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# Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would first like to say, "Tough times never last. But tough people do." Pipeliners are some of the toughest and most resilient folks, but we are definitely being tested. We already had many enemies to battle, such as cheap nonunion contractors, biased judges, and extreme environmental protesters. Now we have to include COVID-19, a drastic stock market drop, and two nations, Russia and Saudi Arabia, flooding the world market with oil to try and kill America's energy producers. Thank goodness members of OPEC and its allies agreed to slash oil output by nearly 10 million barrels a day, which should return oil prices to around \$40 a barrel. This is still relatively low but much better for American producers. COVID-19 has done one thing positive, and it has kept large environmental protest groups at home and out of the headlines. I've been in the pipeline industry for 43 years, and I have seen it much worse but for different reasons. If you have been a member of 798 since the early 80s, I don't have to explain it any further. We are joined at the hip with the oil and gas industry, which is infamously known as a boom or bust industry since its inception. It typically is never a full-time job except during the boom, and just when you think the sun will never quit shining, the bust comes along and brings nothing but grey skies with rain.

Ironically, I believe that COVID-19 has a chance to teach Americans several valuable lessons for maintaining life, liberty, and the continued pursuit of happiness. First and foremost, we need to move our manufacturing back to America for all products, but specifically our pharmaceuticals. Making prescription medications in China is nothing but pure corporate greed utilizing some of the cheapest labor on the planet for corporate profits. Buy American, and we don't need to continue to outsource America's wealth to any foreign country. Second, historically every nation on this Earth that was the superpower of its day had one thing in common, abundant domestically produced energy. America has the coveted position of the superpower of the world. Still, several nations and one national political party are doing their best to destroy that strength that separates us from the rest of the world. Fortunately, we have pipeline work to do before the build-out is complete from several years of agonizing permit problems.

Negotiations for our National Pipeline Agreement are continuing, and hopefully, by June 1st, this issue will be resolved, and all parties satisfied with the outcome. The work is still just crawling along mostly due to the problems of how to handle social distancing, quarantine guidelines, and still get a pipeline built at the same time. Most, if not all, jobs require a series of questions pertaining to COVID-19 and are taking the temperature of all workers before employment. Some clients and contractors are taking temperatures daily as a precaution.

Keystone XL should be finished with the border crossing by the time you receive this publication. KXL plans to move forward with spreads in Montana and Nebraska, with the remaining spreads being constructed in 2021. Enbridge Line 3 still looks good for this year along with the Atlantic Coast and the completion of the Mountain Valley. Thousands of miles of pipe are currently being bid down south under the Market Recovery rates. We have limited success, but the awards are still pending on numerous large projects. Just as last year, the lion's share of our man-hours will be smaller jobs and smaller pipe. It may not be as sexy as working on a big spread, but many times it opens opportunities for our members to showcase their skillsets instead of just doing one task over and over.

Last but certainly not least, we need to push our advocacy harder than ever. At this moment, we have a distinct advantage over the protesters, as they will not be making any headlines. At the same time, we continue to collectively use our voices to push ahead for the pipeline industry. I want to try to convey in words with all sincerity, that I understand many of you have been without work for way longer than anyone expected, and I wish we had a record-setting year, every year. But the truth is that the boom we've experienced since 2007 lasted ten years longer than anyone ever expected. With that being said, the work outlook is still strong. But be cautious, our enemies against pipelines are many, and we must continue to push our agenda utilizing the Action Network.

As always, I am proud to say, **"I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."**

Fraternally,

Daniel C. Hendrix  
Business Manager



# Financial Secretary - Treasurer's Report

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this report finds our Local 798 family safe and healthy. By now, the COVID-19 pandemic has reached almost every county and parish in the United States. I don't know that anyone could have forecasted that this virus would sweep through our country with such intensity. The good news, at least as of now, seems that the new cases have slowed somewhat. I pray that this trend continues. These are unprecedented times in which we are living. The stock market is swinging wildly, and the price of oil is bouncing lower many days. I hope that this pandemic subsides soon, and the after-effects on the economy are not as dire as some predict. I believe we will come out of this stronger than before, given time.

Even with all of this going on, I am continuing to see job notifications come in, and some are for large projects. This is definitely a good sign of things on the horizon. I know many of our members are hurting right now with the slower work situation, and hopefully, as quickly as the country opens back up, we will be back on the right-of-way. Please continue to check the Action Network for any available opportunities to advocate for our work. The beauty of this is that we can still take actions supporting our industry, even while confined to our homes. Things are looking up for the Line 3 replacement and the Keystone XL. Abercrombie is currently putting in the 1.2 miles of pipe for the KXL border crossing between the U.S. and Canada. Sometime in the next month or so, we should get a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. The news coverage of the hearings all sounded like we would get a favorable ruling, but we will know for sure soon. There is also a good portion of the MVP to be completed as well.

We've got the work, and we need the politicians to get out of the way of progress. If you follow national politics at all, you can see that pipelines are a hot button issue right now. One party constantly kowtows to the far-left rabid environmentalists, and really for the first election cycle in history, they come right out and say they will stop new pipeline projects. Both times that Obama ran, he stayed somewhat neutral or even positive towards the Keystone XL. Still, once elected, he proved that he wasn't willing to go to bat for good union construction jobs against the activists that want to see our way of life destroyed. Both political parties will break your heart, and I don't fully trust either of them, but I fear more the party that flat out tells me they will destroy this industry. The federal judges that have wreaked havoc on the MVP, ACP, and the Keystone XL are all Obama appointees, which shows us that even after a President's term ends, their agenda lingers on through the people they appoint to carry it out. I'm not asking or suggesting that any member of this Local Union vote any particular way. I simply want to point out that politics have a lot to do with whether we are out there laying pipe or sitting at the house waiting on a Supreme Court ruling.

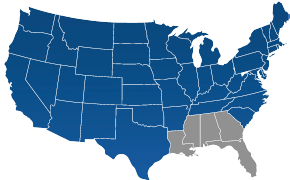
It is a strange feeling for it to be the second week of April, and Steward School to not be in full swing. The decision to cancel was the right one, and I'm sure we will be back to business, as usual, this time next year. For all that had registered and had planned to take part in the week's activities, thank you. For those who have not yet had the opportunity to attend a Local 798 Steward School, I hate that this couldn't be the year for you. At times like this, everyone's health and well-being is the most important thing to consider.

If there is ever anything 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,

Justin Wallace  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

# Business Agent Reports



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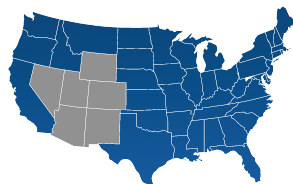


Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

I write this Blue Light Report while reflecting on everything that is happening in the country. With everything shut down, on lockdown, or postponed, it has been very hard on a lot of our membership. I hope and pray this finds everyone in good health, and I pray that each one of you tries to find the blessings in every day. This too shall pass, and hopefully, we will come out stronger at the end. Work in my jurisdiction, like almost everywhere, is at a standstill. I am still optimistic that this will change with time. I am, and always will be, in the pursuit of future work. My dedication to this task has not changed, no matter how many obstacles get in the way. I am here to serve you, so please feel free to call with any of your questions or concerns.

Every member is encouraged to continue to be actively involved with our Action Network. This continues to be an amazing way for our voices to be heard, and our way of life be recognized and valued. Please take the time to encourage all family members also to get involved. There is always strength in numbers.

In closing, I wish everyone good health and happiness. God bless each one of you, and God bless this great Local.



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Justin Head

I hope this report finds everybody and their families in good health. At the moment, it is hard to grasp what's happening in the world. However, we are 798 members and Americans. We are and have always been the most resilient group of people in the world. We will come out on top of this!

With that being said, I would like to begin this report by welcoming W.A. Rasic as a signatory contractor. I thank Jimmy Slavens and Mark Witt for their help to get me in touch with the right people to make this possible. W.A. Rasic is based in California. However, they currently have some work in Nevada and are always looking at more work in my jurisdiction. It seems like Kinder Morgan is set to do a fair amount of work on their Co2 and liquids side, but the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed back some of these pre-jobs. Hanging H was awarded

a job for Kinder Morgan in New Mexico, and it has been pushed back as well. I've had a fair amount of calls asking what the work is going to be like out west this year. Before March, I was optimistic it was going to be better than last year, but to be honest, now I cannot say it will. The price of oil is definitely taking a toll on the work out west. Denbury had some work in Montana scheduled and awarded and was planning to put some 24" in Wyoming out for bid, but with oil being low and Co2 being used primarily to extract oil, both of those projects will be delayed until it is profitable again. Q & D has some work that has been awarded to them, but it sounds as if those projects may be on hold until it is safer to go to work.

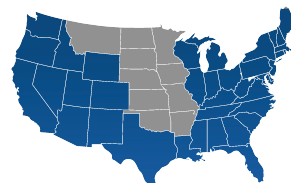
Most of the natural gas projects are still moving forward. There has been quite a bit of large diameter pipe going in New Mexico and West Texas this year that I have been monitoring over the last year. I believe our fair contractors should have the opportunity to compete on that work.

In closing, if I can be of any assistance, don't hesitate to call. Stay safe and do the best you can to keep the people around you safe!

## Pre-Jobs:

### Michels Pipeline:

- Phillips 66 Tie- ins. Working 5-10s. Superintendent: Ray Healy. Maintenance and Integrity. Job Complete.



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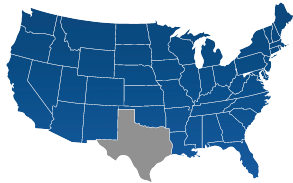
Phillip Wallace

The year 2020 will long be remembered for the pain and misery that the Coronavirus has caused the world. This is very serious and will affect many of our members, not just for health reasons but for financial hardships caused by the job delays. This year my area will be going strong by late spring to early summer. The only thing I see that could stop any cross-country movement from state to state is the COVID-19 epidemic. The KXL Pipeline is ready to blast off this work season and go until the fall of 2021. Abercrombie has 1.5 miles of KXL 36" border crossing in Montana underway, and it will be complete by the time this Blue Light is mailed out. The virus is the problem now. We have a lot to learn about how we staff these jobs, keep everyone safe, and still get the pipe laid and in the ground. Every client and contractor has their own ideas and rules on how to keep their employees safe and stay working.

The Integrity Maintenance work restarted even during the few weeks before Easter Sunday. These jobs are anywhere from one to four welders and are a lot easier to get going than a 60 or 70-mile spread of KXL.

As I write this report the day after Easter, I considered for several days on what to say in times like these. I hope and pray our country can get better control of this terrible sickness so we can get back to work. I hope you had a great Easter spending time with family as I did.

It's early in the work season, and I believe we will be going full speed by mid-summer. We will have to adjust to the way we have to live around COVID-19 and be safe. Please stay current with the Action Network on Line 3 and other projects in the northeast. The opposition is still using everything they can to stop the Line 3 Pipeline. We can't let up, so stay involved to make these permits come to us. There is power in strength and numbers. So, don't forget, United We Stand, and Divided We Fall.



TX  
918-633-3435



Black Schroeder

Right now is a strange time in the pipeline industry and also America. I am writing this Blue Light report at home when we are usually all attending Steward School. Everyone would have been in Tulsa having a good time, crawfish boils, golf, bar-b-ques, fellowship, and socializing. Danny and Justin made the right call when the decision was made to cancel Steward School and the April meeting. It's amazing how we take life for granted. We think times will always be good, and we will be healthy. Things can change in life very fast; you look around and think this won't happen to you or me, or this could never happen in America. As I am writing this, the death toll went over 110,000 worldwide, 1.8 million people have tested positive for COVID-19 and gaining every day, and now the U.S. leads the world in both numbers of confirmed cases and fatalities. In the U.S., 17 million people have filed for unemployment benefits in the past four weeks. We are very fortunate and blessed in the aspect that the pipeline industry falls under the critical infrastructure of this country, so the pipeline work will still go on.

The jobs in Texas are working every day with caution! Everyone needs to try to follow the state and county regulations as close as you possibly can. There are several large and small projects being bid in Texas that could start this summer if our contractors are awarded the contracts. Michels Pipeline was awarded a project in East Texas called the Boardwalk Index 99 Expansion -- 21.76 miles of 30". I do not know the starting date yet. The Market Recovery is starting to help our union contractors compete in this cheap pipeline market in the South.

If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me, 918-633-3435. Everyone, please stay safe and healthy in these hard times and "PRAY." May God be with us all.

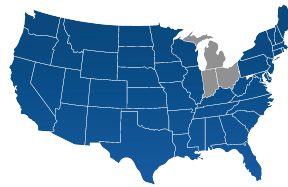
## Pre-Jobs:

### Price Gregory International:

- Conroe, TX. Run welding procedures at RMS shop for TC Energy (KXL). Superintendent: Terry McDaniel. Welder Foreman: Billy Burns. Job Complete.
- Houston, TX. Run welding procedures at CRC-Evans for TC Energy (KXL). Superintendent: Terry McDaniel. Welder Foreman: Billy Burns. Job complete.

### R.M.S. Holdings, LLC.:

- Blanco, TX. Supply mechanized welding equipment to MPG for 65 miles of 42". Kinder Morgan (Permian Highway Pipeline). Steward: Ryan Wiggins. Mainline rates. Approx. completion 9-1-20.



IN, MI, OH  
918-270-6746

Charles Yates, Jr.



Did you ever think such a situation would occur in our lifetime? We've always heard the advice to save for a rainy day or work slowdown, but not save for a pandemic. The entire world stopped on a dime, and navigating our daily lives looks very different with sanitary gloves, curbside delivery, and closed churches. Not to mention, no Steward School or April membership meeting. Many people are confused and handling this alone; employees are discouraged; many businesses will not re-open after this, but Pipeliners Local Union 798 remains strong. You have union representation working for you to help with questions, procedures, and protections. Despite the COVID-19 obstacles, the federal government has deemed pipeline construction as essential, and as you can see, in my pre-job list, the job notifications are still being submitted.

Maintenance continues in my area, and we have pre-jobbed two major jobs affiliated with the Buckeye Express project in Ohio -- U.S. Pipeline Spread 2 and Associated Spread 3 and 4. Price Gregory Spread 1 is still expected on June 1, 2020. Snelson's Saginaw Trail project also kicked-off in Michigan. When dispatched, you will receive documentation from the dispatch office defining your essential employment permitting travel. Please understand, we are going to encounter situations that we've never faced before. Please try to help your Welder Foreman and Job Steward ensure a safe and healthy work environment by taking precautions not only on the job but also at home and in public. Stay healthy and practice good hygiene daily. This could be the difference in jobs shutting down or projects up and running. Contractors will implement precautionary measures to keep our members and the entire union workforce healthy with masks, social distancing, clean buses, clean porta-johns, hand sanitizers, etc. If preventative measures are not exercised, use your chain of command; Welder Foreman first, Job Steward second, and then the Business Agent. We all must pull together just as the nation has.

Stay safe, and as always, if I can be of assistance, don't hesitate to call. Shop small, support union, and buy made in the USA.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- Oak Hill, OH. Fabrication, installation, and maintenance of multiple stations 2"- 42" for TC Energy. Superintendent: Eric Creel. Welder Foreman: Jason Smith. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 10-16-20.

### Associated Pipeline Contractors, Inc.:

- Ironton, OH. Buckeye Express Project spreads 3 & 4 -- 22.3 miles of 36" new lay for TC Energy. Superintendent: Byron Johnson. Welder Foreman: James Leroy McDougal. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-15-20.

### Big Inch Fabricators and Construction:

- Pittsboro, IN. Hydrotest 5,400' of existing 30" with take-up and relay 480' of 30" in Marion County, IN for Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company. Superintendent: Dallas Shepler. Welder Foreman: Troy Miller. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-15-20.

### Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Lima, OH. 2"- 16" pump station for Marathon Petroleum Company. Superintendent: Matt Hill. Welder Foreman: Jerry Fulk. Working 4-10s and an 8. Approx. completion 5-30-20.

### Henkels & McCoy, Inc.:

- Mt. Pleasant, MI. Installation of 1 MLV and 12" high pressure PLD valve with piping for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Ben Pace. Welder Foreman: Gary Mullin. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4-20-20.

#### Infrasource Construction, LLC:

- Harrison, OH. 4-5 miles of 20" retrofit and up rate testing for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Calvin Fuller. Welder Foreman: Justin Teague. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-6-20.

#### Meade:

- Martinsville, IN. 3.6 miles of 16" with 3 station sites for Vectren. Superintendent: John Karlson. Welder Foreman: Andy Anderson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-30-20.

#### Michels Pipeline:

- Marysville, MI. Tie-in work on the Line 5 St. Clair River crossing for Enbridge. Superintendent: Luke Kearns. Welder Foreman: Jan Slater. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-9-20.

#### Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Portland, IN. Compressor station upgrade in Jay County, IN for TC Energy. Superintendent: Duane Carlson. Welder Foreman: Eric Haskins. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Centerville, OH. 24" station-launcher, separator, and road crossing including 1,300' of 16" lift and lay for Vectren. Superintendent: Mark Carpenter. Welder Foreman: Eric Raymond. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-20-20.
- Crawfordsville, IN. Fabricate, test, and install a filter separator 8" piping in Tippecanoe County, IN for Vectren. Superintendent: Tommy Alexander. Welder Foreman: Chad Springer. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4-25-20.

#### R.L. Coolsaet Construction Co.:

- Warren, MI. Assist on pipeline pigging of transmission lines in McComb, Oakland, and St. Clair Counties, MI for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Mike Himes. Welder Foreman: Paul Mullin. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 5-15-20.
- Wixom, MI. Take-up and relay 3,400' of 30" transmission line for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Bart Jennette. Welder Foreman: Edson Blaisdell. Working 6-10s. Job incomplete; and put out for rebid.

#### R.L. Morris and Sons:

- Kalkaska, MI. 12"- 36" launcher/receiver and integrity work on high pressure transmission lines for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: John Lantzer. Welder Foreman: Mark Blaisdell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-1-20.

#### Snelson Companies, Inc.:

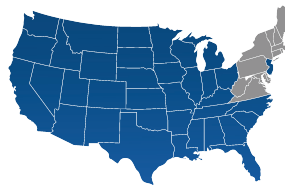
- Newtown, OH. 2.35 miles of 16" with two (2) 16" valves, one (1) 8" spherical tee, and one (1) 12" spherical tee for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Gregory. Welder Foreman: Van Smith. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-20-20.
- Mt. Morris, MI. Replace 29 miles of existing 16" pipe with new 24" pipe for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Sanderson. Welder Foreman: William "Bo" Berry. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-30-20.

#### U.S. Pipeline, Inc.:

- Jackson, OH. Buckeye Express Project Spread 2 with 18.6 miles of 36" for TC Energy. Superintendent: Cliff Sinclair. Welder Foreman: Marvin Bagwell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-15-20.

#### VEC, Inc.:

- Hubbard, OH. Blanket fabrication, station fab 1"- 42" for NNG, TC Energy, ETC, Equitrans, and Williams Transco. Superintendent: John Telesz. Welder Foreman: Jeffery B. Mooney. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-1-20.



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VT, WV  
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## David Butterworth



As everyone is aware, COVID-19 is currently issue number one in our country. It has affected our homes, our industry, and our normal way of life. Most of the calls I've been receiving take a turn towards the Coronavirus and how it affects the 2020 work outlook. The virus has affected the work in the Northeast in many ways, and there are future scenarios none of us can see at this time.

I currently have one job in Pennsylvania that has shut down and three other jobs that were shut down for a while but were allowed to go back with smaller crews to do essential work. Other jobs have shut down due to the news of employees on the project who tested positive for COVID-19. The Shell Ethane Cracker, which employed a large number of Local 798 members, has also shut down. Some projects are trying to stay small and not hire new employees until the virus numbers turn toward the decline.

Most conversations also turn to the large projects that were supposed to start moving in the spring. I haven't heard anything new on the Mountain Valley Pipeline start date. After attending Senate and House of Representative hearings this winter with EQT representatives, the talk was about MVP being hopeful of getting preliminary work done in April. I speculate that due to COVID-19, the MVP will go but will be delayed due to the logistics of onboarding large groups when the project is already under a microscope. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has asked for a 30-day extension on their MVP project impact review related to fish and bats, which will also affect the start date.

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline remains tied up in the Supreme Court of the United States, and the ruling was supposed to be handed down in June. I'm unsure if the virus will change the ruling timeline, but I'm sure it's a possibility. I continue to pre-job small, "essential" jobs that will provide work to some. Hopefully, we can put this pandemic behind us and return to normal sometime soon. For now, it is imperative that we follow CDC guidelines, practice social distancing, and, last but certainly not least, take care of our families during these unprecedented times. Please stay safe, stay healthy, and stay positive while we weather this storm.

## Pre-Jobs:

#### Ace Pipeline, Inc:

- Salem, WV. 300' of 20" new lay. Superintendent: Jeremy Phillips. Welder Foreman: Jason Pitts. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s and one 8.

#### Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Potomac, MD. Integrity Maintenance on various pipe sizes in MD and VA. Superintendent: Tim Teribury. Welder Foreman: Tim Ungard. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.

#### Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- New Martinsville, WV. 14 miles of 20" steel new-lay in Wetzel County, WV. Superintendent: Moe Riddle. Welder Foreman: Charlie Thomas. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Glen Dale, WV. 8 miles of 20" steel new-lay. Superintendent: Roman McKown. Welder Foreman: Josey Kirk. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

#### Bond Civil and Utility Construction:

- Burrillville, RI. 2" to 36" Integrity management anomaly and fab work locations in MA, RI, and CT. Superintendent: Matthew Fernandes. Welder Foreman: Ed Stockwell. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

#### Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Conowingo, MD. 8", 20", and 26" launcher and receiver replacements in MD. Superintendent: Tyler Gandee. Welder Foreman: Derek Dayton. Integrity rates. Working 5-10s and one 8.

- Hurricane, WV. 30" road crossing replacement. Superintendent: Tyler Gandee. Welder Foreman: Trent Dickess. Integrity rates. Working 5-10s and one 8.

Frank Lill and Son, Inc.:

- Chambersburg, PA. Filter separator removal and replacement. Superintendent: Troy Teeter. Welder Foreman: Mike Donohue. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Coraopolis, PA. 16" anomaly dig. Superintendent: Logan Verslous. Welder Foreman: Andy Gnade. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

G.P.L. Construction, Inc.:

- Montville, CT. 6.03 miles of 16" and .42 miles of 12" street work. Superintendent: Michael Gaudette, Jr. Welder Foreman: Ken Jones. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

InfraSource Construction, LLC:

- Winchester, VA. 14,700' of 20" steel new-lay. Superintendent: Jason Nash. Welder Foreman: Jay Wyatt. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

J.L. Allen:

- Weymouth, MA. Grassroots compressor station. Superintendent: Keith Camp. Welder Foreman: Josh Coombs. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Michels Pipeline:

- Moundsville, WV. 900' of 36" longwall pipe relocation. Superintendent: John Smith. Welder Foreman: Shane Sheffield. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Otis Eastern Service, Inc.:

- Delmont, PA. 4 miles of 20" pipe replacement. Superintendent: Matt Holley. Welder Foreman: Ryan Copley. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

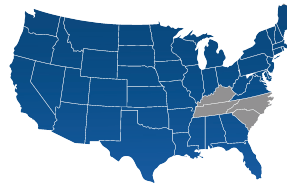
Precision Pipeline:

- Mechanicsburg, PA. Re-start on essential ME2 HDDs after PA COVID-19 shutdown. Superintendent: Chad Ward. Welder Foreman: Andy Hunt. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

- Lebanon, PA. Re-start on essential ME2 HDDs after PA COVID-19 shutdown. Superintendent: Jason Smyser. Welder Foreman: Buck Phelan. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

U.S. Trinity Energy Labor Services, LLC:

- Blairsville, PA. Re-start on essential ME2 HDDs after PA COVID-19 shutdown. Superintendent: Bud Mathis. Welder Foreman: Eddie Chastain. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.



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



Chris Lancaster

I hope everyone is doing well despite the COVID-19 outbreak. I know it has changed the way the country functions. It has also affected some of the jobs in my area, causing delays in starting dates. The jobs are still there; they are not canceled, just postponed. Hopefully, with all the stay-at-home orders across the country, we can soon get back to normal again. We are still going forward with Integrity Maintenance work, and I have been pre-jobbing a few of them. The contractors and gas companies are putting in safety measures and new PPE safety equipment to help us to stay safe on the job.

I know you are as disappointed as I am over the canceling of the 2020 Steward School. This is and has been the highlight of the year for us to be able to visit friends and to meet new ones as well. I know it was a hard choice for Danny to make this decision, but I think it was the right one for the safety of everyone who would be involved, especially during the current outbreak of this virus.

Unfortunately, I don't have a lot to report on given the state of the country or our organizing. We need to remain strong and united, and we will get through this and hopefully return to our normal way of life soon. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone hoping for you and your family's safety during this crisis. We will get through this!

Please keep in mind the work hasn't gone away, just some of it has been put on hold until it is safe to go back out. Thanks for your understanding.

If I can be of help, don't hesitate to call.

## Pre-Jobs:

Foltz Welding Ltd.:

- Brownsville, TN. 40", 36", and 24" station modifications. Welder Foreman: Dale Diekemper. Superintendent: Kevin Cain. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-30-20.

Snelson Companies, Inc.:

- Nashville, TN. 4.9 miles of 20", and one mile of 12". Welder Foreman: Gerald Meyers. Superintendent: Andy Hostetter. Working 6-10s. Market Recovery. Approx. completion 9-1-20.

Henkels & McCoy, Inc.:

- Brentwood, TN. Two 36" and one 30" road bores. Welder Foreman: Timothy Hathaway. Working 6-10s. Integrity Maintenance. Approx. completion 6-1-20.

Michels Pipeline:

- Harrodsburg, KY. Three 30" final tie-ins. Welder Foreman: Jan Slater. Superintendent: Russ Shurpitt. Working 6-10s. Integrity Maintenance. Job postponed.

B&G Pipeline Company:

- Arden, NC. 1,200' of 12" and 2,200' of 8" HDD. Welder Foreman: Naaman Warren. Superintendent: Thomas Born. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-31-20.

M.J. Electric, LLC:

- Sherrills Ford, NC. Instrumentation on meter station. Welder Foreman: Kevin Rimpela. Superintendent: Greg Rogers. Working 5-10s. Station Agreement. Approx. completion 3-14-20.



# PIBF Report



Renée Vause

Director

## Virtual Medical Visit option available May 1st

PIBF will be launching the MDLIVE program on May 1, 2020. This is a virtual medical visit program offered by BlueCross BlueShield for active and COBRA participants and for participants where PIBF is the primary coverage. This program will give 24/7/365 access to speak to a doctor from any location. Co-payment for this service will be \$15 per visit. This co-payment will not count toward your annual medical benefits deductible or out-of-pocket expense limit. It will be eligible for reimbursement under the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) by submitting your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) with a completed HRA Claim Form. Details about the program and instructions on how to participate have been mailed to the membership. In addition, a new Medical ID card listing the MDLIVE information will be mailed to you soon. Please know that MDLIVE is experiencing high visit volumes due to COVID-19 and the cold and flu season and wait times may be longer than normal.

## Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)

The HRA filing deadline for the 2019 plan year has been extended on a one-time basis from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020.

## Pipeline Industry 401(k) Plan Changes

- Effective April 1, 2020, the six-month separation distribution option has been reduced to a three-month separation distribution. As of April 1, 2020, if you have not worked in three months or more, you are eligible to take a distribution upon completion of applicable documentation. Distributions under this provision are still limited to 2 per lifetime. The requirement to withhold Federal and State taxes remains in effect and distributions continue to be subject to the 10% early withdrawal penalty if you are under age 59½.
- Effective January 1, 2020, the age to commence Required Minimum Distributions has increased from age 70½ to 72.
- Effective January 1, 2020, the age for an In-Service Distribution is reduced from age 62 to 59½. This distribution is available for participants who are working and not yet retired. The requirement to withhold Federal and State taxes remains in effect. Distributions under this provision are still limited to 1 per year.
- Effective April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021, the amount available to a participant for a Hardship Distribution shall be expanded from Employee contributions only to include QNEC/Employer Contributions and earnings on Employee and QNEC/Employer contributions. Beginning April 1, 2021, the amount available for a Hardship Distribution will be from Employee contributions only.
- Effective January 1, 2020, an additional Hardship Distribution option has been added under The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). This option provides that payments qualifying as a "coronavirus-related distribution" (CRD) are exempt from the 10% excise tax for early distributions. This is available for up to \$100,000 in aggregate across all retirement accounts, limited to the amount available for a Hardship Distribution (see Item 4 above), and must be made during the period January 1, 2020, to before December 31, 2020, to the following "qualified individuals":
  - Individuals diagnosed with SARS-COV-2 or Coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19") by a test approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
  - Individuals whose spouse or dependent (as defined by IRC §152) is so diagnosed, or
  - Individuals who experience adverse financial consequences as a result of being quarantined, furloughed or laid off or having work hours reduced due to COVID-19, being unable to work due to lack of child care due to COVID-19, closing or reducing hours of a business owned or operated by the individual due to COVID-19, or other factors as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate).

If you apply for a distribution under this option, you will be required to certify in writing that you satisfy the requirements for a CRD. The CRD may be repaid in one or more payments at any time during the three-year period beginning on the day after the date the distribution was made, to any eligible retirement plan to which you could make a rollover contribution. The repayments will be limited to the amount of the CRD.

As previously mentioned, the CRD will not be subject to the 10% early distribution tax and may be included in income ratably over a three-year period, unless you elect otherwise. The CRD is not eligible for direct rollover and would not be subject to automatic 20% tax withholding.

- Plan participants who otherwise would be required to take a minimum required distribution in calendar year 2020 can elect to suspend that distribution for 2020.
- Effective January 1, 2020, an additional Hardship Distribution option has been added to allow a distribution for expenses and losses (including loss of income) incurred by the participant on account of a disaster declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 100-707, provided that the participant's principal residence or principal place of employment at the time of the disaster was located in an area designated by FEMA for individual assistance with respect to the disaster.



## Disabled Dependents

If your dependent child is due to terminate coverage at age 26 and is disabled, you can request to have their coverage extended. If the child is both (a) incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental deficiency or physical handicap, and (b) primarily dependent on you for support and maintenance, you must provide proof of such incapacity and dependency within 31 days of the child's attainment of age 26. The coverage will continue as long as the incapacity and dependency continue. The Board of Trustees may require proof of the child's continuing disability and dependency as often as it deems necessary. Existing plan eligibility rules apply.

## Weekly Disability Benefits

The short-term disability benefit is payable as described in the PIBF Health and Welfare Plan Benefits Summary Plan Description (SPD) if you become Totally Disabled because of an accident or illness which occurs while actively covered by the Plan. To receive benefits, written notice of Total Disability must be submitted to PIBF within 180 days of the first day of disability. Continuation of benefits is not automatic. At a minimum, you must submit bi-weekly disability forms, which your Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) or Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) has completed. You are "Totally Disabled" when you are unable to perform any type of work because of injury or illness. However, the plan has exclusions listed in the SPD which can be found on our website at [www.pibf.org](http://www.pibf.org) or you may also contact the Fund office for this information. If you qualify, you may receive a weekly \$250 disability benefit for a maximum period of 26 weeks per disability. You can receive this benefit in addition to any workman's compensation benefits you may be receiving; however, you cannot receive these benefits if you are retired under PIPF or covered under the PIBF COBRA program. You also cannot receive weekly disability benefits and unemployment benefits at the same time.

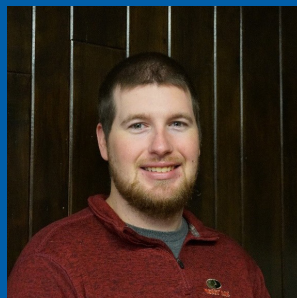
## Divorce Decrees and related documents must be sent to PIBF

PIBF requires a copy of your Divorce Decree when it is finalized. This must be received so that your ex-spouse can be removed as a dependent. Members must reimburse PIBF for any claims incurred after the date of your divorce. In addition, you should submit copies of any Separation Agreement, Settlement Agreement or other related documents to the PIBF for review. All documents submitted should be signed by all parties and show proof of filing with the court. These must be reviewed prior to a 401(k) distribution or retirement from PIPF. Submitting these documents as soon as possible saves the trouble of having to locate these documents later.

## Featured Personnel



Candice is the Records Analyst and has worked with PIBF for 11 years. Candice enjoys spending time with her family, and she has lots of people to love! She is the proud mother and grandmother of four children (Celeste, Jeff, Kelsey, and Mickaela), 2 grandchildren (Jocelynn and Kristyn), and one great-grandchild (Alana). Candice is expecting a new granddaughter in May 2020. She loves being active and taking her grand pup, Grover, on walks and babysitting whenever possible. She considers herself a lifelong learner and enjoys reading about a variety of topics. During her time at PIBF, she has greatly enjoyed getting to know the members and their families. The PIBF family has provided a great support as she cares for her parents and overall created a very supportive environment. She wants to say, "Thank you to our members for the opportunity to serve and be a part of such a great organization. Without them, it would be just another job!"



Blake C. Davis works as a Maintenance Helper for the PIBF, helping manage the care of the lawn and buildings. Blake joined PIBF six years ago in 2014. He enjoys everything outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. "Working in the maintenance department has been a wonderful six years. I have gotten to know the PIBF staff, and they have become like a second family to me. I'm very blessed to work for an organization like the PIBF and to work with all the wonderful people I do."

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 Renée Vause - Director



The September/October issue of the Blue Light Reports will honor our devoted 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](mailto:information@local798.org), or mail to Pipeliners Local 798, Attn: Blue Light, P.O. Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147. Please have all photos submitted by August 7, 2020, to be published.



## UA Dues Relief Program

In an effort to help members financially during the global pandemic, the U.A. has imposed a dues relief program.

For the month of April 2020, and thereafter on a month-to-month basis at the direction and discretion of U.A. General President Mark McManus and General Secretary-Treasurer Pat Kellett, Local Unions shall cover the fixed monthly dues (i.e., window dues) of all non-retired members who performed 40 or fewer hours of UA work in the previous calendar month. For example, if a member performed only 32 hours of UA work in March, his or her monthly dues for April shall be covered by the Local Union. Non-retired members who performed over 40 hours of UA work in the previous calendar month, and members who are legitimately retired, shall not be eligible for relief the following month. The relief provided by this paragraph shall not apply to working assessments, which may continue to be applied to any and all hours worked pursuant to the By-Laws or other rules of the Local Union. To the extent a member who is eligible for the relief provided by this paragraph has already paid his or her monthly dues to the Local Union for April (or for any other month in which the relief is provided), such payment shall be applied to the member's future dues obligations.

Enforcement of Sections 157-158 of the UA Constitution—which impose automatic suspension/loss of good standing and a \$50.00 reinstatement fee, on any member owing more than three months' dues shall be on hold until such time as General President McManus and General Secretary-Treasurer Kellett determine that enforcement of these sections should resume. Government orders and guidance to close offices, stay home, and take other actions have created significant logistical obstacles to the timely receipt and processing of dues payments. These obstacles, in turn, have made it difficult to fairly and consistently enforce the suspension threshold against members. Instead, the member will be treated as being in good standing until he or she reaches the threshold for expulsion set forth in Section 159. Expulsions, which require a full six months in arrears for dues, do not raise the same level of concern as suspensions and, therefore, will continue to be processed.

The Local Union office will automatically apply credits to eligible members, so no action is required by the member. Please be patient as we make modifications to our software and current dues processes to accommodate these changes.



### Pipeliners Memorial Wall

Donated by the Ladies of 798, the Pipeliners Memorial Wall stands in honor of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the pipeline profession. Since its establishment, the Memorial Wall has been managed by the Ladies of 798, but the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund will now take over the management of the Memorial Wall. We are forever grateful to the Ladies of 798 for their kind gift, which will be forever cherished.

To request an engraved paver, please complete a Memorial Wall Donation form. The form can be found in the Voluntary Fund section of the Local 798 website, or you may also call the office at 918-622-1900 to have a form sent to you. Donations can be made to the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund, earmarked Memorial Wall to P.O. Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147.



## ORGANIZING Report

By Ronnie Hill

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AGAIN should we allow our nation to become dependent on a foreign country for anything deemed essential to our daily lives and security. Anything that we need as a nation to survive must forever, from this day forward, have "MADE IN THE USA" stamped on it along with the union bug. Our fruits, vegetables, and livestock should be grown right here in the USA and clearly marked as such. We cannot allow this ever to happen again. President Trump has said over and over again, "America First," and that is the way it must be without exception. When we make and grow our essential goods here in America, we not only make our country secure, but we put our workers to work and support our farmers and ranchers, not some sweatshop on the other side of the world that exploits workers to no more than slave labor. Our fuel, parts, appliances, electronic devices, steel, etc. should all be made here, so we are never dependent on anyone for anything.

I feel confident that we will emerge from this not only stronger but much wiser and more determined than ever. This country has suffered many hardships, and many times others have underestimated the will of the American people. We have the most highly skilled and productive workforce the world has to offer, and it's time we utilize it for the good of our citizens, our nation, and our security.

We have also realized in the last couple of months that there are a lot of things we thought we had to have, but it wasn't that necessary. What we need to do now is continue to say "No" to these items if they are not made in America by American workers. If our government officials do not correct the issue, we can fix it ourselves by simply refusing to buy anything made elsewhere. The number of things made in China today is unbelievable, and 99% of it is pure junk. When we buy these things, we put our friends, neighbors, and ourselves out of a job. Please buy American made products and request American made products. Call and write your elected representatives and demand they help with this problem. If they don't help, replace them because they aren't working in your best interest or the best interest of our country.

In closing, I wish everyone a safe and prosperous year and hope this virus has not affected you or your family. There is still work on the books, and hopefully, this will calm down, and we can all get back to normal. If I can be of any help to anyone, please let me know.

Fraternally,  
Ronnie M. Hill

I hope this report finds everyone doing well and staying healthy during this COVID-19 ordeal. The new year certainly got off to a bad start and will be a year we remember for a long time. As if the virus wasn't enough, oil prices then plunged dramatically. We learned new terminologies such as social distancing and shelter-in-place, and we've seen many businesses we frequent close, people quarantined, etc. Travel restrictions are in place in many parts of this country with the bureaucrats determining what is and what is not essential to you and me.

On a good note, from what I have been reading recently, this virus should peak as of this writing. Hopefully, this is happening, and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and get back to our daily lives as usual. It appears that President Trump spoke with Russia and Saudi Arabia and has produced results. Both countries have reportedly agreed to slow production, and the oil prices are easing back up. That's good news for us.

It was sad that we missed our annual Steward School, I but I feel our Business Manager, Danny Hendrix, made the right call as usual. General President McManus has also implemented some directives to ease the strain on U.A. members and local unions with so much work stopped. We are blessed to have such good and compassionate leadership at both the local and international levels.

This pandemic, as they call it, has shown what a lot of us have known for a long time. That being that we have become complacent and have left ourselves vulnerable to many of our enemies. What we should have learned here is that countries not necessarily friendly to us don't have to attack us militarily to strike a crippling blow as we have witnessed today. In my opinion, we are now facing the most severe blow to our way of life except for the Great Depression and World War II.

Hopefully, when this is over, we will have learned a valuable lesson as a nation. That lesson being NEVER AGAIN should we allow our nation to become dependent on a foreign country for anything deemed essential to our daily lives and security. Anything that we need as a nation to survive must forever, from this day forward, have "MADE IN THE USA" stamped on it along with the union bug. Our fruits, vegetables, and livestock should be grown right here in the USA and clearly marked as such. We cannot allow this ever to happen again. President Trump has said over and over again, "America First," and that is the way it must be without exception. When we make and grow our essential goods here in America, we not only make our country secure, but we put our workers to work and support our farmers and ranchers, not some sweatshop on the other side of the world that exploits workers to no more than slave labor. Our fuel, parts, appliances, electronic devices, steel, etc. should all be made here, so we are never dependent on anyone for anything.

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## DISPATCH Report

By Ricky Jones

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There is no way to describe the times in which we are living. We are walking through a situation that no one has dealt with before us. However, we do have work starting. Gas companies and contractors are proceeding with extreme caution. This is good for all of us. We all want to avoid getting to a job and then get shut down for one reason or the other. We can only hope and pray that the COVID-19 virus has peaked by now, and we are going back to work at full speed by the time you read this.

We have been sending people to jobs regularly. Not a flood of members, by any means, but better than the building trades work at this time. We do have a few working on nuclear shutdowns, but not many. When we do dispatch, we send the usual dispatch instructions and an Essential Worker letter on 798 letterhead stating, "Pipeliners Local Union No. 798 recognizes that authorities have ordered the restriction of certain work and travel because of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the agents, employees, and members of Pipeliners Local Union No. 798 are exempt from these orders because they provide critical services and essential functions of the critical infrastructure industry and are engaged in an essential business. We request that you accord these agents employees safe passage in their fulfillment of these critical duties and as they commute to and from work and move between facilities to provide services for its members." This is just part of the letter, but it has worked well. Our members have been able to travel to and from jobs rather freely.

All we can do now is endure until this virus begins to fade away. We must keep our distance, wash our hands, and if in populated places, consider wearing a mask. I pray for our health safety now more than ever.

1,797 Welders

286 Journeymen

2,136 Helpers

# Short & Personal

## THANK YOU

**The Gregory Family** thanks everyone that wrote in early January when Kevin had the flu. It was a rough time that led to more problems in mid-February with his heart. Kevin is on the road to recovery, they hope.

**Johnny and Tracy Fisher** thank you for the gift sent to them in their time of need. 798 rocks! Keep the prayers coming, they will take all they can get.

**Thomas Arnett** thanks all brothers and sisters for helping him in his time of need, it was greatly appreciated. It feels great to be a part of such a great union that takes care of each other.

**Steven Landers** thanks the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund for the generosity and meeting his needs at this time.

**Timothy Fishburn and Family** thank you all for the generous support during their time of need. A family loss is always tough, and your help made some of the burden easier.

**Jack Tarvin** is grateful for the Voluntary Fund for helping him out in his time of hardship. God bless everyone that helped him. Special thanks to Phillip Wallace, Justin Wallace, and Danny Hendrix.

**Terri Lumpton** thanks you all for the prayers, cards, flowers, gift baskets, and dinner provided to her. Her soul is peaceful and comforted. Thank you all.

**Julie Roe** thanks you for your thoughts and prayers while she was out sick. The flowers were beautiful, and the Voluntary Fund check was much appreciated.

**Phillip and Missy Coates** thank the brothers, sisters, and the administration of Local 798 for the helpful Voluntary Fund assistance he received after his knee replacement surgery. It's a unique situation and shows the character of the members that donate weekly to build this fund. Special thanks to Curtis Mason, Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr., and Phillip Wallace.

**Mickey Langston** recently experienced the generosity and compassion that the Voluntary Fund provides firsthand, and he would like to thank you for the thoughtful gift he received. The values and efforts of the Voluntary Fund exemplify what makes Local 798 more than a community, it is family.

**Matt Franklin** thanks everyone who contributes to, supports, and is affiliated with the Voluntary Fund for the help he received. It was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Wayne Causey, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

**Josalyn Johnson and Family** thank everyone for their words of sympathy and the beautiful flower arrangement that was sent after the passing of her papa, Farris Tracy.

**Jerry and Heidi Ryan** thank everyone that contributes to the Voluntary Fund. They are grateful for the help following Jerry's knee replacement. Special thanks to the members that took time to write a letter on their behalf.

**Carey S. Strickland and Family** thank all the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for contributing to the Voluntary Fund and for the check received after his surgery. Special thanks to Mike Strickland and Phillip Wallace.

**Louis Lacina, Jr. and Family** thank the members of Pipeliners Local Union 798 for the generous financial support. Louis is in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston, TX, and when he's strong enough, he will be moved to an acute care facility nearby.

**Lawrence Houdashelt** thanks all the people who donate to the Voluntary Fund for their support. It was a tremendous help when his welding rig and tools were stolen. Special thanks to Mark Witt, Raymond Hoskinson, Gary Allison, and Ricky Oliver.

**Jerry and Shirley Tomlinson** thank each person who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. May God keep blessing each of you and continue blessing this great 798 family.

**Anthony and Mary Bright** give thanks to their 798 Brothers and Sisters for helping in their time of need after Mary had two strokes. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen and Sid Pennington.

**Shannon and Diane Johnston** thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Shannon had shoulder surgery and will have months of rehab to strengthen the muscles in his right arm. It is a blessing to receive help when he's unable to work. Special thanks to Tim Whipkey.

**Neil "Brent" Harper** thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund and all who called and dropped by at the time of his dad's passing. What a great organization.

**Gary and Madelyn Loyd** extend their sincere thanks to Pipeliners Local Union 798 and everyone that contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Tyler Simms for thinking of them.

**Robert S. Burdge** thanks everyone that contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The check was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Charles and Susan Garrett.

**Ken Daley** gratefully appreciates all that his Brothers and Sisters have done for him and his family. Special thanks to Johnnie Egan and Harold Black.

**Michael and Kim Hawkins** thank you for the beautiful gift. They appreciate you thinking of them at this time during the loss of Linda.

**Jimmy and Tina Harris** thank all their Brothers and Sisters that donate to the Voluntary Fund. The money they received due to the passing of his sister was a very special gift. God bless each of you. Special thanks to Brad Devore.

**Brett Gardell** thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The gift helped them in a hard time dealing with his wife's, Amy Gardell, Lupus issues. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix.

**Pinson Naugher Family** thanks the local for the Voluntary Fund money they received during a hard time in their lives. It brightened their spirits to know this local really cares for its' members. Special thanks to Marshal Trigg.

**Patrick and Courtney Cochrane** express their deepest thanks for the help from the Voluntary Fund and to all of those who contribute. Special thanks to William Eubanks (Jammer), John Werner, and the other local members at Southern Pipeline.

**Gary W. McDonough** expresses his sincere gratitude for the Voluntary Fund check he received and to his Brothers and Sisters who contribute. It has been a hard two years since his diagnosis. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace.

**Cody Torpey** thanks the Voluntary Fund for considering him for a scholarship. He appreciates the \$500.00 check; it will help him greatly with college. He plans to apply again next year.

**Casey Jones** thanks you for the help given to him and his family through the Voluntary Fund. This really is a brotherhood, and he's glad we all have each other's back in times of need.

**Ariel Lewis** thanks you for the generous scholarship. Even though her parents are able to help her pay for some of her college, the more scholarships she receives the more she is able to focus on her academics rather than searching for a job to provide assistance. You have made a difference in the world.

**James and Rebecca White** thank the Voluntary Fund for being so generous. Your help was greatly appreciated in their time of need. They thank God for Local Union 798. Special thanks to Bobby Wayne, Bill Lemon, and to all who contribute.

**Shannon Jackson** thanks all the members that contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check he received during his treatment for skin cancer was very heartfelt. Special thanks to J.W. Osborn and Dale Crabtree. The treatment was successful, and he is doing fine.

**Sherry Lavender and Family** are forever grateful and blessed with the way everyone has reached out and been helpful through this extremely difficult time. Richard was proud to be a part of this union. Thank you so much from their family to yours.

**J.T. Born, Sr. and Cynthia Jo Born** thank Danny, Justin, J.T. Born, Jr. (J-man), and all the members of Local 798 that give freely to the Voluntary Fund each week. They are indebted to you for the help that they received. With two new knees, he believes he can make it a few more years.

## RETIREMENTS

**Kathy L. Burkhalter**, Helper, Bronson, TX

**Andrew J. Culbertson**, Helper, Paris, MO

**Joseph Giardina**, Helper, Blasdell, NY

**Serge Jean-Jacques**, Welder, Davenport, FL

**Todd J. Olson**, Helper, Forest Lake, MN

**Jeff A. Sailors**, Helper, Centerview, MO

**Monty K. Samford**, Welder, Clyde, TX

**Melissa L. Syms**, Helper, Livingston, TX

**Eleanor D. Truman**, Helper, Newton, WV

## IN MEMORIAM

**Larry Gibbons**, 66-year-old Retired Welder of East Waterford, PA, passed away June 13, 2019.

**Charles W. Mathis**, 79-year-old Retired Spacer of Graham, TX, passed away October 13, 2019.

**Orval E. Skaggs**, 80-year-old Retired Helper of Claremore, OK, passed away December 6, 2019.

**Spencer C. Lake**, 22-year-old Helper of Quaker City, OH, passed away January 1, 2020.

**Edwin D. Harper**, 88-year-old Retired Welder of Antlers, OK, passed away January 31, 2020.

**James R. Warren**, 81-year-old Retired Welder of Marana, AZ, passed away February 5, 2020.

**J. W. Barham**, 94-year-old Retired Welder of Batesburg, SC, passed away February 12, 2020.

**Robert J. Morek**, 76-year-old Retired Welder of Whitesburg, GA, passed away February 23, 2020.

**Leslie J. Boles, Jr.**, 76-year-old Retired Spacer of Frankston, TX, passed away March 6, 2020.

**Linda G. Hawkins**, 70-year-old Retired Helper of Bastrop, LA, passed away March 6, 2020.

**Bobby O. Cox**, 89-year-old Retired Welder of Sandy Valley, NV, passed away March 9, 2020.

**Kristopher Conlee**, 30-year-old Welder of Fort Gibson, OK, passed away March 11, 2020.

**Richard W. Lavender**, 63-year-old Retired Welder of Homosassa, FL, passed away March 11, 2020.

**Huey P. Garner**, 84-year-old Retired Helper of Crossville, TN, passed away March 18, 2020.

**Sherman F. Riddle**, 79-year-old Retired Welder of Wynona, OK, passed away March 23, 2020.

## SWAP & SELL

**2017 Ford F-350 Welding Rig:** 75,000 miles. Lariat fully loaded with leather seats. Welding bed is only two years old. Located in Minnesota. \$55,000. Contact Lynn Lilyerd at (320) 279-1741.

**Caps by Cindy:** Contact Cindy at (918) 557-1660

**2018 Silverado 2500 HD:** Complete rig set up, truck, welder, leads, bed and boxes. Truck has 22,000 miles, extra set of rims, a few dents and scratches, a crack in the windshield, and includes extra leaf springs. Machine is a 68 Redface, needs some work, it doesn't strike an arc, but runs well. Located in PA, asking \$37,000 for everything. Contact Nick Bozza at (570) 898-3827.

**The Hood Fan:** The hood fan cools and defogs. Hood fans for scoops and pancakes. \$36 includes mail fee. Contact John Russell via call or text at (903) 609-2458.

**2003 F-350 4WD:** 61,000 miles, 4-wheel drive. Comes with welding machine, tools, gander, 2-hole pins, and barrel torch. 2,900 hours on machine. Asking \$26,000, will also sell truck as flat bed for \$22,000. Contact Michael Bake at 330-627-6366.

**Lincoln Classic 2 Deutz Diesel Welding Machine:** Deutz diesel welding machine in great condition, 2,900 hours. Asking \$8,500 OBO. Contact Michael Bake at 330-627-6366.

**CNC 4X4 Plasma Cutting Table:** CNC 4x4 plasma cutting table with waterbed, Hypertherm Powermax 45 plasma cutter, Lincoln Electric Accumove 2 controller. New HP all-in-one touch screen computer with all the programs, turn key deal, using your air compress. All in excellent condition. Comes with a new controller box should you accidentally short out the one on the machine, \$1,800 value and new mother motherboard wiring harness. Belts for the motors valued at \$900. Cut up to 1/2" plate but it's very slow 3/8". Can be seen at 118 South Oak, Erick, OK 73645. Asking \$9,500 or table alone \$8,500. Contact Tommy Fenley at 405-669-4972.

**Welding Truck Bed:** Welding truck bed, has been used with a 2011 Dodge dually 3500 and a 2001 Dodge 2500 long bed, \$2,500. Truck bed is in Glen Rose, TX. Contact Ann Baker at (254) 396-3343.

# How to Protect Yourself and Others from COVID-19

## Know how it spreads



- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
  - » Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
  - » Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
  - » These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
  - » Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

## Everyone should

### Clean your hands often

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- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.** Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

### Avoid close contact

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- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Stay at home as much as possible.**
- **Put distance between yourself and other people.**
  - » Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
  - » This is especially important for **people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

### Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

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- **You could spread COVID-19 to others** even if you do not feel sick.
- **Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public,** for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
  - » Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

- **The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people** in case you are infected.
- Do **NOT** use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to **keep about 6 feet between yourself and others**. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

## Cover coughs and sneezes



- **If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

## Clean and disinfect



- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces** daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html>
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

## Atlantic Coast Pipeline



On February 20, Local 798 Business Agent, David Butterworth, along with approximately 70 Local 798 members, met with West Virginia Attorney General, Patrick Morrisey, at the West Virginia State Capitol for a rally supporting the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. This rally was ahead of the US Supreme Court hearing the case on February 24. As always, Local 798 was well represented by David and every member that turned out to support this project.

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