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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to take a moment and welcome our new members into the family. The work abundance has dictated that we grow our ranks to fulfill our obligation to the contractors as well as the clients. Accelerating our membership at such speed has caused a few growing pains in the office as well as in the field, but it is challenges such as these that create opportunities. Many of our long-held traditions, customs, and policies, including Right of Way etiquette, have always been passed down from generation to generation by the elders educating the newer members through verbal communication and



example. We, as elders, shouldn't expect the newer members to understand this code of conduct, if we are not willing to share this unwritten code that governs our expectations of what behavior is becoming of a 798 member. Most behavior from new members that is perceived as disrespectful, discourteous or abrasive, is unintentional and could have been avoided by better communication from the Welder Foreman, Job Steward, or an elder member who can pass along the structure and principles of R-O-W etiquette. Blatant criticism of new members only ostracizes someone who has made the decision to be union. Whether you have been blessed to be a part of this Local for a short or long period of time, please reach out and welcome the new arrivals into the family. We as a family must promote harmony and goodwill through assistance and education of what is to be expected. Let's all be mindful of our obligations to the family and each other and we all will be stronger as an organization for it.

Just recently two new commissioners to FERC have been approved and hopefully many of the projects that have been held up for lack of a voting quorum can now move forward. The work outlook for the remainder of the year and beyond continues to be very strong, along with winter projects that I believe are just around the corner. This has been a banner year for pipeliners; by year's end we may reach 10 million man-hours. This local union and its membership have truly been blessed. Meanwhile, several billion dollars' worth of interstate pipeline projects are in some stage of development, whether they are still in the permitting process or construction is ongoing. These include: the \$5.1 billion Atlantic Coast Pipeline; the \$3 billion Atlantic Sunrise, the \$1.4 billion Leach Xpress; the \$2 billion Nexus Pipeline; and the \$2 billion Mountaineer Xpress. These massive pipeline systems will lead to more work interconnecting the smaller lines from well sites and processing plants, to these transmission lines.

Local 798 will hold a regional meeting in Cleveland, OH, hosted by Lincoln Electric at its facility. Many of our long-time vendors will also be there to participate. I encourage each of you along with your families to attend if possible. This meeting is open to all pipeliners regardless of craft or union affiliation, and we want to showcase to everyone in the pipeline industry that 798 is leading the way. We will have plenty of fresh information to share with all, so mark your calendar for Sunday, September 17. More details are on our website and Facebook. As always, I am proud to say "I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."

Fraternally,

Daniel C. Hendrix Business Manager

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Welded Construction Smithfield, OH.

As I write this report I am in awe of the things this Local has accomplished in the last few years, especially these last few months. We are setting records in terms of the number of man-hours worked compared to historical data. As many of you know, 2008 was a watershed year for our Local, because the work was abundant, and our members were able to provide for their families. Let me provide some numbers for comparison. In May 2008, our members worked 573,957 man-hours, and in May 2017 our members worked 1,082,030 man-hours. In my opinion, these numbers are astounding, because we have never seen this amount of work during the first half of the year! In addition, in June of this year we worked 1,222,506 man-hours. These numbers top June 2008 numbers, which were 840,945. Can we keep pace with 2008? I believe it will be close depending on the various projects waiting for approval: Atlantic Coast, Atlantic Sunrise, Mountain Valley, and Nexus. These are exciting times for our Local. The amount of work available has led to



an increase in our membership and as of June 2017, we have 7,294 members. I encourage everyone to welcome these new members into the fold, and teach them the importance of belonging to our pipeline family. We must lead by example and demonstrate the high standards we follow on the ROW and in the community.

I attended the final public comment forum for the Keystone XL in July, and as usual, the opposition groups were out in full force spreading misconceptions and misinformation. I implore each of you to become a member of our 798 Action Network, and submit letters in support of the Keystone XL. I know I ask this in every report, but it is vitally important to combat these opposition groups. For example, one of the most ridiculous comments I heard was as follows: "When the pipeline came to North Dakota the crime rate increased, they brought in drugs, and the men kidnapped women for sex trafficking." I have heard these comments in two different meetings, and it offends me! My father was a Helper and operator for many years, and as a child my family traveled with him all over the country. We must make our voices heard to protect our livelihood and way of life for our families. I would like to thank Business Agent Philip Wallace and Organizer Justin Hornback for attending the meeting as well. The Nebraska Public Service Commission has scheduled public hearings for August 7-11 to take formal testimony on the proposed route of the Keystone XL. UA International Representative David Barnett, will be a formal intervenor during this process, and I thank him for his service. Ellen Boardman, legal counsel for the UA, will also be in attendance.

We will be holding a regional membership meeting on Sunday, September 17, at the Lincoln Electric headquarters located at 22801 Saint Claire Avenue in Euclid, OH. Beginning at 1 p.m., lunch will be provided and the membership meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. The Ladies of 798 will also host a meeting beginning at 2:30 p.m. Lincoln Electric personnel will offer tours of their manufacturing facility. These tours are based on a first come, first served basis from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. To participate in the tours, you must be at least 12 years of age for safety purposes, and wear closed-toed shoes. Lincoln Electric has a couple of rules they have asked our membership to respect: no alcohol or tobacco use will be permitted on the property; and no firearms or camera will be permitted within the building. Members, their families, and friends of the industry are all welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there. Local 798 office personnel will also be on site to accept dues payments, sell merchandise, and answer questions.

In closing, I want to give special thanks once again to our hard-working office staff. They amaze me with their commitment and dedication to our Local. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve this great Local and if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Wade Pilgreen

Financial Secretary-Treasurer







# **Darrell Turner**

AL, FL, GA, M5 918-270-6737

Brothers and Sisters, work in my area has come down to a crawl. Williams Transco and the Southeast Connector are completed. The Sable Trail system is finished except for compression work near Orlando, FL. The turnkey project near Gonzales, LA, should also be nearing its end this month. By the



time you read this report, these projects will be fully operational, and 798 pipeliners will have moved on to more green pastures. I want to express my thanks for the great job that our members did on these projects. Of course, there were bumps along the way. But the proof is in the pudding. Well done 798ers!

I don't expect to see a recurrence of the number of jobs created, or the man-hours worked in the deep south in the immediate future. But all is not gloom and doom. We have some great jobs coming. Driftwood PL, LLC., will build 96 miles of 42" and 36" in south Louisiana. Energy Transfer is in the early stages of a large project that lays in east Texas and Louisiana. In fact, Business Manager Hendrix, Agent Schroeder, and myself, attended the first open meetings near Lake Charles, Louisiana. Shell is planning 40 miles of 24" in south Louisiana, and Southern Natural Gas is nearing the bid letting for nearly seven miles of 30" new lay, system upgrades, and the acquisition of an existing natural gas system in the Atlanta, GA, area. I certainly won't speak for our contractors, but the rumor mill is busy, busy, busy. I'm hearing that more good work is in store for Florida in 2018. Time will tell.

Call if I can be of any assistance to you. And thanks for being 798. It's not just a job, it's a way of life.

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"WE HAVE THE GREATEST PIPELINERS IN THE WORLD"

# **Chad Gilbert**

AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT, WY 918-270-6736

I am writing my report from home after returning from a Denver, CO, Chamber of Commerce meeting on oil and gas development Representing Local 798 at an event like this enables our membership to have a voice in venues normally passed up by labor organizations. It also shows business leaders that



Pipeliners Local 798 strives to help support the communities we work in. I would like to thank Business Agent Mark Miller of UA Local 208 for the invitation. Local 208 uses 798 members on distribution work and building trades jobs in the Denver, CO, area and we are all thankful for the help in putting our members to work when pipeline work is slow.

Also, while I was in Denver visiting Lincoln Technical Institute, I was asked to be on the advisory board for the school. We have acquired some great helpers who have graduated from the welding program, and I look forward to being on the board and learning as much as I can to help our membership in the future.

We also have the Colorado Oil & Gas Conference starting soon. Local 798 is a member, so Danny, Wade and Phillip will be in attendance. I am looking forward to advocating for the Local in this venue also. It was Danny's vision years ago to develop relationships with our clients. Through event sponsorships like the COGA Summit, we are well on our way to building great relationships with the leaders of the oil and gas industry. We have helped support many drilling initiatives through COGA in Colorado, and we feel this will only help to improve our market share in the area and throughout the U.S.

The work is starting to improve in the West, and I believe it should really start to pick up in the next two to three years. The reason is the Jordan Cove LNG Terminal. The proposed state of the art LNG terminal will be located in the Port of Coos Bay, in Coos County, Oregon. The facility will have a liquefaction capacity of 7.8 million metric tons per year and a storage capacity of 320,000 cubic meters. The completion of this facility will bring a much-needed overseas market for Colorado and Wyoming gas. This will spur more major transmission pipelines in Colorado and Wyoming to feed the facility. Already, the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, 235 miles of 36-inch, has been proposed from Malin, OR, to the Jordan Cove Facility. This will only be the beginning once fuel starts transporting and commitments from buyers are signed. Infrastructure growth will follow.

In closing, we should soon have information on the award of the Denver Metro Project for Xcel Energy. The five miles of 24-inch will be extremely congested and will last two work seasons.

Please, if I can help you, the membership of our great Union in any way, please don't hesitate to call.

Pre-jobs: Michels:

> Tolleson, AZ. 4-inch Launcher and Receiver. Gas Company: Ameresco. Steward: Mark Witt. Working 5-8s. High Scale.

# **Phillip Wallace**

AR, IA, KS, MN, MT, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD 918-270-6738

I write this Blue Light Report from Lincoln, Nebraska, while attending the Keystone XL Pipeline Permit Hearings. The KXL has been on the table since 2009 and has been the big victory for the Pipeline fighters since the project has been held up for the last few years. Special Representative of the UA



Department David Barnett; 798 Organizer Justin Hornbeck; Wade and Toni Pilgreen; and I have attended public comment meetings this summer to voice our support for the KXL. Also, I want to thank retired Welder member Warren Jones for showing up to support the KXL. Nebraska is the only hurdle left keeping this permit from being issued. This week, the second week of August, should be the last of the hearings for the Nebraska Utility Board, which is expected to make its decision sometime in late October or early November. David Barnett will testify for the United Association and Local 798. Ellen Boardman is here representing the UA and 798 in this hearing. Ellen always does an excellent job; she has been a great asset to 798 with all she does for you and your Local.

The work in my area has picked up with some more maintenance and replacement work in Kansas, Iowa, and Minnesota. Appalachian Pipeline picked up 13 miles of 20" in Iowa for Northern Natural Gas. This is the largest mainline job in my area all season. I feel like the 875 miles of 36" on the KXL coming from Canada into Montana and South Dakota and tying into the Keystone Pipeline at Steele City, Nebraska; and the 354 miles of 36" on the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota, will be a reality in the second half of 2018 or early 2019. The future looks good for 798 Pipeliners. At the end of July, we have worked six million man-hours, and that's about what we have averaged the last four or five years. We are on track to have 10 to 11-million man-hours this year. Our members have done a great job manning our work this year, along with all the new members we have given an opportunity to be part of this Local and become Pipeliners. I want to welcome these new members that want to become part of the best workforce in America. It's not an easy job and being away from home for several months at a time is not for everyone. If you do make the cut, the rewards you receive are great with a decent wage, great health care benefits for you and your family, and the opportunity to build a pension for when you retire.

I have a darker message to some of our union members that are not helping this Local man the work we have been so blessed with. The ones I am speaking of are the ones working non-union, destroying everything this union stands for. In my area, I'm talking about the ones working on the Diamond Pipeline for Energy Services South, Strike, and Pumpco. I'm also talking about the ones working for Jomax CCI, and some more Mom and Pop contractors in Oklahoma that I've never heard of. I can't imagine why they would be working non-union with all the work we've had the last two years. The only reason I can think of is that you can't make it working for our contractors, but you may be a shining star among the

undocumented, unskilled workers you're working with. We get a lot of phone calls from these jobs reporting book members working there. Not from inspectors like you would think, but from the non-union workers that don't want you there taking jobs from their friends and family. These people are just non-union workers trying to make a living for their family. The ones working there with a union book in their pocket are the Rats, in my opinion. I want to thank the ones calling. We know who you are, and you will be getting a registered letter with charge papers after the September Meeting.

# Pre-Jobs:

Appalachian Pipeline:

Boone, IA. Northern Natural Gas. 13.76 miles of 20". Superintendent: Bobby Rose. Welder Foreman: Rusty Wallace. Job Steward: Warren Lyda.

## Michels:

-North Branch, MN. Viking Gas. 2,000 ft. of 20" HDD. Superintendent: Tim Turreson. Welder Foreman: Andy Bacon. Job Steward: Troy Weaver.

-Bushton, KS. Northern Natural Gas. Fab and Install 4 Launcher & Receivers, and 4 Block Valves.

Superintendent: Al Martinez. Welder Foreman: Jimmy "Cowboy" Williams. Job Steward: Jack Broome.

# Minnesota Limited:

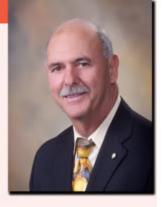
Salisbury, MO. Enbridge Spectra. Pump Station Modifications & Inner connects. Superintendent: Joff Kuznia. Welder Foreman: Dan Thompson. Job Steward: Bradley Mudd.

# **Black Schroeder**

TX

918-270-6743

We have just completed the procedures for Williams' Atlantic Sunrise Project in Houston and Conroe, TX. Hopefully, they will get to start in October. This project goes across the state of Pennsylvania. Welded Construction will use the Serimax system, and Latex Construction will use the RMS system.



A lot of large projects are going out for bid in Texas to be constructed in the next couple of years ranging from 100 to 400-mile projects. We are still facing the same problems from the "abundance of cheap labor." If the welders and helpers continue to work for nothing in the South, they will wake up one day and find out they have the same thing they have been working for - NOTHING.

I have recently received calls about some of our older members out working for non-union contractors, and some of the new members leaving union jobs and going to work for the non-union. We have over 7,000 Helper applicants on our list and several thousand Welders and Journeymen who would love the opportunity to become a member of this great organization. It is sad to see members of Local 798 or any other local union sell their skill set for substandard wages and working conditions. We don't call the unorganized workers RATS. A rat is a member of any local union working for a

non-signatory contractor for less than was negotiated for him or her. If you are not a proud member of Local Union 798, or you don't want to be part of this Brotherhood that makes a decent wage, with a great pension, health care, and working conditions, mail your Union card with a resignation letter to: Pipeliners Local Union 798, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK, 74147.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the regional meeting on September 17 at Lincoln Electric's headquarters in Euclid, OH. Everyone in the area should try to attend this event, because Lincoln Electric and Local 798 have gone all out for this meeting. It will be very educational and informative.

If I can be of assistance to anyone please don't hesitate to contact me.

# Pre-Jobs:

# Latex Construction:

Conroe, TX. RMS Shop. Run 42" welding procedures for Williams Gas, Atlantic Sunrise Project. Welder Foreman: Sonny Daniell. Steward: Richie Hayes. Started 7-31-17. Job is complete.

# Welded Construction:

Houston, TX. Serimax North America. Run 42" welding procedures for Williams Gas, Atlantic Sunrise Project. Welder Foreman: Rod Kelly. Steward: Morris Fontenot. Started 7-7-17. Job is complete.

# Charles Yates Jr.

IN, MI, OH 918-270-6746

With a spring and summer filled with challenges from Mother Nature, we are hoping for a more favorable forecast that is conducive to pipeline progress. The rain has been problematic for many projects this work season which has resulted in wait time, rain-outs, and work delays. Yet our membership has



remained committed to finishing the job. Some Rover pipe gangs are close to wrapping up. There is still quite a bit of work in the area that will need to be manned. Michigan was slow to start this year, but business is picking up with some smaller projects underway. And we are still watching for the Nexus.

The Senate recently restored the FERC quorum, which approves pipeline projects. This five-panel committee is part of the agency that votes for or against our pipelines. FERC has been without a voting quorum since Chairman Norman Bay resigned in February. The lack of a quorum meant FERC had not held a regular monthly meeting since January and had been unable to move energy projects forward. All of the pipeline community, especially 798, have been waiting on the restoration of the voting quorum in hopes that major projects like the Nexus will move forward. Read more at www.ferc.gov. I am continuing my rounds visiting jobs. It is always helpful to meet with the hands to address questions and concerns. One concern I would like to emphasize pertains to job-related injuries.

It is important to always report all job-related injuries at the time of the incident to ensure that it is handled swiftly, and appropriately. Job-related injuries also need to be documented at the time of occurrence to generate a written record. Coverage of medical services related to workplace injuries is the contractor's responsibility and not that of our PIBF insurance.

I hope you will all do your best to attend our regular September Membership Meeting in Tulsa and/or our September Regional Meeting in Cleveland, OH, at the Lincoln Electric headquarters. Both our 798 staff and the Lincoln support team have worked hard on the proposed set-up. We'll enjoy a catered lunch, factory tours, vendor displays, and door prizes. This will be an occasion to visit with 798 staff including our Business Manager, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Business Agents, Organizers, Director of Training, and PIBF Pension and Contribution Manager, as well as Lincoln representatives.

Call me if I can be of any assistance. Work safe and stand together, UNION strong.

# Pre-jobs:

# 1127 Construction:

Canton, OH. 6,000' of 12" replacement in Stark County, OH, for Dominion Energy. Superintendent: Joe Smith. Welder Foreman: Dave Kandle. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9/30/17.

# Apex:

Cameron, OH. 12 miles of 16" new lay for Rice Energy. Superintendent: Dana Keaton. Welder Foreman: Josh Nichols. Working 5-12s. Approx. completion 10/6/17. Big Inch:

Cicero, IN. 2"-36" fabrication for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Jim Shepler. Welder Foreman: Layne Richard. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

# Foltz Welding:

-Chandler, IN. HDD re-route on the Ohio and Wabash Rivers, 2 miles of 20" for Marathon Pipeline.
Superintendent: Kevin Cane. Welder Foreman: Mark Elliott. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11/30/17.
- Vigo, Parke, and Putman Counties IN. 10" anomaly digs for Marathon. Superintendent: Hank Hull. Welder Foreman: Layne Briscoe. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 7/14/17.

# Meade:

Lafayette, IN. ½ mile of 12" with road bore and small station installation and removal in Tippecanoe County, IN for Vectren. Superintendent: Josh Hanna. Welder Foreman: Chris Lee. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9/12/17.

# Mid-Ohio:

- Akron, OH. 448' of 20" replacement plus 3,000' of 30" hydro-test for Dominion East Ohio. Superintendent: James Hawk. Welder Foreman: Ryan Frey. Working 5-10s. Job complete.
- Martin's Ferry, OH. 8,000' of 12" new lay and 3,000' of 10" new lay in Belmont County, OH, for Mark West. Superintendent: Joe Zadra. Welder Foreman: Kevin Callahan. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8/31/17.

# Minnesota Limited:

- Independence, OH. 2,800' of 30" lift and lay in Chad Weygand. Welder Foreman: Randall Pinell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7/14/17.
- Dover, OH. Scio Metering Station 1"-12" fabrication in Tuscarawas County, OH, for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: Aaron Schrontz. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10/12/17. PJ Steele:
  - Kingsley, MI. Replace 1,600' of 10" for Mich-Con. Superintendent: Larry Townsend. Welder Foreman: Cary Butterfield. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 7/19/17. - Six Lakes, MI. Install 2.2 miles of 10" gathering line for Mich-Con. Superintendent: Larry Townsend. Welder Foreman: Casey Butterfield. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8/18/17.

# RL Coolsaet:

- McComb, MI. Take-up and relay of 700' of 26" pipe and install 4-26" valves for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Bart Jeanette. Welder Foreman: Jim Cook. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9/1/17.

- Romulus, MI. 8" fitting replacements in Calhoun County, MI, for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company. Superintendent: Jack Hill. Welder Foreman: Michael Fischer. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8/31/17. Roberts:

Canfield, OH. 15' of 10" integrity dig in Mahoning County, OH, for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Bobby Westrater. Welder Foreman: Richard Sowell. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8/11/17.

### Welded:

Milford, MI. Install 2,530' of 30" including launcher and receiver, plus 3-30" valves in Oakland County, MI, for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Phil Randall. Welder Foreman: Roger Williams. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10/7/17.

# **David Butterworth**

CT, DF, MF, MD, MA, NH, NY, PA,RT, VT, VA, WV 918-270-6745

I want to start my report by addressing something I have been running into quite a bit during my recent job visits, and that is following our chain of command. The chain of command is essential to an organization such a ours so we can maintain structure, order and accountability. If you have an



issue take it to the Welder Foreman first. If you don't get any results, then go to the Job Steward. If the issue doesn't get resolved by the Job Steward, you should call the Business Agent in the jurisdiction you are working in. If the Welder Foremen and Job Stewards don't know there is a problem, they have no way of fixing it. In turn, the Welder Foreman and Steward need to fix issues promptly when they arise. Please follow these steps and handle your business this way going forward.

I am still pre-jobbing, but these jobs are smaller with less duration than the bigger projects I pre-jobbed this spring. I am Cuyahoga County, OH, for Dominion Gas. Superintendent: frequently asked when the Atlantic Sunrise will kick off. The Atlantic Sunrise has one more PA DEP hearing for "air quality" in Lancaster, PA, on August 14, 2017. Hopefully, after this hearing, the permits will be granted and we can begin construction on the 194-mile project. I will be traveling to Virginia soon to speak on behalf of EQT's Mountain Valley Pipeline, which is a 350 mile 42-inch project slated to go next year. We cannot get relaxed when it comes to our new role of being advocates for our jobs and our industry. Danny and Wade have taken us down this road and it is paying off. Just look at the abundance of work we have right now and the amount slated for the future.

> I want to close my report by mentioning Terry Langley and his family. When I took this job in 2016, I had the privilege to work closely alongside Terry up here in the Northeast. As many of you know, he has been home battling cancer, and I hope that everyone keeps the Langley family in their thoughts and prayers during this challenging time.

# Pre-jobs:

Alex E. Paris Contracting:

Atlasburg, PA. 0.53 miles of 10" new-lay. Superintendent: Andy Cilia. Welder Foreman: Terry Sampsel. Special Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9-1-17.

# **Apex Pipeline Services:**

West Union, WV. 3 miles of 30" steel new lay. Superintendent: Roman McKown. Welder Foreman: Matt Myers. Mainline rates. Working 5-12s. Approx. completion 10-31-17.

Appalachian Pipeline Contractors:

Linden, PA. Additional anomaly digs. Superintendent: Ben Gruetzmacher, Welder Foreman: John Shuff, Integrity Management Rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion (ongoing).

# Appellation Pre-Fab:

Williamsport, PA. Ongoing shop blanket. Superintendent: Brian Carey II. Welder Foreman: John Lucas. Special Agreement Rates. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion (ongoing).

# B Miller Excavating:

Fairmont, WV. 3.5 miles of 12" take-up and re-lay. Superintendent: Brian Miller. Welder Foreman: Alex Yoak. Special Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 5-11s. Approx. completion 9-1-17.

### Bond Bros. Inc.:

-Burrillville, RI. Additional prefab for existing meter station modification. Superintendent: James Comeau. Welder Foreman: Jeff Stockwell. Station Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9-30-17. -Glenmont, NY. 60' of 24" pre-test; Hydro & dry 500' of 24";50' spool-in. Superintendent: Mike Moore. Welder Foreman: Jeff Stockwell. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. (Job complete)

# C. Brito Construction:

New Haven, CT. 280' of 12" road relocationSuperintendent: Eric Dery. Welder Foreman: Tom Harmon. Special Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 5-10s. (Job Complete)

# Infrasource Construction:

Bridgeville, PA. 5,000' of 16" steel new lay. Superintendent: Jeramie Brown. Welder Foreman: Gee Cuffy Jr. Special Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-31-17.

# Kirila Contractors:

Lewis Run, PA. 20" fab assist National Fuel with welding and hydro. Superintendent: Ron Kirila. Welder Foreman: Ted Hazelet. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8-17-17.

# Michels Pipeline:

-Hollidaysburg, PA. Approx. 30.03 miles of 20" and 30.03 miles of 16" for ME 2. Superintendent: Kirk Baker. Welder Foreman: Shane Sheffield. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 1-31-18.

-Shirleysburg, PA. 32.84 miles of 20" and 32.84 miles of 16" for ME 2. Superintendent: Freddie McKenzie. Welder Foreman: Brian Anderson. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 1-31-18.

-Suffolk, VA. Install 9,050' of 14" via HDD and 10,000' of 14" abandonment. Superintendent: Johnny Kroner. Welder Foreman: Kent Jewell. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-28-17.

# Minnesota Limited:

-Canonsburg, PA. Additional 1.7 miles of 20" lift and lay, .9 miles of 20" new lay, plus station work.

Superintendent:Fred Leasure. Welder Foreman: Cody Dye Integrity Management paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion 9-30-17.

# Northstar Industries:

Peekskill, NY. One 30" M&R station plus one 30" emergency tie-in. Superintendent: Jim Smilikis. Welder Foreman: Steve Coraci. Station Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion 9-31-17. VEC Incorporated:

-Clarksville, MD. One 16" meter station. Superintendent: Rob White. Welder Foreman: Hogan Petrik. Station Agreement paying High-Scale. Approx. completion 9-15-17.

-Dallas, WV. Two 24" meter stations in Marshall Co., WV, and Washington Co., PA. Superintendent: John Telesz. Welder Foreman: Jeffery Mooney. Mainline rates. Approx. completion 10-15-17.

-Salem, WV. Two 24" meter stations in Salem, WV and Doddridge Co., WV. Superintendent: John Telesz. Welder Foreman: Craig Myers. Mainline rates. Approx. completion 10-31-17.

### Voshell Bros. Welding:

Dover, DE. 4,500' of 10" new lay and 2-10" miscellaneous station work. Superintendent: Gale Voshell. Welder Foreman: Daniel Milstead. Special Agreement paying High-Scale. Approx. completion 9-10-17.

# UNION 798 UNITED ASSOCIATION



# **Chris Lancaster**

KY, NC, SC, TN 918-2/0-6/35

I want to start out by thanking everyone for their prayers and concerns for me over my arm surgery. Everything is going well and I am glad to be back up and going again. Recently, I attended the Carolina Georgia Pipe Trades meeting. I would like to thank them for their invitation. It was a good



week of speakers, events and education.

The work is still going good. I'm very pleased to hear that the Senate has selected the FERC Commissioners needed to be able to approve permitting. Hopefully now we can complete the permitting on several projects that have temporarily been on hold such as the Atlantic Sunrise and Atlantic Coast pipelines. We could possible get started on the Atlantic Sunrise later this fall. Both projects are great jobs and are going to put many members to work.

The September meeting is just around the corner and I hope to see you there.

### Pre-Jobs:

# Appalachian Pipeline:

Wilmington, NC. 12" HDD and 12,000' of 8". Welder Foreman: Greg Cooper. Superintendent: Anthony Campbell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-1-17. B&G Pipeline:

Forrest City, NC. 13,000' of 8" plus various fab. Welder Foreman: Nathen Ferguson. Superintendent: Thomas Born. Working 6-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 8-17-17.







# Featured Personnel

Faith Ashby is a mother of two — Hayden and Isabella. They enjoy their time together camping and being outdoors. She currently attends Tulsa Community College where she studies business accounting. Faith is the daughter of Pete Ashby, a 38-year member of Local 798, and the



granddaughter of Abe Ashby, a 56-year member. Faith moved from Michigan to Tulsa 8 years ago and enjoys Tulsa. She feels blessed and grateful to have the opportunity to become a part of the Union that is so dear to her family. She is looking forward to her future at Local Union 798.

Brad Walker has worked in the maintenance department as an employee of the PIBF since 2012. Brad came to work for the Union Hall in May of 2017 to assist with printing, updates for social media, packaging, mailing, and various other duties. Brad enjoys spending time with his son, Chase.



Brad has an associate degree in communications, and will begin pursuing his bachelor's degree in the spring. "I'd like to say thanks for the opportunity and the support from all of the staff here, and thank you to all of the members.





Roy "Buddy" Rutledge Welder Portland, AR



Sam McClain Jr. Welder Henrietta, TX



Harold G. Wells Welder Centerville, TX



Fred J. Merlino Jr. Welder Zelienuple, PA



John E. Dougherty Welder Corpus Christi, TX



**Richard W. Hanatow** Spacer Somerset, MA



Charles R. Stanley
Spacer
Rainbow City, AL



Robert G. Grove Welder Newton, IL



**Howard D. Rush**Welder
North Zulch, TX



Welder South Port, OH



Tillman J. Shows Welder Laurel, MS



**Billy W. Hawkins**Welder
Waynesboro, TN



James R. Faucett Welder Neches, TX



**Darrel L. Wright**Welder
Mena, AR



Shelby J. Gaudet Welder Pierre Port, LA



Jerry L. Alexander Welder Duncan, OK



Franklin D. Young
Spacer
Elkview, WV



Loyd V. Lovell Helper Joplin, MO



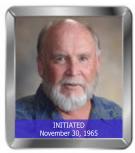
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Lake City, FL



Ronnie Bennet Welder Dennard, AR



**Joe C. Thornhill**Welder
Pioneer, LA



**Robert Doyle Perry**Welder
Summertown, TN



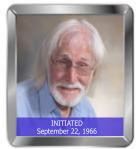
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Skiatook, OK



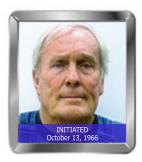
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Jasper, TX



**Danny P. Simms**Welder
Wilmot, AR



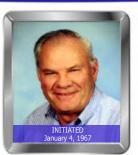
Cleo C. Dilbeck Helper Red Rock, OK



Brian Ward Spacer Tulsa, OK



**Gerald Edgar Walker** Welder Dexter, KY



**Larry B. Edwards**Welder
Denver, NC



Willie R. Beach Welder Roxie, MS



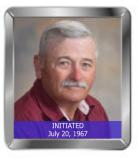
Mark J. Hedges Welder Lancaster, OH



Martin H. Tolley III Journeyman Spacer Darden, TN



**Dan Fussell**Welder
Lewisville, OH



**Earle Stanley Ingram**Welder
Winnsboro, LA



**Jimmy C. Dodd** Journeyman Spacer Littleton, CO





Jackie E. Smith Welder Carthage, TX



George A. Johnston Welder Central City, PA



Russell D. Bailey Welder Haynesville, LA



Michael K. Strickland Welder Wilmar, AR



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



**Billy W. Elumbaugh** Journeyman Spacer Batesville, AR



Billy Clint Fears Welder Shelbyville, TN



**Douglas W. Tanner** Welder Naples, FL



**Tommy R. Morgan** Welder Leslie, MI



Black Schroeder Welder Beaumont, TX



**Billy G. Burns Jr.**Welder
Bald Knob, AR



**Juan C. Robinson**Welder
Diana, TX



James R. Hathorn Welder Benton, LA





**Rufus Bex III**Helper
Cresson, PA



Cody Jake Woods Journeyman Spacer Jacksonville, TX



**Brian Golden** Welder Kalkaska, MI



James B. Thompson Welder Gallipolis, OH



James G. Johnson Journeyman Spacer Elkview, WV



Steve L. Birgy Welder Fife Lake, MI







# **MEETING NOTICES**

# REGIONAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 1 P.M. AT LINCOLN ELECTRIC HEADQUARTERS, EUCLID, OH

A Regional Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17, at the Lincoln Electric Headquarters, 22801 Saint Clair Ave, Euclid, OH, 44117. Beginning at 1 p.m., lunch will be provided and the meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. Local 798 staff in attendance will include Business Manager Danny Hendrix, Financial Secretary-Treasurer Wade Pilgreen, Dispatcher Ricky Jones, Training Director Farron Hollabaugh, Pension Manager Justin Wallace, and all Business Agents and Organizers. Local 798 Office personnel will also be on-site to accept dues payments, sell merchandise and answer questions. The Ladies of 798 will also host a meeting beginning at 2:30 p.m.

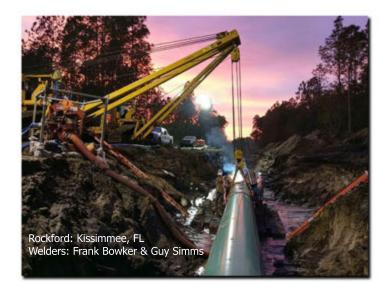
Lincoln Electric personnel will offer tours of the Lincoln Electric manufacturing facility. Tours are based on a first come, first served basis from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tours of the manufacturing facility will include the Stick Electrode Division where Fleetweld 5P Plus, Pipeliner Arc 80 and other familiar electrodes are made. It will also include a tour of the Machine Division where your engine driven welders, such as the Cross Country 300, are manufactured.

# Lincoln Electric Rules and Regulations

- 1. No alcohol or tobacco use will be permitted on the property.
- 2. No firearms or cameras will be permitted within the building.
- 3. To participate in the tours, closed toed shoes are required. Shorts are permitted. If required, safety glasses and hearing protection will be provided. Only children age 12 and older will be allowed to tour.

Local 798 has invited filmmakers who have been working on capturing the spectrum of ideas around the pipeline industry, including filming the DEP hearings in Lancaster, PA. They hope to show Local 798's efforts to foster better understanding of workers' needs and beliefs, and that there are multiple sides to environmental stories. Anyone who does not want to appear on camera can let the filmmakers know before the meeting starts, and they will not be included. This will be part of a larger project trying to capture the many voices of the American people outside of the political sphere in the year 2017. They look forward to hearing what you all have to say.

The afternoon will include door prizes, food, fellowship, and important information about Local Union business and the industry. Members, their families, and friends of the industry are all welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Meeting Notice September 8, 2017

The Regular September Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local Union 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145 on Friday, September 8, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m.

# Ladies of 798 Hospitality & Hotel Accommodations

The Ladies of 798 Hospitality will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel – 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133 beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2017. The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel has graciously offered a discounted room rate of \$94. To make reservations, call (918) 307-2600. Make sure you indicate you are with Pipeliners Local Union 798.

918-280-4800

# PIBF NEWS Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund Robert "Bob" Kime - Director

www.pibf.org

# PIPF Pension Estimator

A pension estimator has been added to the member's section of the PIBF website at www.pibf.org. To access the pension estimator, the member must log into the member's section. At the Main Menu under "What do you want to do," check the second bullet point, "Calculate Pension Estimate." Complete a few questions and your pension estimation worksheet will then be displayed. If you have the "pop-up blocker" feature activated on your computer, you must turn the pop-up blocker feature off to see the worksheets.

The Board of Trustees of Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund met on April 5, 2017, and approved the following plan changes. These important plan changes will affect active participants and retirees.

# Beneficiary Ordering Consistent in all Plans

The PIBF, PIPF, and 401(k) Plans have been amended to revise the definition of "Beneficiary" to be consistent in all Plans. The order would be surviving spouse, surviving children, surviving parents, surviving sibling(s), and then to the estate of the participant or retiree. Participants can still make choices of beneficiaries, but if no beneficiaries are listed, the ordering in the amendment will rule.

# Premiums for Children Covered Under the Retiree Health Plan

Effective September 1, 2017, retirees with children covered under the retiree health plan will be charged \$150 per month per child for coverage.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA), Section 1557, requires most health plans to state the following: Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

The Board of Trustees for the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund believes this plan is a "grandfathered health plan" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act.) As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing.







DISPATCH REPORT By Ricky Jones

With all the work breaking early and as strong as it did, we have had no large new jobs kick off in July or in August yet. We've heard rumors of some possibly large work starting in September. Nothing has been confirmed. Saying that, with the large amount of jobs in the field, we have had many people needing to be replaced, and several small jobs needing to be manned. So, Dispatch has stayed very busy. We have just recently had a large enough Out-of-Work Wheel where we could fill orders from the Out-of-Work List.

Therefore, the opportunity to purchase books has dwindled drastically. However, if the right jobs get permits in late August and September, we could see a surge of people going right back out to work. The number of new books (those who have had the opportunity to go out and work their 80 hours and get the eight-day letter, then get their money and application back in here in the demanded time frame) are: Welders - 223, Journeymen - 10, Helpers - 901. Some of the welders still need to get into Tulsa to take the bell hole test so they will be able to take full advantage of the wheel in the coming weeks. The Training Center is doing a lot of testing right now. So, do not hesitate to call (918)

622-1900 to schedule your test. If you have already purchased your book and are a new member, we need you to prepare to man the work that is coming up. Welder Foremen will want you on the Out-of-Work List so you can apply for their jobs. As you all know we are bearing down on a great year. As of August 8, 2017, we have dispatched: Welders: 1,545 Journeymen: 157 Helpers: 2,703. In 2016, we dispatched: Welders: 751 Journeymen: 147 Helpers: 1,309 The journeymen number is low because the projects were so much larger this year.

I will close now wishing everyone safe travels and hopefully the prosperity will continue through the fall. Don't forget the Regional Meeting in Cleveland, OH!

Since I have last written my report, I have spent much time in West and South Texas. The Eagle Ford Shale continues to be slow. Activity in West Texas is up somewhat with some smaller jobs. Danny, Wade, Black, and I attended the Southwest Pipe Trades meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico. It was very informative and it was good to see all UA Locals in this area working together for a common goal. The focus is to organize, and do so with a vengeance.

I visit with numerous non-union welders and helpers daily. Most are finally starting to see the light. The Rat contractors continue to pay deplorable wages with non-existent working conditions. It's beyond me how anyone would put up with some of the things going on with the Dark Side. One welder reported that if they have a weld repair or fabricate something that doesn't fit, they are required to fix it on their own time. One contractor on a bigger job in the North East stopped per diem and refused to pay rig rental for testing. A big job in West Texas refused to furnish water in 100-plus-degree temperatures. Bottled water was sold out most of the time in the small towns, leaving welders to drive to El Paso on their day off to stock up on water. That is a total disregard for working people, reeking of arrogance.

As if this isn't enough, non-union welders are required to furnish pipe jacks, mud boards, beveling machines, clamps, and anything in between. I never thought I would see the day that pipeline welders would put up with so much disrespect and abuse with very little in return. Hopefully, these welders will soon realize the actual power they have when they stick together,



ORGANIZING REPORT

and demand a living wage and decent working conditions. We are truly blessed to belong to an organization that takes care of its members. We are also blessed to have fair contractors that value their employees and want to see them prosper alongside them. Our contractors understand that if they treat their people fairly they are getting the most highly skilled and productive pipeliners the world has to offer. We have truly been blessed with a good work year, and all the jobs seem to be running smoothly. There also seems to be a lot of work in our future. It's a very good time to be a union pipeliner, and even better time to be a Local 798 pipeliner.

If anyone gets a call from a non-union contractor, please let me know; do not work non-union.

There is never an excuse to work non-union. With the amount of work we have now, if anyone chooses to work non-union, please don't expect any warning. Charges will be filed. If you know anyone working on the other side who would be interested in helping our organizing efforts, have them call me.

I hope to see everyone at the September meeting. As most of you know, we will hold a regional membership meeting Sunday, September 17, in Euclid, OH, at the Lincoln Electric headquarters. I hope to see a big turnout.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Justin Hornback as one of our newly appointed Organizers. I have known Justin for several years and even worked with him on a job. He was a hard worker and I expect he will work just as hard for you. Justin has shown his dedication to his Local Union by attending regular meetings, showing up whenever and wherever he was needed, and volunteering his time for whatever causes we were pursuing. I remember standing in a cold snowstorm in line to speak at a State Department hearing on the KXL and Justin showed up with hot coffee and refreshments. They were much appreciated. I know Justin will do a good job, but he can't do it alone. This is a team effort, and that includes every member. So please work with him and share information that can help him serve you better.

I hope everyone has had a fantastic work year so far. It's good to see this abundance of work. Everyone please work safe and stay Union Strong. If I can help anyone in any way, please feel free to call me at any time.

Fraternally, Ronnie M. Hill 918-284-6862

# Short and Personal

# Thank You

**Matt Stroud and Family** are truly blessed to be part of Local 798. They are very grateful to have received help from the Voluntary Fund, and say thank you to the Brothers and Sisters who donate. They give a special thanks to Brian Fox and Jeff Parks. Their support and kindness helped make a difficult time a lot easier.

**Billy Bridges** would like to thank the entire membership for the help he received from the Voluntary Fund. It was greatly appreciated while he was recovering from heart problems.

**Rob and Yvonne Martin, Jr.** thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was very much appreciated during their time of grief. Special thanks to Steve Morris and Troy Post.

**Robert Ore** says in his 50-years as a member, has never been prouder to be a member of such a first-class organization. He wishes to express his heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation to each member who faithfully donates to the Voluntary Fund to help those who are experiencing difficult situations. Special thanks to Charlie Thomas for his help.

**John and Linda Billingsley** would like to thank David Loyd, Dennis Stiles, and the other pipeliners for their kind expressions of sympathy during their time of grief. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

**The Family of Jimmy "Cowboy" Williams** express their appreciation for all the 798 Brothers and Sisters who donate to the Voluntary Fund, and for the generous donation at the time of their loss. A special appreciation to Chad Gilbert and Brian Gilley.

**Terry and Debby Langley** want to thank everyone who contributed to the Voluntary Fund. The check they received was greatly appreciated. With prayers, love and courage Terry will win his battle with cancer. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

**Leeman (Dave) Shepherd** writes to thank each member who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the contribution during his time of loss. A special thank you to Rick Long and Wade Pilgreen. The help he received was greatly appreciated.

**Darrin Jackson** would like to thank everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. The money he received was very helpful. Thanks to all the 798 members.

**Dave and Cindy Loyd** thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. They greatly appreciated the check they received. Special thanks to Dennis Stiles and all the hands on the Welded job in Smithfield, OH.

**Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Jackson** give special thanks to everyone involved in providing funds to help their family through a difficult situation. They are truly blessed to be working with such wonderful people, who always go above and beyond for pipeliners and their families.

**Romeo Tijerina** wants to thank his Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 and the Voluntary Fund for the support when he and his wife went through hard times. Special thanks to Todd Hartle, Brent Harper, Shannon Jackson, and the U.S. Pipeline spread located at Saint Clairsville, OH.

**Rick Morgan** appreciates the help received from the Voluntary Fund after his daughter's hospital stay. He is thankful to all who contribute to the fund, with special thanks to Brothers Jimmie Lee Davis, Rod Kelly and ail the hands on the Henkels & McCoy job in Adairsville, GA. It is an honor to belong to such a great organization.

**Douglas C. Baker** considers himself to be the most fortunate person on the planet to be part of this great brotherhood, and says thank you to all his Brothers and Sisters for taking care of him when he confronted cancer. He gives special thanks to Justin Wallace and Herbert "Boss Cotton" Hopkins.

**Thomas and Maureen Szpara** extend a sincere thank you to the Voluntary Fund for the generous gift they received after Maureen's surgery. Special thanks to Rick Thomas for writing in on their behalf. The unexpected funds helped immensely.

**Jerry "Faz" and Carol Fazzio** thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the check they received during Carol's illness. She is on the mend. Special thanks to Billy Earl Hawkins and Paul Davis.

**Mike and Holly Johnston** take this time to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received. They also say thank you to the Local 798 staff for their kindness. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen, Danny Hendrix, and Billy Chenhall for helping a Brother in need.

**Ernest Outz** sincerely thanks everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received during his time of need. It was greatly appreciated.

**The Family of J.D. Williams** would like to thank his many friends and family members for the loving support during the extended passing of their dad and loving husband. They deeply appreciate the many prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, food and other acts of kindness. Their family was truly humbled by the love and respect shown by this wonderful Local that he so dearly loved. Special thanks to Phil Russell, Danny Hendrix, Grant Sample, Ricky Jones, and Wade Pilgreen.

**Judy and Tony Sonnier** write to say thank you to their Brothers and Sisters for their generosity during Tony's time of illness. Thank you also for the prayers.

**Sam Jacks** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund supporters for the gift he received. Special thanks to Wayne Bates and Sam Boothe.

**William G. "Bucky" Price** greatly appreciates the help he received from the Voluntary Fund and says thanks to all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to it. Special thanks to Fred Curran.

**Kody Lively and Family** say a special thank you to Brother Hendrix and Brother Pilgreen. The gift they received was greatly appreciated during his wife's birthing of their new baby girl in Dallas. Also, a big thank you to Wayne and Jenny Bates, Sam Sandbothe, and everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund.

**Bruce Weeks** appreciates how Local 798 Brother and Sisters stand together in tough and tragic times. He is proud to be part of this Local. Special thanks to Neal Crabtree and Steve Birgy.

**Jerry Minor** wants to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received when his son was in the hospital for open heart surgery. Special thanks to Jerry (Tony) Bond.

**David L. Williams, Jr.** would like to thank all the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help received after the passing of his mother. He is very proud to be a member of an organization that cares so deeply about its fellow members. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Matt Harris, and Cody Dye.

**Bobby Taylor, Sr.** sends his sincere thanks for the generous gift he recently received. He is at home recovering from several surgeries and the money will help with medical expenses. Special thanks to Darrell Turner.

**Kimberly Moore** thanks the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the gift she received. Also, thanks to Don and Chrissy Hawkins, with a special thanks to Rane' Johnson for the help after surgery.

**Monty Samford** once again feels so blessed to be a part of this great working organization. He truly appreciates the financial help during his time of loss.

**Chase Farrell and Sara Weeks** thank Local 798 members from the bottom of their hearts for the support they have received during their time of loss. They give special thanks to Steve Birgy and Neal Crabtree.

**Robert and Lesa Daniel** give special thanks to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The gift they received was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Ronnie Austad, Edson Blaisdell, Anthony "Quinn" Haynes, Wade Pilgreen and Danny Hendrix.

**W. T. (TBone) Hammock** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after his triple bypass. A special thank you to Jonny, Carrol, and Allen Huskey.

**Gary Hall** takes this time to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. The gift he received was an immense help to him with his total knee surgery. Special thanks to Jerry Wilkerson and friends.

**Jeremy Padgett and Family** thank everyone for the kindness and generosity shown to them during Jeremy's recent hospital stay. Your thoughtfulness and support has been greatly appreciated.

**Dusty Sparkman and Family** express their sincere thanks to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Thank you for the love and

support in their time of need. Words cannot express how thankful they are for all that Local 798 has done for them.

**Thomas Buckley and Family** would like to say thank you to all the 798 members who give to the Voluntary Fund. The gift they received was very much appreciated. The love and care from all who reached out at the time of their loss touched them deeply.

**David and Lynn Taylor** say thank you to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received. It was a big help!

**Scott and Brenda Slape** say words of thanks are not sufficient enough to describe how much they appreciate the help they received from the Voluntary Fund.

**Lester Hall and Becky** appreciate the gift they received from the Voluntary Fund after Lester's shoulder surgery. They are very thankful for this Local and the members who contribute to the fund. A special thank you to Bo Johnston, Wade Pilgreen and Danny Hendrix.

Margaret, Candice and Morgan Stipanovic would like to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund, and for the support given through our difficult time with the passing of Waylon Blaise Stipanovic. Special thanks to Price Gregory, Tommy Hardwick, Roy Patrick, Jr., Billy Clendening, Brady Schreibvogel, Joe Hurt, Beau Adrian, Kenny Powell, Adam and Mandi Driver, Carol Matz, Billy Bridges, Freddie Langston, Manuel Rivera, Paul Dodd, Dennis Begay, Bradley Turner, Bruce and Cory Hufferd, and all other 798 and pipeline family in Cusseta, AL, and elsewhere.

**David R. Allen and Family** express their appreciation for the outpouring of condolences and the respect Aaron's co-workers have shown for him. Special thanks to the Billy Hawkins' spread, Frank Carbis and the bending crew, Joe Parish's spread, Paul Davis, and all the caring members who donate to the Voluntary Fund. Aaron's presence will truly be missed.

**Michael and Verlinda Poor** thank all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. The gift will help while Mike is recuperating from shoulder surgery and going through physical therapy. A special thank you goes to Charlie and Joanne McKenzie.

**James Shamblin** would like to thank the membership and officers of Local 798 for the gift he received after his recent surgery. A special thanks to Jim Riddle, Jeff Taylor and Tim Whipkey.

James and Casey Bear thank Marc Brennan and all the 798 Brothers and Sisters who give so graciously every week. The help from The Voluntary Fund was so greatly appreciated when their daughter was hospitalized a few months ago. She has recovered and is acting like a teenager again. They are so proud to belong to such a great organization!

**Kevin Rorer** sends thanks with a grateful heart to the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received in his time of loss.

**Richard Johnson** wants to thank the Voluntary Fund and all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to it. Treva is doing

# In Memoriam

**George H. Franck**, 61-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Orange, TX, passed away June 8, 2017.

**Clifford R. Sparkman**, 75-year-old Retired Welder of Brazoria, TX, passed away June 8, 2017.

**Nathaniel D. Mendoza**, 25-year-old Welder of Lumberton, TX, passed away June 14, 2017.

**Harold L. Woodward**, 73-year-old Retired Welder of Honey Grove, PA, passed away June 17, 2017.

**Jack R. King**, 63-year-old Welder of Monmouth Junction, NJ, passed away June 20, 2017.

**Richard L. Dicandeloro**, 62-year-old Retired Helper of Claremore, OK, passed away June 26, 2017.

**Aaron D. Allen**, 34-year-old Helper of Nacogdoches, TX, passed away July 5, 2017.

**Bobby P. Earnest**, 79-year-old Retired Welder of Huron, TN, passed away July 13, 2017.

**Roger L. Jenkins**, 78-year-old Retired Welder of Coleman, MI, passed away July 15, 2017.

**Neil D. Farnam**, 62-year-old Retired Helper of Robinson, PA, passed away July 19, 2017.

**Jeffrey A. Bergkamp**, 59-year-old Retired Welder of Saginaw, MI, passed away July 26, 2017.

# Retirements

Chester O. Boykin, Sr., Helper, Ada, OK

Larry E. Craft, Welder, Collins, MS

**Steven R. Dulaney**, Journeyman Spacer, Petroleum, WV

Glenn L. Duncan, Helper, Newcomb, NM

Alma F. Gandee, Helper, Gay, WV

Gordon R. Ham, Journeyman Spacer, Glendale, AZ

**Richard D. Hastings**, Journeyman Spacer, Judsonia, AR

Tommy D. Jourden, Welder, Ignacio, CO

Timothy R. Lester, Welder, Bossier City, LA

**Edward K. Philley Jr.**, Journeyman Spacer, Mer Rouge, LA

Robert L. Pugh, Welder, Louin, MS

# Swap & Sell

**2015 Keystone Montana.** 40 ft., 6 slides, fireplace, leather recliner/couch combo, love seat (both couch and love seat make out to queen size beds). Samsung residential fridge, washer/dryer (not a combo unit), automatic leveling system, central vacuum, king size bed in rear bedroom, 2 flat screens, 2 a/c units. Barely used, hasn't been smoked in or any pets. Like brand new. \$49,900. Charlsey Fromme (580) 271-1744.

**2015 SAE 300 HE** with Perkins. 320 hours with remote. \$12,500 or negotiate trade for rebuildable redface. Call Frank Watt (979) 709-8194.

### **Several Items for sale:**

2010 Lincoln Vantage 300. Less than 3,000 Hours. \$6,500

2007 Lincoln 300D. Hour Meter Broken. \$4,500

2001 Lincoln 300D. True Hours Unknown. \$3,500

2006 Miller Pipe Pro 304. 4,350 Hours. \$5,000

1969 Red Face 200 Amp. Original. \$2,500

More Machines Available. Call Tom Shaw at (616) 340-7348. Please text first, because of scams won't answer unknown number.

**Caps by Cindy.** Call (918) 557-1660 for details.

**2008 Dodge Ram 3500** One Ton Welding Truck & Bed. Custom bed, Cummins Diesel, 191,000 miles, white exterior, camel leather interior, fully loaded with navigation. Meticulously maintained. \$35,000. Call Ron (318) 613-4078 mobile, (337) 565-6223 home.

**Chums Leather Work.** Custom leather arm bands, suspenders, belts, holsters, journals, knife scabbards, and much more! Craig Chumley (682) 459-4035. www.chumsleatherwork.net.

**Lightest pancake hood** on the market!! \$90+ shipping. Call Ron (318) 613-4078.

**The Hood Fan ...** it cools and defogs. Easy install. \$33 pp. Contact (801) 634-9063 (if your fan quits try spinning it with air @ 40psi).

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# What you should know...

# To finance with ABFCU

Arkansas Best Federal Credit Union and Local 798 are dedicated to making sure the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 get the absolute best of everything ABFCU has to offer. To do that, IT TAKES ALL OF US. Here are some tips to ensure you continue getting great service and rates from your credit union.

- Payments are due every month, even if you're not on a job
- Update your contact info with us—phone, email, etc.
- Slay in Louch! If you are having trouble we can't help you if we don't know what's going on.
- We need a copy of last year's tax returns to do a loan
- . Title work needs to be completed within 30 days of purchase, with us as lienholder, even if you're in another state
- We need an Insurance Binder and a Declaration Page showing collision and comprehensive coverage from the date of your loan with a
  deductible of \$1000 or less
- You need to become a member of ABFCU before you apply for a loan
- You are not guaranteed a loan, you still must qualify based on your credit history, outstanding debt, etc.
- Savings accounts are available for you to put money back while on a job so a monthly payment can be made when you are not
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