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Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Like many of you, I am also disappointed in the many projects that have been stalled or delayed. ***All the more reason we must continue to be vigilant in our efforts to advocate.*** Sadly, only about 50% of our members are actively engaged on our Action Network. Ironically, that is also about the percentage of man-hours that may be affected on our totals this year. We as an industry and pipeline local have many enemies that would love to destroy our livelihood, and the only way for our united voice to be heard is through the Action Network. It only takes a few minutes when an action appears in your email box or your Facebook feed to take the time to sign it. Those few minutes will help make a lifelong change to your pocketbook, pension, healthcare, and 401(k). If you are not sure how to get started with the Action Network, please take the time to ask someone to help you or go to our website or Facebook page for the information. ***The job you save may very well be yours!***

The good news is that summertime is here and many of our contractors are picking up smaller projects that they have passed on in the last few years. We are even gaining a little ground in Texas, where there is an abundance of work. I don't ever like to negotiate down to compete for market share, but if we choose to do nothing, I'm fairly confident we will receive nothing. For far too long the non-union contractors have kept wages stagnant with no benefits for the people who try to survive. The non-union workers know there is strength in unity, but they have been singled out and ostracized for so long that they are afraid to ask for better wages and conditions, much less demand it. Most, if not all, of these non-union contractor owners live like baron robbers of yesteryear, while most of their hired help try just to make ends meet. I truly hope by pushing hard on the lower tier states that we not only secure work for our members, but bring with us the most productive, highest quality, and safest workforce available to the clients.

Many of the projects that we work on require training and outreach to surrounding tribal nations and their members. Specific clients are asking about the number of 798 members who are also members of federally recognized tribes. If you are registered as a tribal member of a federally recognized tribe, please respond by email to information@local798.org, leaving your name, book number and tribal affiliation. Your personal information will not be shared with others; only the total number of tribal members will be shared.

I want to assure you that I believe our work outlook is still robust, but we should all recognize that 11 or 12 million man-hours every year is just not reality. There is an enormous amount of pipeline infrastructure to be built in the next three to four years, and we will continue to partner with the clients to ensure we get our piece of the pie. As always, I am proud to say, ***"I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."***

Fraternally,

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Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager



Financial Secretary - Treasurer's Report

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this report finds each of you healthy and in good spirits. This year has obviously started out much slower than the last two. Through the month of May, we are well behind 2017 and 2018 man-hours, but we are still ahead of 2015 and 2016, which ended up being 6.8 million and 7.5 million man-hour years. The delays and postponements of several of our larger projects have definitely reshaped what we thought might be the biggest year we've ever had. The good news is, we are starting to see a lot of job notifications roll in. These are mostly small and mid-sized projects that aren't as out front and in the news like the ACP, Keystone XL, and the Line 3 Replacement. These types of jobs don't typically see the permit issues and protests that the larger scale projects do, which is a good thing for us. Also, the Mountain Valley Pipeline spreads are getting manned up, with much more work there to be done.

We are also starting to pick up some work in Texas and out in the western states. We must get our presence back in these areas, and to do that, we've put together a reduced wage package to try to be able to compete in these markets. Keep in mind that if you have a chance to work on these jobs, at less than high scale wages, you can work up to 600 hours before losing your spot on the Out-of-Work List. Recently, with 1,800 Helpers on the Out-of-Work List, a Helper job went unfilled in North Dakota. This particular job's wage rate was at 90% of high scale and projected to last five weeks. I hear from members from time to time that say, "we sold too many books the last couple of years." When jobs go unfilled, we still have an obligation to man the work. We have no choice in this matter. The last thing we'd ever want to do is sell books to more people than the work can sustain. That is exactly why we don't just sell books, and instead, the only way to gain membership to Local 798 is when a job goes unfilled by current members. At that point, we may send a non-member out to man the work. It's then up to that person to decide if they want to become a member. Some do, and some decide after that one job that this type of work is not for them, they never follow through and do not end up becoming a Local 798 member. As we all know, the work outlook can change in an instant. With the work starting out slower this year, it is totally understandable to choose wisely on what jobs you apply for. I just wanted to point out that you may be able to work a shorter job, keep your spot on the Out-of-Work List, and no books would need to be sold.

If you are a Local 798 member working for a non-signatory pipeline contractor, there's a good chance you are going to be caught. Once you are, you will go before the Executive Board and face expulsion from Local 798. If you think you won't be caught, think again. The non-union guys you are working with are all too willing to call and report you. I get these calls from time to time, and we always follow up. It turns out that the non-union Welders do not like that a Local 798 member, who gets the higher wages, pension, healthcare, and 401(k), wants to come and take their work between good union jobs. I've talked to several of these non-union Welders lately, and they feel like you are stealing from them and from Local 798, and I tend to agree. If you want to work for non-signatory contractors, do the right thing and send in your book along with a letter of resignation.

Building Trades work has been plentiful lately, with some long projects that are paying a good wage and fringe package. It's not pipeline work, but you can keep the cash flow going while extending your insurance coverage and building on pension credits. Contact the Local 798 Dispatch Office for assistance with this. One thing to remember when working out of a Building Trades local, is that while they do reciprocate your benefits to PIBF, they are not as timely as when you are working under the National Pipeline Agreement. It is generally around two months from the time you start working before benefits show up at PIBF. You can make a call to PIBF anytime to check the status of this.

FERC recently released a favorable environmental assessment review of the Buckeye XPress Project. This is great news, but there is always the possible need to put up future actions to keep this project going in the right direction. This job will consist of approximately 64 miles of 36" for TransCanada's Columbia Gas System that will put many of our members to work. Thank you to all who advocated for this project by signing the petition. This is what it takes to secure these projects. Nobody advocates better than Local 798 members and their family of supporters. This is the kind of thing that separates us from the unorganized. Thanks again.

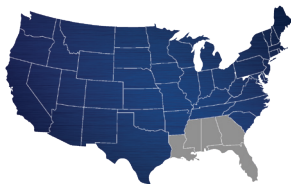
If there is ever anything that I can help you with, please don't hesitate to call on me. *As always, I am proud to serve the membership of Pipeliners Local Union 798.*

Fraternally,

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Justin Wallace
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

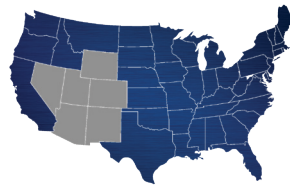
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Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.



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Justin Head

Since my last report, I have been spending a lot of hours on the phone. I did have the opportunity to visit with all the hands on the Price Gregory job in Alabama and attend a town hall meeting in Lake Providence, Louisiana. After visiting with representatives from TransCanada at the town hall meeting, I am hopeful that the three proposed compressor stations in Louisiana could go union. Although work is still very slow in my jurisdiction, projected work is still very promising.

Please remember that there is still plenty of Building Trades work out there to keep a person busy, just pick up the phone and call Dispatch. Although work has been a little slow getting started, there is ABSOLUTELY no reason whatsoever to take a non-union job.

I hate to talk politics, but as you all know, the politicians are always trying to dictate a lot of the aspects of our work. That is why it is very important to take advantage and participate in our Action Network. It is part of your obligation as a Local 798 member to advocate for our profession! This past month I had an opportunity to meet with a gubernatorial candidate from Louisiana. One of the main questions I had for him was, "Where do you stand when it comes to the oil and gas industry?" We need to be asking candidates these types of questions. Make sure the candidate that you vote for has your/our best interest in mind. We must stand strong, speak loudly, be proactive, and help protect the work we do across these United States.

In closing, remember that I am always available and here to serve you, so do not hesitate to give me a call on my cell, (918) 991-5341. I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Independence Day. May God bless every one of you, and God bless this great Local.

Pre-Jobs:

Double D Construction:

- Tusculumbia, AL. Emergency replacement of a valve for American Mid stream. Superintendent: Jimmy Davis, Jr. Approx. completion: 6-2-19.

Brothers and Sisters, hopefully by the time you read this report, some of the bigger jobs in my jurisdiction will be starting to man up. The 36-inch in Colorado should be in full swing sometime in July. Our new contractor, Q&D Construction, is also making headway and has been successful in securing work in Nevada for NV Energy. They have also been looking at work in Colorado and Wyoming. As I wrote in my last report, these smaller contractors are crucial in securing the market of small diameter pipeline and maintenance work. A lot of my work this year has been maintenance and integrity work, a 10% cut seems like a lot, but when you are not taxed as much, the money difference isn't substantial.

Briefly, I would like to touch on the Market Recovery Strategy. The Hanging H jobs in Colorado fall under that, and I believe there is a good chance I may start seeing more jobs that may be candidates for Market Recovery. Williams has several projects in Colorado that we have not been able to compete on, and I hope that we can edge our way back in and show the gas companies what we are capable of doing. Right now, we do not have control of the market out west, like in other areas of the country. The idea is for our contractors to get in, do a great job, and have a better chance of securing more work. Once we have some kind of stronghold in an area, I hope to see the wages come back up. Everyone must be vigilant in showing what 798 has to offer these gas companies. We cannot expect to make more money and not be the best in the industry.

In closing, I have still been diligent in the organizing department. If you see something that needs to be addressed in my area or know someone working for a non-union contractor that may be able to help sign them, don't hesitate to call me. I will follow most leads if it can create work for the membership. As always, Work Safe and Work Union.

Pre-Jobs:

InterCon Construction:

- Glen Rock, WY. 35 miles of 12", Special Agreement paying 90% Rates. Welder Foreman: Patrick Kingsland. Superintendent: Brandon Duffy.

Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-31-19.

Q&D Construction:

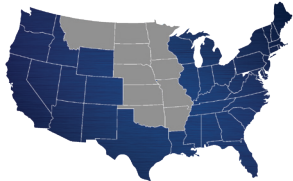
- Reno, NV. Blanket Maintenance and Integrity work for NV Energy. Welder Foreman: Tim Oney. Superintendent: Brian Graham. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 12-1-19.

Hanging H:

- Rifle, CO. 2.4 miles of 14" replacement. Welder Foreman: Edward Gumpert. Superintendent: Rick Melroy. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-15-19.

Snelson Companies:

- Henderson, CO. Blanket Maintenance and Integrity work for Excel Energy. Welder Foreman: James Hendricks. Superintendent: Keith Maxwell. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 12-31-19.



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Phillip Wallace



The 2019 work season in my area is strictly Integrity Maintenance work. The big projects are still fighting for permits. The Enbridge Line 3 and the TransCanada Keystone XL are still alive for construction for the near future. Companies such as Enbridge and TransCanada that bring fossil fuel energy into America from our Canadian allies are the main targets for environmental groups that fight fossil fuel energy. Most of these well-funded groups are very well organized, and most of their representatives I see at the public meetings don't even know that this country has used Canadian crude for the last 50 to 60 years.

As of March 31, 2019, Local 798 had 6,549 active members and 1,492 retired members, that's a little over 8,000 members. We currently only have 58% of the membership taking action by using the Action Network to sign petitions and send letters to the government agencies and politicians that take your jobs away from you and your family by stopping permits on these big projects. The members are stepping up and doing a great job, but we need every member and every family member on board because the opposition has 100% participation and are very passionate against our industry. It's easy to do once you get registered with the Action Network. All you have to do when you get the email or text is to push three buttons. Read the message, push the "take action" button, then push the autofill button. And last, push the signature button, and you're done. If you don't want to take the time to do this to fight for your future job, you must not need a job.

Please get involved; your future job does depend on it. United We Stand, Divided We Fall.

Pre-Jobs:

Charps:

- Southerland, NE. Integrity Digs for Enbridge. Welder Foreman: Chris Olson. Job Steward: Brian McElhane. Approx. completion: 4 months.

Geeding Construction:

- Troy, MI. 30" Fabrication and Install for TransCanada. Spreadman: Greg Geeding. Welder Foreman: Luke Hahn. Job Steward: Todd Rogers. Approx. completion: 2 months.

InterCon:

- Thief River Falls, MN. Integrity Digs for Enbridge. Spreadman: Matt Ruskosky. Welder Foreman: Russ Messer (LU 601). Job Steward: Troy Richoux. Approx. completion: 6 months.

- Rochester, MN. 12,000' of 12" for MERC. Spreadman: Aaron Zila. Welder Foreman: Mike Johnson (LU 539). Job Steward: Clyde Smith, Jr. Approx. completion: 10 weeks.
- Big Lake, MN. TBS Modifications for NNG. Spreadman: Greg Linous. Job Steward: Luke Bottelson. Approx. completion: 2 months.

KS Energy Services:

- Albert Lea, MN. 3.2 miles of 36" for NNG. Spreadman: Art Gavlock. Welder Foreman: Fred Calvert. Pipeman: Chris Miller. Job Steward: Blake McAnelly. Approx. completion: 2 months.

Michels:

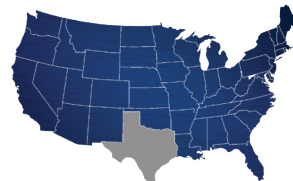
- Faribault, MN. Station Modifications for NNG. Spreadman: Michael Schmidt. Welder Foreman: Derrick Strong. Job Steward: Steve Garness. Approx. completion: 3 months.
- Lakeville, MN. Integrity Digs for NNG. Spreadman: Brody Scholz. Welder Foreman: Jeff Wolter (LU 601). Job Steward: Zack Galley. Approx. completion: 2 months.
- Stewartville, MN. 12.2 miles of 12" for NNG. Spreadman: Lee Allen. Welder Foreman: Richard Stout. Pipeman: Cody Raleigh. Job Steward: Chuck Seale. Approx. completion: 3 months.
- Lincoln, NE. 5 miles of 16" & 8.5 miles of 12" for Black Hills Energy. Spreadman: Mike Reed. Welder Foreman: Mark Usery. Job Steward: Martin Griffith. Approx. completion: 6 months.

Minnesota Limited:

- New Prague, MN. 1.06 miles of 6", 4.31 Miles of 8", 3.07 miles of 24" for NNG. Spreadman: Dusty Schaaf. Welder Foreman: Eric Haskins. Job Steward: Tracy Lester. Approx. completion: 5 months.
- Watford City, ND. Blanket Work for Kinder Morgan & Hess. Spreadman: Dustin Adams. Welder Foreman: Ryan Schwartz. Job Steward: Todd Hartle. Approx. completion: 5 months.
- Berthold, ND. Blanket Work for Enbridge, Hess & Aux Sable. Spreadman: Chuck Wymore, Welder Foreman: Pete Dremmel. Job Steward: Kurt Quam. Approx. completion: 5 months.

Q3 Contracting:

- Grand Forks, ND. 13,300' of 6" Reg Station, Launcher & Receiver fab and install for Xcel Energy. Spreadman: Andrew Jeske. Welder Foreman: Les Bardwell. Job Steward: Donavon Quam. Approx. completion: 4 months.



TX
918-633-3435

Black Schroeder



We are finally starting to pick up some of the work in Texas. An abundance of cheap labor has been a lingering problem in this state for quite a while. In an effort to try to gain a portion of our market share, the UA and PLCA have developed a Market Recovery Strategy to try to make our fair contractors competitive in this cheap southern pipeline market. There has been a lot of work across Texas for several years, and there is a lot more to come. Several large diameter and lengthy projects that have already been bid have gone non-union. Kinder Morgan let the Permian Highway Pipeline, 430 miles of 42" from Waha to Katy go non-union. Plains All American/Exxon Mobil let the Wink to Webster Pipeline, 650 miles of 36" from Wink to Baytown, Texas City, and Beaumont, also non-union. Both projects were bid under the Market Recovery Strategy. An astronomical amount of work is still being bid by our fair contractors, with the majority to be constructed next year. As we start getting this work, everyone should know what it takes to keep it. We must maintain our quality, productivity, and everyone needs to show up every day with a positive attitude. If we can accomplish that, I truly feel that we will be successful in the

future.

If you are one of the members that received charge papers in the mail for working non-union, and you want to prove your innocence, go to the Social Security Office or online and get your statements for the past couple of years. The statements will identify every contractor for whom you worked.

If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me at (918) 633-3435. Never forget we are and always will be **"THE BEST OF THE BEST."**

Pre-Jobs:

Hanging H:

- Denver City, TX. Integrity Management & Maintenance Work for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Bob Angelocci. Welder Foreman: Cody Haynes. Working 6-10s. Mainline rates. Approx. completion 9-23-19.

Michels Pipeline:

- Midland, TX. Anomaly Digs for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Travis Novack. Welder Foreman: Brian Straight. Mainline rates. This job is complete.

Precision Pipeline:

- CRC Houston, TX. Run procedures for Enbridge (Line 3 Replacement). Welder Foreman: Jimmy Dick. Mainline rates. This job is complete.

RMS Welding Systems:

- San Diego, TX. Supply Automatic Welding equipment for MPG, Epic Pipeline. Welder Foreman: James Doherty. Working 6-10s, Mainline Rates. Approx. completion 10-31-19.
- Kermit, TX. Double Joint 70 miles of 30" pipe for Exxon Mobil. Superintendent: Matt Steel. Welder Foreman: Robert Pugh. Working 6-10s. Mainline rates. Approx. completion 7-1-19.

Rockford Corporation:

- Donie, TX. 19.7 miles of 42" Mainline for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dickey Langston. Welder Foreman: Rodney Talbott. Working 6-10s. Market Recovery Project. Approx. completion 8-3-19.

Price Gregory International:

- Wink, TX. 65.69 miles of 30" Mainline for Exxon Mobil. Superintendent: Terry McDaniel. Welder Foreman: Billy Burns. Working 6-10s. Mainline rates. Approx. completion 10-21-19.



IN, MI, OH
918-270-6746

Charles Yates, Jr.



Pipeline construction activities have seen a slow first quarter for 2019 with many projects being pushed back because of permitting issues, but it seems the work may be picking up a bit. Since my last report, I have held 24 pre-jobs that included mostly integrity maintenance projects, and the Price Gregory work in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for SEMCO Energy. Currently, we are watching the Buckeye XPress progress, which is anticipated to start the first quarter of 2020. This Southern Ohio project received the initial FERC approval and is now in the appeal stage. Please follow along on the Action Network. Tell FERC you support both the Buckeye XPress Project and Enbridge's Line 5 in Michigan by signing the petitions at www.action.local798.org.

Always keep in mind that how we conduct ourselves on and off the ROW is a reflection of not only ourselves but our Local Union. Being prepared, no absenteeism, using the chain of command, following the agreement, and maintaining our working conditions are all part of a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. Unfortunately, we still have members who think they can cross over to the non-union side of the fence. I have been out investigating and identifying some who are working on non-union pipeline projects. It seems the Interstate 70 corridor in Eastern Ohio is a hotspot. If you are one of these members who think you can get away with working non-union, don't be

surprised if you receive official charges filed against you for these offenses. I appreciate all the assistance from my Brothers and Sisters who have helped confirm these violations.

I have several trips scheduled for June and July job visits. Until then, keep up the good work and make the right name for yourself. You decide what will be said of your reputation. As always if I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call me.

Pre-jobs:

Big Inch Fabricators and Construction, Inc.:

- Indianapolis, IN. 3 tee replacements 30" and 24" for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline. Superintendent: Chris Elliott. Welder Foreman: Layne Richard. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Concord, MI. 1-12" anomaly and 4" meter station for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline. Superintendent: Chris Elliott. Welder Foreman: Layne Richard. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-14-19.

Foltz Welding:

- Hamilton County, IN. Isolate and hydrotest 10.6 miles of 24" pipeline for ETC Panhandle Eastern Pipeline. Superintendent: Scott Schoonover. Welder Foreman: Levi Tolka. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-3-19.

Henkels & McCoy:

- Toledo, OH. Maintenance services, fabrication, anomaly investigation and miscellaneous repairs in various locations and pipe sizes in OH, MI, and PA for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Jeff Karsten. Welder Foreman: Gary Mullin. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-19.
- Lucas, OH. OH class change project, hydrotest approximately 1.8 miles of 20" for TransCanada Corp. Superintendent: David Csepegi. Welder Foreman: Timothy Hathaway. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-3-19.

InfraSource Construction:

- Harrison, OH. Facility modifications with multiple diameters in Hamilton County, OH for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Calvin Fuller. Welder Foreman: Brian Graham. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-15-19.

Latex Construction:

- Elyria, OH. Drain tile repair and replacement of approximately 14 miles of ROW for Nexus Gas. Superintendent: Cotton Jordan. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-31-19.

LMC Industrial Contractors:

- Hanoverton, OH. 30" and 20" hot tap and bridle piping for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Randy Vermeulen. Welder Foreman: Mike Trevett. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 6-21-19.

Meade:

- Xenia, OH. Install small station with approximately 150' of 4" and 50' of 6" and 7 miles of 20" hydro test for Vectren. Superintendent: John Karlson. Welder Foreman: Troy Allen. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-15-19.
- Warsaw, IN. 2,235' of 20" and replacement of 8 ditch crossings, replacement of 15 elbows/bends, upgrade 4 regulator stations for NIPSCO. Superintendent: John Karlson. Welder Foreman: Jason Spurgeon. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-15-19.

Michels Pipeline:

- Ispeming, MI. Receiver removal project for Northern Natural. Superintendent: Scott Battisti. Welder Foreman: Johnny Gardner. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-12-19.

Mid-Western Contractors:

- Huron, OH. 2"-12" station work, regulation runs, maintenance of existing facilities, and tie-ins to existing pipelines for NiSource. Superintendent: Martin Ankenbruck. Welder Foreman: Michael Kortkamp. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-5-19.

Minnesota Limited:

- Detroit, MI. Detroit River crossing HDD 16" through 24" casing welds in Wayne County, MI for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Duane Carlson. Welder Foreman: Eric Haskins. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Wellsville, OH. 1,650' of 20" pipeline, launcher/receiver, M & R station for Burns and McDonnell. Superintendent: Aaron Shrontz. Welder Foreman: Matt Delik. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-26-19.
- West Lafayette, IN. Integrity repair on 16" pipeline, remove and replace 8 filter/regulator sets, install one stopple and 2 gage risers for Vectren. Superintendent: Tommy Alexander. Welder Foreman: Robert Turner. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-20-19.

NPL Construction Company:

- Decatur, IN. 12" and 16" station, replace heater and odorant tank for NIPSCO. Superintendent: Nick Sturwold. Welder Foreman: Mark Antczak. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 6-13-19.

PJ Steel:

- Reed City, MI. 16"/12"/14" install pig trap and future odorizer piping for DTE Gas. Superintendent: George Lewis. Welder Foreman: Jason Carlson. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 6-24-19.

Price Gregory International:

- Marquette, MI. 36 miles of 20" and 6.8 miles of 10" with fabrication for SEMCO Energy. Superintendent: Todd Burleson. Welder Foreman: Jeremy Padgett. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-1-19.

Union Pipeline Incorporated:

- Cadiz, OH. 9,012' of 12" new lay in Jefferson County, OH for Mark West. Superintendent: Perry Rogers. Welder Foreman: Eric Raymond. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 7-1-19.

United Piping Incorporated:

- Mt. Pleasant, MI. Two locations- cut-out and replace 120' of 16" in Oakland County, MI and 120' of cut-out and tie-in to existing 12", run 100' of 2" in Bay County, MI for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jim Mitchell. Welder Foreman: Torey Maki. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Dillonnvale, OH. Install pipe support beams at the TEAL compressor station for Enbridge. Superintendent: Bob Humphrey. Welder Foreman: George Houston. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-30-19.

VEC:

- Hubbard, OH. 1"- 4" fabrication of a 2" regulator system for TransCanada. Superintendent: Sean Wilster. Welder Foreman: Jeffery B. Mooney. Working 5-10s. Job complete.



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David Butterworth



I will start by giving an update on MVP and ACP. I currently have eight of nine MVP spreads pre-jobbed. Spread G in Blacksburg, Virginia, has not yet pre-jobbed and looks to be the last to do so. Hiring on the MVP has been a slow process, and the client has a major say about when to hire and how many to hire. Over the last couple of years, we became accustomed to having full employment, and work was more than plentiful. This year has been different.

ACP was supposed to be going on right now as we speak. The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, heard both sides of the argument regarding the reexamination of the U.S. Forest Service, Appalachian Trail Crossing and Fish and Wildlife permits on May 9. Hopefully, the Fourth Circuit Court will agree that the permits have now been studied enough to satisfy their concerns about the permits being rushed in the beginning. There could be a Fourth Circuit Court ACP ruling in August.

In the meantime, we are fortunate to have sister locals reaching out to us while we are waiting on permits. There is plenty of Building Trades work available to Welders, Journeymen and occasionally Helpers if a member is willing to work it. Things are different on the Building Trades side, but sometimes in life, we must do things that we don't necessarily want to do to feed our family. I feel that we are blessed to have this type of work. I received calls all winter from members asking about the work and didn't have any work to speak of. At least we currently have an alternative that provides good wages, pension hours, healthcare and sure as hell beats working non-union.

We have to stop and think about the big picture sometimes. Union membership is not all about you and serving your personal needs. At times we

must do what's good for the whole. If you are working non-union with a book in your pocket, you are hurting the whole by making the competition better. I had a couple of folks recently call me to ask what they needed to do to resign their book. I hate calls like this, but I'd much rather get a resignation call than I would get a call that lets me know someone is sneaking around working non-union. Those that built this Local were off work for long periods, and some lost everything, but ask them if they ever considered working non-union and many will say it never entered their mind. That type of dedication and selflessness has kept this Local going and will continue to keep the Local going for many years to come. If we ever lose our dedication, principles, and strong work ethic, we could fail as a Local. It's up to us to do the right thing now and in the future.

Pre-Jobs:

Clearwater Construction:

- Glen Dale, WV. 3,000' of 12" new lay. Superintendent: Jason Bowe. Welder Foreman: Charlie Beddingfield. Mainline rates with Special Agreement fringes. Working 5-10s.

Contractors Rental Corp.:

- Huntington, WV. 30" and 8" Integrity Maintenance hydro testing. Superintendent: Tyler Gandee. Welder Foreman: Westlee White (LU 601). Mainline rates. Working 5-10s and an 8.
- Hanover, WV. 24" and 20" launcher and receiver install. Superintendent: Chris Card. Welder Foreman: Dave Gainer. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s and an 8.

Henkels & McCoy:

- Fayetteville, PA. 20" Integrity Management, hydro and replace. Superintendent: Andrew Durkin. Welder Foreman: Jamie Hankins. Integrity Rates. Working 6-10s.

MAC Industrial Services:

- Framingham, MA. 3,000' of 24" take-up and re-lay. Superintendent: Shane Davis. Welder Foreman: Scott Hunderman. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.

Michels Pipeline:

- Hollidaysburg, PA. 16" new lay, HDD support, tie-ins. Superintendent: Ryan Dehn. Welder Foreman: Mike Guillory. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Wind Ridge, PA. Approx. 35,500' of 16" and 24" steel; 35,000' of 18" HDPE; 16" and 24" launchers and receivers. Superintendent: Mike Ford. Welder Foreman: Shannon Jackson. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Precision:

- Covington, PA. Additional 1,873' of 8"; 8,002' of 10"; 9 miles of 12" and 10.5 miles of 8" FlexSteel. Superintendent: Homer Dale Wix. Welder Foreman: Andy Davis. Mainline rates with Special Agreement fringes. Working 6-10s.
- Elliston, VA. 19.3 miles of 42" for MVP (Spread H). Superintendent: Chad Thompson. Welder Foreman: Stephen Morris. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Rockford:

- Montrose, PA. 14.5 miles of 10", 12" and 16" steel pipeline. Superintendent: Kevlin Shaw. Welder Foreman: Jesse Davis. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Price Gregory:

- Mt. Hope, WV. 17.3 miles of 42" for MVP (Spread E). Superintendent: Greg Newcomb. Welder Foreman: Joe Gaines. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Yorktown Heights, NY. Approx. 4,500' of 26" take-up and 42" re-lay. Superintendent: Buck Hines. Welder Foreman: Jerry Haynes. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Cumberland, MD. 6.4 miles of 12" new lay. Superintendent: Jack Burch. Welder Foreman: Steve Yates. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Schmid Pipeline:

- Brownsville, PA. 3.7 miles of 30" new-lay. Superintendent: Lonnie Skadsem. Welder Foreman: Gary Weems. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.



KY, NC, SC, TN
918-270-6735



Chris Lancaster

I am writing this report while in North Carolina; I have been traveling through the Rocky Mount and Stokesdale area. Troy Construction is doing a lot of work in the area, and it is disappointing to me that we have had members working for this non-signatory contractor. I understand the work is slower than usual, but the Building Trades need Welders in several states where you could be working instead of working rat. If you plan on working non-union, you should do the right thing and mail your book to the 798 Office with a resignation letter. By working for these non-union contractors, you are helping them be more competitive against our fair contractors. We have been very blessed over the past several years. Now that we are having a somewhat slower year, it is not a reason for you to break your oath of obligation by crossing back over to the dark side. The work outlook is extremely good over the next several years, so if you are considering going back to the non-union side, you should think about your future. I may not find all of you, but I will be looking.

The work in my area is still progressing. Price Gregory has picked up two jobs for Piedmont, one is approximately 20 miles of 12-inch and another, in the Fayetteville area, is approximately 30 miles of 12-inch. There is also 20 miles of 24-inch in the Charlotte area that has yet to be awarded, but it looks like it's going to go to a union contractor. There are several maintenance and smaller jobs yet to go as well. We are also picking up several jobs in Kentucky. It's looking like it will be a good year even though the bigger projects may not go until 2020.

Just keep in mind, 798 has been good to all of us, so stay strong and most of all, stay Union!

Pre-Jobs:

B&G Pipeline:

- Conway, SC. 28,250' of 12". Welder Foreman: Jeremiah Bennett. Superintendent: Samuel Wilson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-1-19.
- Mooresville, NC. Maintenance work. Welder Foreman: Nathan Ferguson. Superintendent: Tim Himschoot. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-31-19.

Contractors Rental:

- Ashland, KY. 12" Launchers/Receivers. Welder Foreman: Trent Dickess. Superintendent: Jimmy Badgett. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-30-19.

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ORGANIZING Report

By Ronnie Hill

918-284-6862

I am writing this report while on the road across West Texas and New Mexico; I hope this finds everyone doing well.

The work has been slow getting started this year, mostly due to the efforts of radical environmentalists. We must always make a better case for our jobs than they do for their exaggerated agenda. Pipelines remain the safest mode of transportation of product compared to anything else. These people know that, but it's not just pipelines that they wish to destroy, but the oil and gas industry as a whole and our livelihood in the process.

The good news is that there are plenty of Building Trades jobs that we can man. There are many sister local unions needing Welders and Fitters right now, and they are struggling to man their work. These are good paying union jobs with benefits. Although they aren't pipeline jobs, they pay the bills and add to your healthcare and retirement. We also need to help our sister local unions provide experienced craftsmen to their fair contractors. I would encourage everyone to get an OSHA 10 and UA Certifications. These are things that will help you get to work much easier and will certainly benefit you. I have personally worked Building Trades jobs in the past and always made money. So, if you're looking to get on the payroll, contact your Business Agent or the Dispatch Office. They can help you get out.

We have picked up a few good jobs in Texas; this is encouraging considering the number of non-union contractors there are to compete against. It's hard for our fair contractors to bid a job competitively when you have so many people in a specific area willing to work for wages that are far below the average, without benefits, and in substandard working conditions.

The very worst thing a union member can do is work for a non-union contractor. These companies are the reason we lose work. If a skilled union member works for them in any capacity, they are going against

everything that we stand for and believe in. The Constitution clearly states that if a union member works for a non-signatory contractor that performs any type of UA work, they are subject to internal charges. If a person has any doubt, contact a Local 798 Organizer or Business Agent in your area to make sure before you go. There is NEVER an excuse to be working for these rat contractors, especially with all the Building Trades work going on. If you are contacted by a non-union company about work or know of any members working for them, please let us know.

If I can be of any help to anyone in any way, please don't hesitate to call. Also, if you have any information that can help us in any form, please call.

Fraternally,
Ronnie M. Hill



Three Generations of Local 798 Welders

Richard Crowden was initiated on January 18, 1973. His daughter, Metzi Crowden was initiated June 1, 1999. Her son, Dakota Crowden was initiated June 29, 2013. Both his daughter and grandson graduated from our welding school.



DISPATCH Report

By Ricky Jones

1504 Helpers

1229 Welders

164 Journeymen

The pipeline hours are slower than in 2017 and 2018, but we are still ahead of 2015 and 2016, so work is not quite as slow as it may seem. We are not having a record year as we have had previously (that goal is unreasonable), but work is picking up. We have already needed to PPC-11 a nonbook to an Intermediate job in the Dakotas. It paid over \$20 an hour and spanned about four weeks of work. No matter how low the wage or short the job, we must be willing to man the work. Having to refer to PPC-11 is another Helper added to the ranks of our membership. If we do not step up and man all the work, the ranks grow, and it will keep growing until it is harder and harder to get a job.

Another thing, we have people say they want something longer than what we have available. The years when we have six-month assignments in abundance are not the norm. Jobs in the 8 to the 12-week range is typical for great jobs. We have members who have stepped up and taken these 8 to 10-week jobs and will be moving on to other jobs when they complete the ones they are already on. By the time they complete the job, there will not be as many members on the wheel, and they will get back out quickly.

Here in the Dispatch Office, we have placed a much higher priority on seeking Building Trades work for the entire membership. Building Trades jobs may not be as prosperous as pipeline work; however, our Brother and Sister locals consider it just as honorable to provide skilled labor that competes with the non-union element. We are working for a fair wage and receiving benefits that help to increase our health care and pension. Building Trades do not deal with per diem as we do. Their work assumes they are coming from their homes in the area. As nomadic travelers, we are fully aware of the cost of travel. When our Brother and Sister locals can, they do negotiate per diem, but not often. I would say roughly 10% of Building Trade jobs pay per diem. That is just the way it is for now. If you choose to work Building Trades, you need to remember we are guests in their field. If you do not like the money or any part of the conditions, DO NOT GO! No one

is begging or forcing you. If you cannot maintain a respectful silence at attempting to compare their conditions or pay package to ours, DO NOT GO! It is like comparing apples to oranges, not to mention being very rude. These men and women are no different than us. They are doing the best they can to provide for their families in a fashion that is honorable.

From late December to present, we have gotten members out on Building Trades work in the following states: Montana, South Dakota, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, and several locals in Texas. Also, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, New York, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, as well as Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maine. The scale ranges from \$29 in the South to \$53 in the North in a few areas. Right now, the majority is between \$35 and \$40, not just for Welders but Pipefitters and Helpers as well. It is harder to get Helpers out. When other locals have Apprentices that are working at a scale lower than Journeymen, they cannot bring our Helpers in and pay them more unless our Helper has UA Welding Certs. However, they sometimes make exceptions and take Helpers when they have an outstanding manpower shortage for a shutdown. Then we are ready to send our Helper members out to work.

We have hundreds of members working on Building Trades jobs that are at the bottom of the wheel waiting to come up. I am sure that we will begin to fall off as our work continues to pick up. But when it goes the other way, do not wait until you are broke to start seeking employment through another local. If you have UA Certifications, keep them caught up. Get your hand in early. Anyone that can uphill stick heli-arc weld and run stainless steel is not unemployed for very long unless they want to be home.

Let me close this portion by letting everyone know that we have launched a section on our web page that gives you information on obtaining Building Trades work. You can find it in the menu under the Dispatch tab. Several times I have written about Building Trades and what you need to do. Everyone should obtain an OSHA 10 card or better. If you call Dispatch and have your OSHA card, be ready to go to work. If you take a Building Trades job from this office and do not show up, charges could be filed for breaking the oath. If you say that you want the job, keep your word. There is someone who wants and needs that job. You are directly insulting another Local by not showing up. If you don't show up, that Local can assume that most 798 members don't keep their word, and as a result, they do not offer us anymore work. Also, we cannot show up and work a week or two and then drag up. Five to six weeks is acceptable. If you have enough honor to say you want the job, have enough to let them know when you leave and thank them for the opportunity.

Moving on, I need to touch on DOT Drug Testing. We are experiencing fewer problems with the contractor with these rules than we have in the past. I want to let the membership know that the staff doing the collection have Federal guidelines for every part of the process. They have defined boundaries, and once those boundaries are crossed, they must follow the steps laid out in the DOT guidelines.

When you report to the designated collection area, you may be asked for a sample immediately. Showing up hydrated on test day is advised. If you do not believe you will be able to produce the amount needed (1.52 fluid ounces), you may be asked to drink up to 40 ounces of water or any other liquid you may choose. You are now on the clock and must produce the amount needed in less than three hours. Be prepared if your temperature is out of range 90-100 °F or 32-38 °C. They will then ask for an observed sample. Once you place the sample in the cup, get it to the collector as soon as possible. It must be read in less than four minutes. If you attempt and do not produce enough on the first try, they can now insist on an observed test. Also, if they think it has been tampered with, they can ask for it to be observed. If the lab says it is inconclusive, they can demand an observed test. If you are still doing your follow-up drug testing for return to duty from previous failure to comply, it must be observed. If you are confrontational, they can demand an observed.

What is observed? Someone of the same sex as the employee will go with you to a private area where there are toilet facilities that comply with DOT collection. The observer does not have to be a collector. They will ask you to drop your pants to your knees and raise your shirt or skirt above your waist, then turn in a circle so the observer can tell you have nothing hidden. Then you must urinate into the cup while the observer is in a position where they can see the urine travel from your body to the cup. Once you have captured the adequate amount, place the lid on the sample and get it to the collector. They must check the temperature in less than four minutes. The observer will never touch the cup or handle it.

If you think something is wrong, you may call your Job Steward, Business Agent or Dispatch, but DO NOT LEAVE THE TEST AREA! Do not get angry and leave, calm yourself, and do what you need to do to keep your job. Once you leave that area, it is a failure to comply, and there is nearly nothing we can do at that point. Since this is sensitive and private information, we will ask you to sign a document giving us authority to see your records and represent you.

Well, this is the most extensive report I have written. I hope what I have said here will help you find good union work and help you keep your job. Be safe out there going and coming. If you need us, call us at (918) 610-2761. If you call for a job, be ready to go.

2018-2019 Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Recipients

The Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program is pleased to announce the following winners. These students successfully completed the scholarship program requirements and were selected as the highest-ranking applicants. The recipients were chosen by an independent evaluator that scored the applicants according to factors such as their grade point average, the difficulty level of their academic program, the strength of their recommendation letters, and the overall assessment of their essay.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients, and to all of our candidates who are expanding their opportunities through the pursuit of higher education. Thanks also go to our contributors to the Voluntary Fund who have made this program possible.



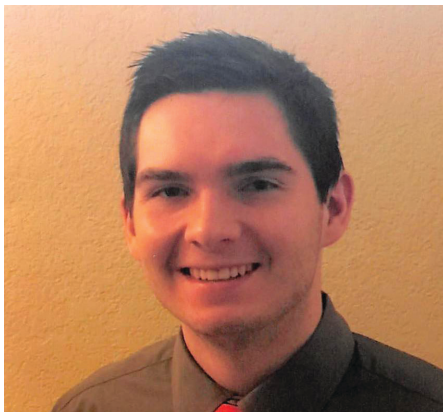
Jacob Bieri-Brintnall

HARRY H. FAUCETT, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Jacob Bieri-Brintnall resides in a small northern Michigan town with his parents, Kathleen Bieri and Bob Brintnall, both of whom are teachers, and his twin brother. Jacob's grandfather, Stanley Bieri, was a Welder member of Pipeliners Local 798 for over 64 years until his passing in 2016. He will be transferring from Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) to Michigan Technological University this summer where his major is Chemical Engineering. In the next 3 to 4 years, he plans to gain his bachelor's degree and then a master's degree.

Jacob has always had a love of science and learning, and that manifested from a young age in school. He attended a pre-engineering program in high school; as well as, being dual enrolled in college classes at NMC. He graduated as Valedictorian of his class; was on the Dean's List; and participated in Varsity Track, the National Honor Society, and the National Technical Honor Society. While studying at NMC, Jacob was the Vice President of Scholarship for his chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, made the Dean's List every semester (4.0 GPA), and worked as a tutor in the math center.

After graduating from Michigan Technological University, Jacob hopes to work in Michigan so he can remain close to his family.



Aidan Dartlon

Aidan Dartlon is from Davenport, Oklahoma, and is the son of Welder member, David Dartlon. He is currently a sophomore CEAT student at Oklahoma State University (OSU) studying Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. He is an unpaid undergraduate research assistant for Dr. Rouser. He also currently holds two jobs as a tutor at the Mathematics Learning Success Center and works maintenance for a milling company.

Aidan has a passion for science which was first realized while taking AP Calculus and Physics in the OSSM Program at Central Tech in Drumright, Oklahoma. He continued his studies at OSU where he is currently working on a team responding to NASA's Micro-g Next EVA camera mount proposal that will be hosted this May at the Neutral Buoyancy Lab in Texas. Last spring, Aidan and a friend won 1st place in the CEAT Automation Day competition. He has also achieved a General Honors Award from the Honor's College.

Aidan plans to continue his research and finish his degree with a 4.0 GPA in May of 2021. He will continue with his education to obtain his master's degree. After college, he will pursue a career oriented in spacecraft. Aidan has always been deeply interested in space travel and believes, "The science developed for space ventures is very practical for use in other areas and can make life better for humanity, which is something I want to be a part of."



Makenzie Dick

Makenzie Dick is the daughter of Local 798 Welder member, Jimmy R Dick. She is currently a sophomore at Louisiana State University majoring in Mass Communication with a concentration in Public Relations and a minor in Political Science. Makenzie is a member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She has also been on the President's List. Makenzie has worked as a Laborer on the pipeline for the last two summers. She feels that working in the field will benefit her future goals of working in the public relations sector of the pipeline industry.



Mckenzi Fisher

Mckenzi Fisher is the daughter of Joseph Fisher, a Helper member that has just recently joined the Local 798 family. She is from Mannington, West Virginia, and graduated from North Marion High School in Farmington, West Virginia, with a 3.8 GPA. In high school, along with excelling in academics, she also participated and excelled in multiple sports, including cheerleading, soccer, and track and field, acquiring three State Championship metals in track.

Upon graduation from high school, Mckenzi was accepted as a freshman into the West Virginia University School of Dentistry Department of Dental Hygiene program, where she plans to graduate in May 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene. She has made the Dean's and President's List throughout her college experience. She has been involved in West Virginia University's Student Engagement and Leadership and currently serves as the President of the West Virginia University Student American Dental Hygiene Association.

After graduation, Mckenzi plans to work in a periodontal private practice in West Virginia until she gains working experience and would like to relocate to a practice out of state, as she loves to travel and explore the world.



Shelby Hathorn

Shelby Hathorn is the granddaughter of long-time Welder member, James Hathorn. She was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, but has lived in Spring, Texas, since 2007. Shelby is an Art & Design major with a 4.0 GPA at Harding University where she was awarded a four-year Honors Scholarship based on her GPA and ACT score after attending Klein Oak High School.

Shelby plans on graduating with a bachelor's degree and training through an internship during her junior and senior years. She will also be traveling to England as part of Harding University's International Study Program in the fall of 2019. She enjoys reading, playing sports, watching movies, traveling, drawing, and is involved in Northside Christian Church. She plans to become a teacher and freelance artist.



Sierra Mooney

Sierra Mooney is the daughter of Boucher Mooney who is an 11-year member of Local 798. She graduated from Archer City High School as Valedictorian and is currently studying Communication and Sports Management at Texas A&M University. She is an active member of the Freshman Leadership Organization on campus and a member of Freshman Innovative Group which strives to provide a community for first-generation college freshmen. Sierra was recently accepted to be a counselor for the Fish Camp of 2019, where this summer she will help college freshmen with a smooth transition into college life. She is a new member of the Department of Communication Honors Program and finished her fall semester with a 4.0 GPA. Sierra plans to one day become a Sports Reporter.



Benjamin North

Benjamin North is a Helper member of Local 798 and is the third generation of a family of 798 Welders and advocates for union labor. He is currently a Freshman attending the University of Kentucky where he was named to the Dean's list his first semester. Before attending college, he was a scholar and athlete at Conner High School where he graduated with a 4.0 GPA and served as student body President his senior year.

While attending the University of Kentucky, he is pursuing a major in Business and Marketing that will advance his career in the pipeline industry. He works as a team manager for the Wildcat football team which also helps support the cost of his education.



Blake Paulson

Blake Paulson is the son of 20-year 798 Welder member, David Paulson. Blake went to high school in Becker, Minnesota, and graduated with a 4.0 GPA and first in his class. While in high school, he participated in track, football, wrestling, student council, the anti-drug advocacy group, graduation committee, robotics, theater, a musical, and an anchor with the student news. He is especially proud of getting to serve as the student representative to the school board, sitting on the district's Activities Committee, passing school district policy, achieving high honors, receiving the AAA Award for accomplishments in the arts, athletics, and academics, and speaking on behalf of his class at graduation.

Blake has maintained a 3.9 GPA and was recently elected as a Student Representative At-Large as one of only twenty representatives serving the entire University of Minnesota undergraduate student population. In the future, he plans on attending law school, becoming a prosecutor and eventually serving the public as an elected official where he can represent and advocate for hardworking Americans, like his dad who has been an inspiration and model for him.



Chelsea Schneider

Chelsea Schneider is the daughter of Patrick and Vickie Schneider, and the granddaughter of Gladys and Billy Bassham, a 57-year Welder member of Local 798. She graduated from Lexington High School in Lexington, Texas. While in high school, she was involved in several clubs and held many leadership positions such as National Technical Honor Society, the Thespian Society, Secretary of the National Honor Society, Secretary of the local 4-H chapter, President of the Interact Club, Captain of the Varsity Cheer squad, and member of the Varsity Tennis team. She was also involved in One Act Play where she received Honorable Mention All-Star Cast for two years.

Chelsea is currently attending Texas Woman's University where she is a part of the Rotaract Club as Secretary of Recruitment and the President's Leadership Council as the Events/Retreats Coordinator. She was recently selected to be part of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. For the fall semester, she earned the honor of being placed on the Chancellor's List.

For her educational career, Chelsea plans on earning a Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders and then attending graduate school to become a Speech Language Pathologist.



Samantha Weems

Samantha Weems is the daughter of Welder member Gary Weems, the granddaughter of Welder member Sonny Weems, and the great-granddaughter of Helper member EW (Junior) Weems. She graduated from West Ouachita High School in West Monroe, Louisiana. While attending, she maintained a 4.0 GPA and was Valedictorian. She was also a part of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club, Biology Club, Drama Club, and FFA. Samantha played Varsity Soccer for four years and served as captain her senior year.

Samantha is a freshman at Louisiana Tech University where she is on the Dean's List and a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. She is majoring in Pre-Professional Speech-Language Pathology. Her plans include attending graduate school to become a Speech Pathologist.



Olivia Voss

Olivia Voss is the daughter of Johnny & Catherine Voss, and the granddaughter of Mark Severn, a 36-year member of Local 798. Olivia graduated as Valedictorian of her Haworth High School class. She was involved in Quiz Bowl, Robotics, Show Choir, Key Club, Student Council, Varsity Softball & Basketball, Varsity Cheer, Haworth Hi-5 Mentoring & Tutoring Program, Oklahoma Honor Society and National Honor Society.

Olivia is attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University working towards her bachelors in English Education. She plans to teach at the high school level upon graduation. Olivia has been a member of the 2016-2017 President's Leadership Class, and an active member of SOSU's Alumni Legacy Leaders, Cardinal Key Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, Alpha Chi Honor Society, and the Zeta Gamma chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority. She was a recipient of SOSU's Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship and was one of the Top Ten Freshmen for the 2016-2017 school year. Olivia also volunteers in the community.

Nominations and Election for Local 798 Officers

This notice provides important information regarding the nomination process for the upcoming Local 798 2019 Officer Election. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact an Election Committee Member.

Nominations

1. A meeting to nominate candidates for office will be held on Friday, September 13, 2019 starting at 7:00 p.m. (CST), at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
2. Nominations will be accepted for the following offices:

President	Inside Guard
Vice President	Executive Board (4 Positions)
Recording Secretary	Finance Committee (3 Positions)
Business Manager	Examining Board (2 Positions)
Financial-Secretary Treasurer	
3. No member shall run for more than one office. The term of office shall be in accordance with the United Association Constitution.
4. No Local 798 member shall be eligible to be nominated for office in Local 798 unless they have been a member in good standing of the United Association and Local 798 for at least a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to be nominated for office in Local 798. The "date of the election" for purposes of determining eligibility to run for office is October 16, 2019. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 16, 2019, they will not be eligible to run for office.
5. Nominations for officers will be accepted from the floor at the nominations meeting. A candidate may nominate themselves and need not have a second. If a member is not present at the meeting, they may be nominated or nominate themselves by sending a written notice of their acceptance of nomination to the specified office. Such written notice may be delivered by hand, mail, or facsimile to the Union Office, or by email to nominations@local798.org. Written notice must be received by the Local Union in Tulsa, Oklahoma no later than 4:30 p.m. (CST) on the day of nominations, Friday, September 13, 2019. (Please note that the email address for nominations will be activated on July 1, 2019 and deactivated at 4:30 p.m. [CST] on Friday, September 13, 2019.) The names of all candidates received by this deadline will be announced at the nominations meeting.
6. Under Section 504 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act ("LMRDA"), a member who has been convicted of certain crimes may not hold union office for a maximum of 13 years following the date of conviction or the end of imprisonment, whichever is later. Please call the U.S. Department of Labor, or the Chairman of the Election Committee if you have a question about this provision of the LMRDA.
7. The Election Committee will conduct a candidate meeting on Saturday, September 14, 2019. All candidates and their observers are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be conducted at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and will start at 10:00 a.m. (CST).

Mail Ballot Election

1. The General President has directed that the election for officers be conducted by mail ballot. There will be no manual balloting.
2. Election Services United, Corp. (ESU) shall administer the election. ESU is headquartered at 672 Dogwood Avenue, Ste. 395, Franklin Square, NY 11010. The ESU representative conducting the Local 798 election is Sandee Tovin. ESU has advised that it will utilize the services of Tri Star Graphics. Tri Star Graphics is located at 75 Sealy Avenue Hempstead, NY 11550.
3. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible Local 798 members on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at their most recent permanent address on file with the Local Union ("primary address") as of Friday, October 11, 2019.
4. No Local 798 member shall be eligible to vote in the election unless they have been a member of the United Association and Local 798 in good standing for at least a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to vote. The "date of the election" for purposes of determining eligibility to vote is October 16, 2019. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 16, 2019, they will not be eligible to vote.
5. Members who do not receive a ballot, or who need a "duplicate" ballot must contact ESU directly at 1-800-971-3960. Thus, for example, if a member does not receive a ballot at the address provided to Local 798, or is no longer receiving mail at that address, they may request a duplicate ballot from ESU. Members must call personally to obtain a duplicate ballot; they may not have another individual call for them. The member will be asked to provide identifying membership information (such as book number or social security number) to obtain a duplicate ballot. ESU will provide the member with a confirmation number.
6. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Tulsa, OK U.S. post office box printed on the outer return envelope by 9:00 a.m. (CST) on Thursday, December 12, 2019. Any ballot that is returned to the post office later than this date and time will not be counted. Ballots will be counted on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 9:30 a.m. (CST).
7. The results of the election will be announced at the Regular Membership Meeting on Friday, December 13, 2019 starting at 7:00 p.m. (CST) at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
8. In the event there is a tie vote in an officer election and a run-off election is necessary, a mail ballot election will be conducted for only those offices for which there is a tie vote. Ballots will be mailed on January 13, 2020 and will be counted on February 13, 2020 at the Local Union

Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 9:30 a.m. (CST). The results of any run-off election will be announced at a Special Membership meeting to be held on February 14, 2020 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 7:00 p.m. (CST).

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PIBF Report



Renée Vause

Director

401(k) Distributions

We are currently experiencing an unusually high volume of 401(k) calls and distribution applications. Please know that messages received by the Fund office will be returned and we are working to process the distribution applications in a timely manner. 401(k) forms are available on our website at www.pibf.org. These are located under the 401(k) tab, "401(k) Forms." If you would like to check your 401(k) balance, you can do so at www.trustok.com or by calling Trust Company of Oklahoma at 1-866-239-1042.

Automatic Deposit for Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) is Now Available

In an effort to expedite HRA payments, PIBF now has the ability to deposit your HRA payment directly into your bank account. If you would like to utilize this valuable tool, the "HRA Authorization Agreement For Automatic Deposits" form can be found on our website at www.pibf.org, located under the "H&W Benefits" tab. Click on "PIBF Forms," and it is form #20.

After Hours Support

Just a reminder that you can email questions/concerns after hours to support@pibf.org. We make every effort to respond the next business day.

Featured Personnel



Kimberly Brasiola is the Health & Welfare Claims Manager. She began her career at PIBF in March of 1999. She is married to Darren, and they reside in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. She has three wonderful adult children - a son, Wyatt, and daughter-in-law, Emily, and her bonus daughter, Jordan. When she is not at work, you can usually find her in her "She Shed," making one of a kind mixed media art pieces, or practicing her newest hobby, acrylic paint pouring. She also enjoys photography, traveling, and weekend motorcycle trips. "PIBF feels like home, and I have been blessed to work here for over 20 years. I cannot express the amount of gratitude I feel toward the membership and this organization. Because of their hard work and dedication to keep 798 strong, I was able to provide a good life for my son when I was a single parent. I enjoy serving this membership and look forward to many more years. Thank you 798!"

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Blue Light Reports - July / August



The Ozarks in Northwest Arkansas, owned by Journeyman member Phillip Coates, is offering Local 798 members a minimum discount of 20-25% off MSRP year-round on work clothes, boots, and all your other clothing needs! Choose from brands such as Carhartt, Ariat, Wrangler, Justin, Danner, Columbia, and Under Armour with access to over 50 of the most desired brands for your work needs. We also offer custom screen printing and embroidery in store! Give us a call at **(479) 927-6545** or shop online www.ozarkoutpost.net.



Meeting Notice

September 13, 2019

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 13, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Special Business: Officer Nominations

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 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 13, 2019.

The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel has graciously offered a discounted room rate of \$97.00. To make reservations, call (918) 307-2600. Make sure you indicate you are with Pipeliners Local Union 798.

Service Awards

The September/October Issue of the Blue Light Reports will honor members who have been a member for 25 years or more. If you would like to have your photo published, please email a clear photo to information@local798.org, or mail to Pipeliners Local 798 Attn: Blue Light to P.O. Box 470798 Tulsa, OK 74147.

All photos must be received by August 2 to be published.

Short & Personal

THANK YOU

Ronald McCool would like to thank everybody who gives to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Robin and Bobby Meachum.

Arthur M. Severn would like to thank you for the donation to help him with medical expenses. It is comforting to know that there are those who kindly offer assistance. Special thanks to Len Cox, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Jennifer Bates would like to thank each of you that give to the Voluntary Fund. The check she received for her shoulder surgery was much appreciated. Special thanks to Bruce Weeks, Dale Crabtree, and Danny Hendrix. May God bless each of you.

Russell Goudeau would like to thank everyone for participating in the Voluntary Fund. He and his wife are grateful for the financial need that was met during their time of hardship. He would like to say that he works for the best company in the world. Local 798 is an exceptional union and all the employees are exceptional people.

William T. Eubanks would like to thank you for the kindness shown to him through the Voluntary Fund after his surgery. The thoughts, prayers, and well wishes meant so much to him.

Judy Husband would like to express the gratefulness she has towards all that give so freely to the Voluntary Fund and for the Fund itself for the assistance it provides to the members. Last year she was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. The out-pouring of support she has received has amazed her. She would like to thank you for the financial assistance provided to her family during this difficult time and for the prayers.

Brian Voytko would like to say thank you to all his Local 798 brothers and sisters who so generously contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Bruce Weeks, and Charlie Yates. The gift he received was a blessing. He's proud to be a member of Local 798.

Greg Oaks would like to thank all the brothers and sisters who give to such a great cause as the Voluntary Fund. His wife, Wilma, had major back surgery and she is doing very well. Special thanks to Tim Hart, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Mike Dungan would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received in his time of need due to the passing of his older brother. Special thanks to Jimmy Strange and Mike Lee who wrote on his behalf. Also, special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace and the great people of Local 798.

Robert F. Doane and Family would like to thank Black Schroeder, Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and all the members of Pipeliners Local 798. Without your acts of kindness, the Voluntary Fund we have would not be possible. You all have helped the lives of many members and contributors over the years. He and his family greatly appreciate your generosity after the passing of his father.

Dave and Judy Gainer would like to thank everyone that contributes to the Voluntary Fund. It was much appreciated after the passing of his mother. Special thanks to Dave Salzgeber, Brett Strickland, and David Butterworth. God bless you all.

Cody Hibbard and Family would like to thank those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund and for the money they received while his son was in the hospital. Special thanks to Shannon Jackson, James Hathorn, and those who wrote in during the time of need. It is an amazing feeling to be a part of the 798 family.

Tera and Joey Demeyer would like to thank each and every member that gives to the Voluntary Fund. The many phone calls and donations were greatly appreciated during their tragic winter. God bless Local 798.

Frank Bowker would like to thank those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. It was a huge help after he fell and broke three ribs in his upper chest. Special thanks to John Bradford, Justin Wallace, and Danny Hendrix.

John Jordan would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the assistance he received, it was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Austin Dale.

Billy W. Hawkins would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute to it. The help he received due to his recent hospitalization was appreciated. Special thanks to Wayne Causey.

Donald R. Oaks would like to express his appreciation for the assistance received from the Voluntary Fund. He would like to thank Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and Tim Hart for submitting him for consideration. He would also like to thank all that contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Over the years it has been a great pleasure to work with such a great organization and the several friends he has come to know.

Lionel Glaze would like to thank everyone at Local 798 for the recent help he received from the Voluntary Fund. On May 10 his daughter, Cameron, passed away. She struggled her entire life with sickle cell and lost her battle at 21. He said since becoming a member, that 798 is by far the best union out there. All of that has been reinforced 100 times over after seeing how his brothers and sisters in the local rushed to his aid. He's proud to be a member of Local 798. Personal thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Jordan Brasiola, the Voluntary Fund, and all the members of 798.

Randy Wiseman would like to thank all 798 members for the contribution he received after his mother's passing. Special thanks to Jeff Park and Fred Calvert.

Glynn Carroll would like to say thank you for the recent financial assistance he received following his extended illness. It was greatly appreciated and will be a great help. Special thanks to those who give to make the Voluntary Fund possible.

Matthew and Jan Johnson would like to say thank you to the greatest pipeliners in the world and those who donate to the Voluntary Fund. After Matt's surgery the help they received was truly appreciated. Special thanks to Mark Tolley, Justin Wallace, and Danny Hendrix. They are so proud to be a

member of 798 and looking forward to getting back to work.

The Bigley Family would like to say thank you to all the brothers and sisters that contribute to the Voluntary Fund each week as well as our founding fathers who started this great fund. The benefit helped greatly for their family at an unfortunate time of need, but thankfully surgery went well. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Chris Boggs and Family would like to thank everyone for the generous donation when his son, Braxton, had his 4th eye surgery. He is doing great with his recovery. Special thanks to Bryan Norman and Jeff Park.

Ed Coker would like to thank everyone for the Voluntary Fund assistance he received after his surgery, it was greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who contributes and special thanks to Terry Langley and Justin Bauer.

Dencil Truman would like to thank his 798 brothers and sisters and all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. He's also thankful for all the thoughts and prayers after the loss of his wife. Special thanks to Raymond Johnson and Bill Lemon from the Sutton, WV Precision job.

The Braden Family gives their appreciation to the men and women of Local 798 who give to the Voluntary Fund. They are grateful for the help to pay the bills from Danny's recent hospital stay. Thankful for a great union and great members.

Marshall Cain and Family would like to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund for the check he received after his knee replacement. Big thanks to all who wrote in for him, it was very appreciated. He is blessed to belong to such a caring union. May God bless everyone.

Brian and Hanah Griffin would like to thank the 798 Voluntary Fund and all who donate for the help they received after the passing of Hanah's grandfather. The check from the Voluntary Fund was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Clay Francis.

Robert and Laura Brown would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and all the contributors for shining a light on such a dark month. Special thanks to Jordan.

Jerry Wilkinson would like to thank all the people who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Todd Hartle for his professionalism as a member and friend.

Delores Mosquito would like to thank the brothers and sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. She appreciates the help she received after her surgery. Special thanks to Harry Houser, Paul Fulton, and Heath Guffey.

Carl L. Parsons, Helper, Jayess, MS

Jimmy C. Pitts, Helper, Kensington, OH

Brad E. Tharp, Spacer, El Dorado, KS

Michael R. Varner, Welder, Greenbrier, AR

Kenneth D. Ware, Helper, Washington, PA

Teresa J. Walker, Helper, Marion, IL

Nathan Wright, Welder, Henderson, TN

IN MEMORIAM

Charles H. Sims, 79-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Cave Creek, AZ, passed away April 7, 2019.

Bobby C. Jones, 79-year-old Retired Welder of Buffalo, TX, passed away April 25, 2019.

David L. Northam, 74-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Yuma, AZ, passed away April 30, 2019.

Jerry L. Bratcher, 72-year-old Retired Welder of Sulphur, LA, passed away May 1, 2019.

Randy McAngus, 64-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Hominy, OK, passed away May 15, 2019.

Robert Grimm, 61-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Kemp, TX, passed away May 20, 2019.

Ason M. Hunter, 44-year-old Helper of Lowell, AR, passed away May 20, 2019.

Robert D. Tunnell, 78-year-old Retired Welder of Clinton, MO, passed away May 24, 2019.

Carl W. Brown, 58-year-old Retired Welder of Bicknell, IN, passed away May 27, 2019.

Louie E. Langley, 74-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Morrilton, AR, passed away June 4, 2019.

RETIREMENTS

Darcy J. Bell, Helper, Adkins, TX

Robin R. Bogus, Helper, Gallatin, TN

Steve D. Bolden, Welder, Oak Grove, LA

Michael D. Boyett, Welder, Dodson, LA

Mary L. Chambers, Helper, New Martinsville, WV

Selene J. Decker, Helper, Coldspring, TX

Anthony L. Dozier, Helper, Westmoreland, TN

Mark T. Eagleson, Welder, Zanesville, OH

Yvette M. Felde, Helper, Deer Lodge, MT

Cletis T. Graham, Helper, Ponchatoula, LA

Lesley R. Harris, Spacer, Searcy, AR

Paul D. Jacobs Sr., Helper, Flatwoods, KY

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5th Wheel Dolly: Takes the weight off your truck when you pull your 5th wheel and gives you extra braking power as well. 8k axle, axle is steerable/lockable, made by Automated Safety Hitch. It has been rhino lined, has two winches (recovery and hook up), upgraded H range tires and wheels. I currently pull a 53' 5th wheel and I can make tighter turns with it hooked up to the dolly than I could with my 40' camper when it was in the bed of my truck, with the welder in the back. It's been a great rig, I just needed to upgrade to a heavier rig. Purchased in 2015 for \$13,500.00, asking \$6,000.00 Contact Patrick Nagel at (801) 706-2547.

Quarter Jackets and Arm Pads: Matching set. \$130.00 Contact Jerry Gentry at (409) 489-3492 or at buz1945@yahoo.com.



United Craftsmen Children's Shoe Drive

On Saturday, September 14 Local 798 and the Ladies of 798 will team up with the United Craftsmen Children's Shoe Drive to help children in need to purchase shoes and socks. We will need 20-40 volunteers to help with measuring children's feet and to assist with picking out shoes and socks. The shoe drive will be held at Shoe Carnival located at 11007 E. 71st St., Tulsa, OK at 9:30 a.m. The children will shop from 10:00-11:30 a.m. followed by lunch served at the Local 798 Training Center at noon. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to Bob Carpenter at bc4dawgs@gmail.com.



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