control, more flexibility in the arc and the ability to complete high-quality welds at faster speeds.

**Meeting demands for quality and productivity**

As a pipeline welder, your most critical deliverables are producing high-quality stick welds and completing the job quickly. The more weld metal you can put into each pass, the faster you can move on to the next weld joint — and eventually the next job.

One common challenge in pipeline welding is inconsistent fit-up, which can result in extremely tight or mismatched gaps when laying in the root pass. As the pipe is welded from top to bottom, the joint may go from a proper root gap to very little or no root gap, requiring the operator to make changes in their technique to accommodate for this variance. This requires a machine with enough drive to allow welders to push the rod in, using more force on the electrode, all while keeping the arc lit and getting the necessary penetration with a tight gap fit-up.

Power sources in the past didn't have enough drive to provide this ability, which resulted in the arc being snuffed out during attempts to penetrate tight gaps. With evolutions in technology, Miller welder/generators now have the drive and arc adaptability that deliver significant benefits for productivity and weld quality.

**Fine-tuning the stick arc**

Dynamic DIG is a software-based waveform technology on Miller® Big Blue® engine drives, including the Big Blue 400 PipePro® welder/generator. Designed specifically for pipeliners, Dynamic DIG automatically adjusts the amount of current required to clear a short. As a result, the arc is more reactive to how the welder is using his or her electrode, providing greater arc control and puddle control. This changes the characteristics of the root pass and cap pass that you typically see. If a lot of drive is required for the root pass, you can tailor the arc to deliver plenty of penetration. When you need to soften the arc and dry up the puddle to make a wider hot-pass or cap-pass, the technology can provide those capabilities as well.

The arc characteristics can be optimized for the fill and cap passes to lay down a lot of weld metal, so welds can be completed faster. The end result is a greater ability to fine-tune the arc, so welders can easily change the arc based on what they're seeing with each pass.

Another benefit of the new technology is the ability to preset current and maintain even heat throughout a full day of welding, compared to competitive technologies where current drops throughout the day. A machine with Dynamic DIG technology delivers consistent output all day, without the welder having to adjust amperage on the front panel to compensate for changing machine performance. This ability takes traditional generator performance to the next level with modern welding arc capabilities.

**Take control**

As a pipeliner, you must meet challenging project timelines. This work requires a welder/generator with the technology to help you meet the demands of long days and get the job done.

Demand a machine that provides more adaptability to meet the specific conditions of the applications and preferences of the welder. Change the way you work with a new technology that delivers more control of the arc and weld puddle than previously possible.

With Dynamic DIG from Miller, the results help save time and make pipeliners more productive and efficient without compromising weld quality — so you can do your best work.

# PIPELINERS



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## JOIN THE LOCAL 798 ACTION NETWORK

Now more than ever, 798 members need to come out in force to support pipeline projects and pro-energy legislation across the United States. The Action Center enables you to voice your support and learn about advocacy opportunities with the click of a button.



**SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE, CREATE JOBS, TAKE ACTION NOW**

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Visit [Action.Local798.org](http://Action.Local798.org)



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3. Create password
4. Return and Login

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Taking Actions has never been easier. Receive **quick click** action alerts directly to your mobile device.

### SUPPORT PIPELINER JOBS!

-  Sign Petitions
-  Contact Your Legislators
-  Read Latest Blue Light Reports
-  Connect on Social
-  Secure Good Jobs for Local 798 Members

### EARN YOUR CHECKMARK



Be sure to sign into your account to see which actions need your support. Actions with the stamp indicated you have already taken them.

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# Short and Personal

## Thank You

**Samuel P. Clark** wishes to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Gary Mullins and Shannon Duke on the Michels job in Ohio.

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**Carl Wille Brown** thanks the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received in his time of need. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen.

**Charles (Kadalak) Eddleblute** sends his thanks for the support he received after his wife passed away. Special thanks to Charlie Jr. and Stephanie Yates.

**William Roy** is humbled and grateful to have received funds from the Voluntary Fund in his time of need. He is touched beyond words by the generosity of Local 798. Special thanks to Stephen Morris, Troy Post and Jimmy Schocke, as well as Robert Lacosse and his testing crew for pitching in funds.

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**Billy and Ashlye Sanders** thank everyone for their kindness and support. The Voluntary Fund gift they received was quite unexpected. They are very appreciative to all their Brothers and Sisters in the Local.

**Ed Putman and Family** would like to thank everyone who called and texted to offer their condolences after the passing of his wife, Esther. Ed has been a member of Local 798 for 52 years. He and Esther were happily married for 50. They thank the Local for being a part of their family for all those years!

**Roy Barnhill** thanks the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for the donation to his family. They are truly appreciative of the help they received!

**Don and Chrissy Hawkins** wish to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The gift received was appreciated, as well as the phone calls and texts from so many Brothers and Sisters of the Local checking on Don after his shoulder surgery. Special thanks to Summer Hawkins and Billy Wayne Hawkins.

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**Sidney Pendleton and Family** say being a part of this Pipeliner Family has been such a blessing! The visits, calls, cards and prayers have been so comforting. Thank you for the gift they received during Karen's battle with cancer. The outpouring of love and support is such a blessing during this difficult time. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Steve Stamper, Chris Lancaster, and all the other members who give to the Voluntary Fund.

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**The Family of William F. Santore, Jr.**, deeply appreciates and gratefully acknowledges the kind expressions of sympathy they have received.

**Randal and Shannon Massey** want to thank the Brothers and Sisters who give to the Voluntary Fund. The help and support during Randal's time off was greatly appreciated.

**The Family of Justin McKown and Alex Yoak** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received. A special thank you to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace.

**Jayson and Regina Lambert** send thanks to all the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798. The gift they received helped greatly during Regina's surgery and recovery.

**Don Denton (Double D)** appreciates the gift he received from the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Wayne Bates, Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and all the members who donate to the Voluntary Fund.

**Waymon Cater** says thank you to all the members who donate to the Voluntary Fund. The check he received when his house flooded was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Mark Oliver and Richard Warren.

**Alex Somerville** greatly appreciated the funds he received from the Voluntary Fund after having knee and shoulder surgeries. He is temporarily out of commission but hopes to see everyone on the ROW soon.

**Wendell Derrick** would like to thank everyone who gives so generously to the Voluntary Fund and for the assistance after surgery. Thanks to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace for continuing this worthy tradition. Special thanks to Chad Gilbert, Nick Spears and Tim Pelly.

**Ronny Voyles** sends his heartfelt thank you to all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. He received a check after he had to leave a job due to a wild fire that went through his property, burning almost everything but his house. He especially thanks Justin Baur and Justin League.

**The Family of Billy Don Bridges** says thank you for the beautiful Bible that was sent in memory of Billy Don Bridges. They also appreciate the gift they received from the Voluntary Fund, along with the love and prayers received during this difficult time.

**Zachary Bellinghausen** writes to thank everyone for the gift he received. It was very much appreciated. He is proud to be in this Local and is blessed with many good friends in it.

**Larry Canoy** wants to thank the Voluntary Fund and the members who donate to it, and for your kindness following the passing of his mother.

**William "Mike" and Holly Johnston** would like to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. The gift they received was appreciated after his hip replacement surgery. Special thanks to Justin Wallace, Danny Hendrix and Bryan S. Fox.

**Jerry Foster** sends his thanks to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The help was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Brian Anderson and Cy Roof.

**Barry English** writes to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. The money came in handy with all the doctor bills following his surgery. He gives special thanks to Dave Marsh, Ben Edwards, Kale McManus and Chippy.

**Donnie and Alisha Goodin** thank the members for contributing to the Voluntary Fund. The help was greatly appreciated during their time of need. Special thanks to Terry Langley, Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace and Tim Robinson.

**James Strange and Robin Bogus** write to thank Samantha Bogus, Jason McKinney, and Stephanie and Laramie Schemenauer. Thank you also to Brothers Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen and Justin Wallace for the excellent stewardship of our Voluntary Fund. They also thank the Brothers and Sisters who called and sent cards of sympathy and condolence following the passing of James' father.

**Katrinka Perez** says thank you so much for the generous donation to Patrick Perez's family. They appreciate it very much.

**The Guy Williams Family** would like to say thank you for the prayers, kind thoughts, phone calls and monetary gift from the Voluntary Fund. It's always humbling to see generous acts extended to those who need help.

**Darrell (Nick) Glaze** wishes to thank the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received. He and his wife appreciate the thoughtfulness during his recovery.

**The Keve "Pnut" Blacksher Family** sincerely thank the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for the generous help received from the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Mack Doyle.

**Samuel Clark** sends his thanks to everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. It came at a time when help mattered the most. Special thanks to Gary Mullins and Shannon Duke.

**Fletcher Shannon and Family** want to thank everyone for the support and much needed financial help in his difficult time. He is out of the hospital and doing well.

**Sam and Sherrl Sandbothe** would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received. Special thanks to Wayne and Jenny Bates.

**Annie Lawhon** thanks Pete Ashby, Sr., and Mrs. Donna for their kindness and thoughtfulness after the passing of her nephew. She is thankful to everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the gift she received, as well as for the prayers and kind words.

**Martha Edwards** wants to thank all the generous givers to the Voluntary Fund. The check was very much appreciated.

**Charles Beddingfield** writes to thank all 798 members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. He is grateful for the gift he received after his surgery. Special thanks to Michael Hawkins and Micah Hawkins.

**Gilbert Burch and Family** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help received when Gilbert had his hip replacement surgery. Thanks to everyone who donates to the fund, with special thanks to Sam Jacks and Phillip Wallace.

**Nathan Shaw** greatly appreciated the gift he received from the Voluntary Fund. He says thank you to everyone who donates to the fund, with a special thanks to the hands on the Snelson spread in Kensington, OH.

**Billy and Susan Hand** say thank you for the prayers and contributions for their daughter's hospital stay. They are grateful and blessed to be a part of a caring brotherhood! They greatly appreciate and sincerely thank Richard Bauer, Robert Anderson and all 798 members and Precision Pipeline employees in Massillon, OH.

**Joe Berry and Family** sincerely thank Pipeliners Local 798 for the generosity shown to them. Special thanks to Brian Anderson, and Ed Coker for his help in the PIBF office.

**Bob Taylor** writes to thank Gerald Ellender, Justin Wallace, and Danny Hendrix for the money received during his recent surgery and hospital stay. A special thanks to those hands who give every week to the Voluntary Fund.

**Joe Ancell and Walt Ancell** would like to thank the members of Local 798, with a special thank you to Dennis Stiles and Chad Gilbert for the help they received during their time of need. They gratefully appreciate everyone who contributes to the fund.

**Tommy Dobson** thanks all the Brothers and Sisters who give to the Voluntary Fund. The help was greatly appreciated during their time of sorrow.

**Mike Strickland and Family** are truly blessed and thankful to be part of Local Union 798 and are grateful to have received help from the Voluntary Fund. They say thank you to the Brothers and Sisters who donated, with special thanks to Puddin Usry, Danny Hendrix and Phillip Wallace.

**Tipton and Katherine Dilbeck** say thank you for the help from the Voluntary Fund. They greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in their time of need.

**Billy W. Hawkins** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the contribution he received during his illness. A special thanks to Wayne Causey, Greg Russell, Justin Wallace and Danny Hendrix.

**The Family of Joseph Tallerico** send their heartfelt thank you to Local 798. Joseph was very proud to be a lifelong member of the Local. He had the upmost respect for his union and felt honored to be a part of it.

**Mike "Cotton" Alden** writes to say thank you to everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. He especially thanks Rod Kelley, Brian Podzemny, Barrett Arnold, and "Catfish" JW Atkinson.

**F. Dee and Donna Usry** want to thank all who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received for his outpatient surgery. Special thanks to Mike Strickland and Phillip Wallace.

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**Pat Sappington** gives thanks to those who support the Voluntary Fund for the gift received after his hospital stay. Special thanks to Phillip McCann and Black Schroeder.

**Mark and Jackie Witt** would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received. It helped with expenses from complications with Jackie's broken knee. Special thanks to Chad Gilbert and Justin Wallace.

**Bruce and Carol Ferguson** thank Local 798 and the Voluntary Fund for their generous donation. The money will be put to good use. A special thanks to Leon Loggins and Chuck Loggins.

**Tim Hartness** appreciates the help received from the Voluntary Fund after he had his knee replaced. Special thanks to Don Lewis and Danny Hendrix.

## In Memoriam

**Russell C. Carra**, 72-year-old Retired Helper of Wichita, KS, passed away July 4, 2017.

**Denise M. Barrett**, 52-year-old Helper of Marianna, FL, passed away on February 11, 2018.

**Carmel W. Cole, Jr.**, 82-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Lincolnton, NC, passed away January 26, 2018.

**Demian A. Gauthier**, 41-year-old Welder of Monticello, MN, passed away January 31, 2018.

**Alton J. McBeth**, 97-year-old Retired Welder of Mount Pleasant, TX, passed away February 6, 2018.

**Alan K. Johnson**, 61-year-old Retired Welder of Frankston, TX, passed away February 11, 2018.

**Gary Dickinson**, 68 year old Retired Welder of Lufkin, TX, passed away February 17, 2018.

**Robert A. Dodd**, 22-year-old Helper of Mount Clare, WV, passed away February 17, 2018.

**Gary C. Easley, II**, 42-year-old Helper of Mill Creek, OK, passed away February 21, 2018.

**Donald G. Coffey**, 88-year-old Retired Welder of Petal, MS, passed away February 23, 2018.

**John R. Bradford**, 78-year-old Retired Welder of Eudora, AR, passed away March 2, 2018.

**Charles W. Taylor, Sr.**, 57-year-old Retired Helper of McRae, AR, passed away February 26, 2018.

**Ellis R. Haden**, 80-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Bay Springs, MS, passed away March 8, 2018.

**Donnie B. Miller**, 68-year-old Retired Welder of Dayton, TX, passed away March 15, 2018.

**Denny P. Stewart**, 55 year old Welder of Carriere, MS, passed away March 16, 2018.

**David J. Hood**, 57-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Lott, TX, passed away March 28, 2018.

## Retirements

**Dennis E. Ashby**, Welder, Hudson, MI

**Stephen J. Bakkum**, Welder, Alexandria, MN

**Daniel F. Belcher**, Welder, Mount Pleasant, TX

**Toby A. Boyett**, Welder, Dodson, LA

**Edward L. Brumley**, Welder, Crossett, AR

**Louie E. Clark**, Welder, Olive Hill, KY

**John C. Cobble**, Welder, Yale, OK

**Richard W. Coleman**, Journeyman Spacer, Rockmart, GA

**Timothy J. Comardelle**, Welder, Marrero, LA

**Roy L. Crowder**, Helper, Bald Knob, AR

**David M. Csepegi**, Welder, New Concord, OH

**Ronnie R. Curry**, Helper, Carthage, TX

**Cheryl A. Daniels**, Helper, Larson, WY

**James E. Dotson, Jr.**, Helper, Clendenin, WV

**Leo J. Duchon**, Welder, Reed City, MI

**Jack M. Flutt**, Welder, Dodson, LA

**Donald G. Foster**, Welder, Gonzales, LA

**Russell Goudeau**, Welder, Lorange, LA

**Kenneth J. Grenfell**, Helper, Ironwood, MI

**David H. Grow**, Helper, Washington, UT

**Samuel H. Jacks, Jr.**, Journeyman Spacer, Universal City, TX

**Benjamin S. Kirkland**, Welder, Lufkin, TX

**Charles W. Lashbrook**, Helper, Hohenwald, TN

**Eugene Mason**, Welder, Harvey, LA

**Rebecca L. Merchant**, Helper, Bald Knob, AR

**Ralph E. Minor**, Welder, Harleton, TX

**Rickey P. Morgan**, Welder, Judsonia, AR

**Daniel S. Mrosowski**, Welder, Kennewick, WA

**Roger C. Nelson**, Helper, Vanderwagen, NM

**Gus E. Neumann**, Welder, Box Elder, SD

**William A. Parish**, Helper, Olive Hill, KY

**William D. Pulte**, Helper, Kemp, TX

**William A. Ross**, Welder, Sedan, KS

**John W. Seaver**, Helper, Cedar Bluff, AL

**Marc Sena**, Welder, Vail, AZ

**Donna G. Simpson**, Helper, Newbern, TN

**Michael W. Smith**, Helper, Mankato, MN

**Dennis E. Stiles**, Welder, Durango, CO

**Michael K. Strickland**, Welder, Wilmar, AR

**David E. Sutton**, Welder, Stonewood, WV

**Francis H. Tucker**, Welder, Fastland, TX

**F. D. "Puddin" Usry**, Welder, Wilmar, AR

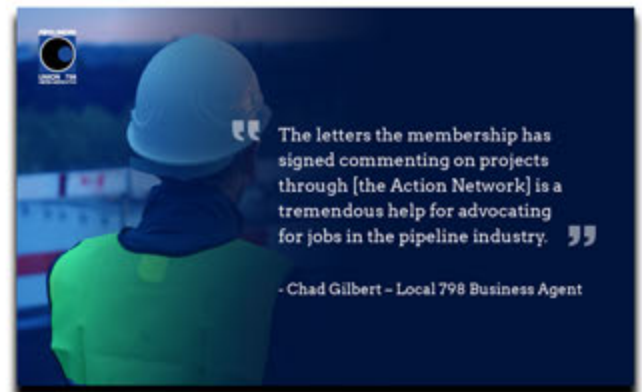
**Brooks G. Warren, Sr.**, Welder, Clayton, LA

**Douglas W. Watson**, Welder, Lefors, TX

**Paul C. Watson**, Welder, Canyon, TX

**Huey W. Whitton**, Welder, Jasper, TX

**Kenny W. Willingham**, Journeyman Spacer, Downsville, LA



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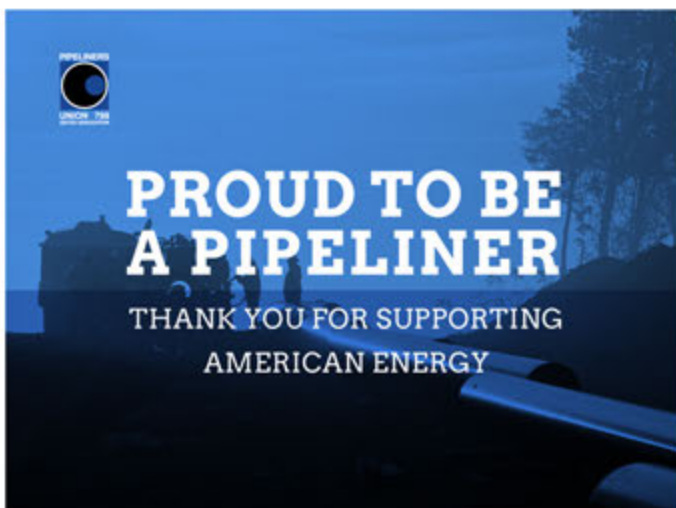
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## TUESDAY BBQ

On Tuesday, Lincoln Electric hosted their annual BBQ down at the Training Center for all the early arrivals.

## STEWARD REPORTING CLASS

Tuesday afternoon, there were around 130 participants in the Steward Reporting Class. This annual class was put together several years back, and has proven to be very beneficial to Job Stewards.





## CRAWFISH BOIL

Friday afternoon we finished back at the Training Center for the crawfish and shrimp boil hosted by Miller Electric.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday night's regular meeting was well attended and concluded the week.





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