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Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write this report with both happiness and sadness in my heart. Black Schroeder has tendered his resignation as Business Agent for Texas. I met Black about 38 years ago when we welded together on a sled job where Buddy Kervin was the Welder Foreman. Black has been an outstanding Business Agent. But more than that, he devoted a large part of his life to Local 798 and its principles. He is my friend, and I will miss him as an agent, but I am happy that he is entering a new chapter of his life. I wish him the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

I have selected Joe Gaines of Dalhart, Texas, to be the next Business Agent. Joe is a 20-year member and respected by his peers to be a craftsman and a good union man. Joe will shadow Black beginning November 2 to help orientate him to the expected job duties.

The work outlook is still slower than we would like to see, but some positive things are happening. The Mountain Valley Pipeline has five spreads of work that are pre-jobbed to complete. Enbridge Line 3 looks very positive to start some of their work in the next few weeks. Currently, we are working on the stations and modifications on existing stations for the Keystone XL. The Mainline is scheduled for 2021, which will be ten spreads. Man-hours at the end of September were at 4 million with three months left to complete 2020. This year will probably turn out to be the lowest man-hours we have experienced in the last 14 years. We don't have a magic wand, but we do have the Action Network. We must continue to be diligent in our fight for pipeline projects. Whether on your phone, laptop, or home computer, advocating through social media only takes a few minutes of your time. Please get involved, so our voice becomes louder. Advocating works, the clients depend on it, and it will bear fruit, but you must participate.

During these slow times and for the future, our training center is a great place to expand your skill sets. Many of our members have been working building trades for the last few years through our sister locals to maintain their benefits and spot on the wheel. If you need to broaden your skills or just brush up, the training center has some of the most talented instructors to help you to achieve your goals.

Last, but certainly not least, this nation is at a crucial crossroads with the presidential election bearing down on all of us. Every day, all day, and all night, we are bombarded with both parties shouting at us for our vote. We must vote; we must stand up for what we believe is just and right. Please look carefully at what both parties want for America and ask yourself, "What is best for my children or my grandchildren?" God bless America, and God bless 798.

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 that this report finds you each in good health. By the time you read this report, the election for president of the United States will soon be decided. If you haven't voted, please do so. I would never tell anyone how they should vote, but I will say, think about which party will be best for the pipeline industry and our country as a whole. Hopefully, whatever the outcome may be, we can move forward with building and maintaining pipelines to meet our country's energy needs. Through September, we have worked just over 4 million man-hours. The positive news is that there is potential for the last quarter to be stronger than the rest of the year has been. There are crews in place on the MVP now, and the news for the Line 3 Replacement Project sounds very promising for construction this winter. TC Energy tells us that 2021 will be the year we finally build the Keystone XL. We fight hard and advocate for every project that we get to build, but I think more time and energy has gone into seeing this project come to fruition than any other. It will be a great feeling for Local 798 members to finally get to work on this job that has been on our radar for so many years.

As Danny said in his report, Black Schroeder will retire at the end of this year. I want to thank Black for his many years of service to Pipeliners Local 798. Black has been a great asset to 798, and particularly to this staff. Congratulations, Black, on a job well done, and enjoy your retirement. You have most definitely earned it! With that said, Danny selected Joseph W. Gaines to step into the role of Business Agent for Texas. I think Joe is a great choice, and I know he will do a fantastic job. We look forward to working with you, Joe.

By now, the ballots for the 2021 UA Convention Delegate Election have gone out. Please vote in this important election. This is your chance to decide who will serve as a representative of the UA's greatest local union. It was nice to see such a good turnout of candidates. Good luck to you all. There is an election notice on the website with all pertinent information that may answer any questions about the election process you may have. Greg Russell, Phillip Razian, and John Werner were elected to serve as the Local 798 Election Committee at the September Membership meeting. Congratulations, and thanks to each of these guys for stepping up to take on this job. It says a lot about them to take on this task, which is generally a thankless job. I know they will do Local 798 proud.

2020 has been a very tough year for many Local 798 members, and I hope and pray that 2021 is a much more prosperous one. We had abundant work for many years, then the permit issues and the global pandemic hit. I feel like times are going to get better, but the reality is, we may not see years as good as 2017 and 2018 again for quite some time. We hope for the best, but also prepare for the worst. Many members keep their health insurance and pension credits going by working out of sister locals. It is not typically hour-for-hour on pension but keeping your health insurance current may be the most important thing you can do in times like these. I hope each of you can spend time with family around the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. God bless you all.

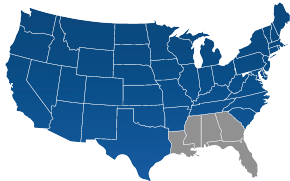
If there is ever anything that I can help you with, please don't hesitate to call me. ***As always, I am proud to serve the membership of Pipeliners Local Union 798!***

Fraternally,

Justin Wallace
Financial Secretary-Treasurer



Business Agent Reports



AL, FL, GA, LA, MS
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Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

By the time many of you read this, the 2020 presidential election will be over, the holidays will be upon us, and the year will be coming to an end. It has been one of the craziest years on record. Hopefully, 2021 will bring a more stable environment and a more prosperous year for pipeline work.

Work is still very slow in my jurisdiction. I wish I had a more positive outlook to share with all of you, but for now, that is about as honest as it gets. I appreciate all of you that have contacted me for work. Although I could not help you at the time, I enjoyed getting the opportunity to visit with you one-on-one.

Please keep up all your efforts and advocate on the Action Network. Your voices truly are being heard! Also, try to make plans to attend the December meeting. It is an excellent opportunity to stay up to date on everything rather than relying on rumors.

I want to take a moment to congratulate Black Schroeder on his upcoming, well-deserved retirement. I could write an entire book on the lessons learned from this man, but he knows how I feel about him. We will truly miss him! When you see Black at the December meeting, show him the 798 family love.

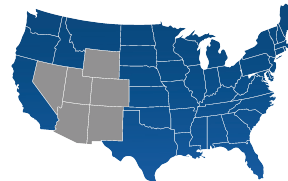
I also want to congratulate Joe Gaines on his new appointment as Business Agent for Texas. He has some big shoes to fill, but I know he will do everything in his power to rise to the occasion. Congratulations, Brother Joe!

With the holidays coming up, I hope each member takes the time to be thankful. With all the negativity, it is essential to find the positive in every situation. God bless all those members trying to rebuild after Hurricane Laura and bless all those in need. I hope each one of you has a happy Thanksgiving and a very merry Christmas.

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 at (918) 991-5341. May God bless each one of you, and God bless this great local.

Pre-Jobs:

Wayne Holden & Company, Inc.:
- Tallulah, LA. 3,800' of 8" for CenterPoint Energy. Steward: Chad Springer. Special Agreement.



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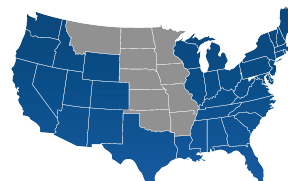
Justin Head

As of this report, work is still slow in my area. I have contractors bidding smaller jobs in the area, and some contractors that do not usually bid work here are expanding into this area to bid work. However, it seems the work continues to be delayed. There are several good jobs that I am keeping an eye on, but at this time, there is no definite start date. The work in Nevada that I spoke of previously looks to be delayed until early next year. It is hard not to feel that the gas companies realize the uncertainty of the upcoming election. Either way, the need for clean natural gas is not going away any time soon. The people screaming for the end of fossil fuels will learn the hard way that it is not possible anytime soon.

Depending on how gas companies deem the November elections to go, I look for next year to have many opportunities for work in my area with the possibility of some large projects. Some of that is going to depend on oil prices, as well as the Jordan Cove project getting approval. As a reminder, frequently check for new actions on the Action Network. When there are short notices, as you may have seen on the Keystone, we must make our voices heard as much as possible. I hope everyone has a happy holiday season. If there is any way I can help, please do not hesitate to call.

Pre-Jobs:

Snelson Companies, Inc.:
- Steamboat Springs, CO. 5,200' of 3"-4" replacement for Excel Energy. Superintendent: Kevin Hartsell. Welder Foreman: Daniel Jones. Integrity Maintenance. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-1-20.



AR, IA, KS, MN, MO, MT, NE, ND, OK, SD
918-606-9459



Phillip Wallace

The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic has cost our members, contractors, and clients several jobs that I believe would have kicked off this year. My entire life,

I've heard there will be plenty of work for everyone in an election year. That did not come true this election year partly due to the virus but mainly due to the environmental groups and the politicians that want to kill fossil fuels. If you are not registered to vote, please do so and vote for the candidates that support our way of life to make a living.

Now for some good news. I have four TC Energy Keystone XL pump stations kicked off in Montana and South Dakota that will run into 2021. I expect to pre-job the fifth station in Oklahoma mid-to-late October. There are 26 of these KXL pump stations to be built and over 800 miles of 36" Mainline pipe to lay in the spring. The Mainline work is split into ten spreads to kick off in 2021. Associated will kick off several HDDs on spread 6A in South Dakota in late October.

The Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project consists of 350 miles of 36" split into six spreads, eight pump stations, and 32 Mainline valves in Minnesota. Michels has just finished the 12-mile section of Line 3 in northwest North Dakota to the Minnesota border. Precision will pre-job the second week in October to fabricate their portion of the Mainline valves. Mainline pipe and stations should start in late November or early December.

You and your local union have fought for the last ten years for the KXL permits and the last six years for the Line 3 Replacement permits. Thanks to everyone who traveled to the Town Hall meetings and participated in the 798 Action Network to have our voice heard. Thanks for stepping up when called on.

Our union leaders have negotiated a Project Labor Agreement for both projects that guarantees all work - every nut, bolt, and welding rod - is completed by 798 skilled labor. I could not ask for a better Christmas present to get our people back to work. I wish everyone a very happy holiday. God bless all and this great country.

Pre-Jobs:

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Truxton, MO. 5,000' of 20" HDD for Enbridge. Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Welder Foreman: Brian Boyett. Job Steward: Dan Pruitt.

InterCon Construction, Inc.:

- KS, OK, MO, and IL. Anomaly digs for Enbridge. Superintendent: Jeff Hunt. Welder Foreman: Russ Messer. Job Steward: Zack Scott.

Michels Pipeline:

- Mundo, SD. KXL Pump Station #20 for TC Energy. Superintendent: Joe Pederson. Welder Foreman: Walker Stewart. Job Steward: Bobby Powell.

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

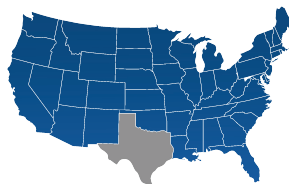
- Baker, MT. KXL Pump Station #14 for TC Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Kuznia. Welder Foreman: Donovan Quam. Job Steward: Wayne Petz.
- Phillip, SD. KXL Pump Station #18 for TC Energy. Superintendent: Mike Benke. Welder Foreman: Kurt Quam. Job Steward: Brian Gilley.

Precision Pipeline:

- Bemidji, MN. Mainline Valve Fabrication, Line 3 Replacement (Spread 2) for Enbridge. Superintendent: Jim Cunningham. Welder Foreman: Dennis Jackson. Job Steward: Todd Hartle.
- Backus, MN. Mainline Valve Fabrication, Line 3 Replacement (Spread 3) for Enbridge. Superintendent: Kevin Olerud. Welder Foreman: Brad Gilmore. Job Steward: Bradley Mudd.



In late October, Business Agent Phillip Wallace attended a celebration for the completed 12-mile section of the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project in Hamilton, ND. Pictured is Bob Osborn of Michels Pipeline addressing the attendees of the celebration.



TX
918-633-3435

Black Schroeder



When you reach a certain age, life starts to accelerate. It seems like yesterday I got my Helper's book, and I am now retiring. That is one of the main reasons people join unions, to one day retire, have some quality of life, and continue to live the American Dream. I want to thank Danny Hendrix for his friendship, for always being there, and for supporting me through thick and thin. I would also like to thank all the Business Agents, Organizers, their wives, my Job Stewards, 798 Officers, Local 798 staff, UA Officers, and other locals' officers that I have worked with through the years. I feel that I have had a great relationship with everyone, and we all stuck together through the good and bad. Last, I would like to thank the 798 membership for your support. Hang in there. It is well worth it.

Danny has appointed Joe Gaines from Dalhart, Texas, to take over as Business Agent in my area. Joe and I met 19 years ago on a job in Tennessee. He made quite an impression on me, as he was an excellent welder and very respectable. Joe has worked for me numerous times as Job Steward and has been Welder Foreman for several contractors. If Joe takes this job as Business Agent as seriously and as dedicated as he has taken every job, he will be an excellent Business Agent. Congratulations to Joe for your appointment, and best of luck.

Seventeen years ago, I wrote my first Blue Light report. I always thought it was the hardest to write, but I now find writing my last one very complicated. My wife and I devoted our entire life to Local 798 and the pipeline industry, and it has been a wonderful journey. You have all become my family, and I will miss seeing and being with the most incredible bunch of people I have ever known. Tuffy and I had a plan, and I found out some plans change because there are other plans. Everyone needs to enjoy life to its fullest every day; treat people how you would like to be treated; Be Cowboy; and always Be UNION; because we don't know the other plan. Remember, we are the "Best of the Best." I will always love this local and the people in it. God bless you all. Adios.

Pre-Jobs:

Michels Pipeline:

- Arp, TX. Pump Station #38 for TC Energy/KXL Pipeline. Superintendent: Rick Van Winkle. Welder Foreman: Ronny Voyles, Jr. Project Labor Agreement. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-1-20.
- Baytown, TX. 5.6 miles of 20" & 36" HDD drills under ship channel for Exxon Mobil. Superintendent: Bobby Pardue. Welder Foreman: Lee Allen. Market Recovery. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-21-20.

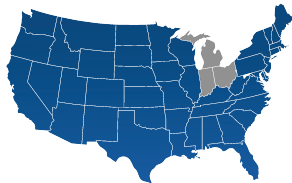
R.M.S. Holdings, LLC.:

- Pasadena, TX. Supply mechanized welding equipment & techs to weld 16 miles of 36" for Exxon Mobil. Superintendent: Matt Steel. Steward: Michael Holder. Mainline Rates. Approx. completion 12-25-20.

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Cooper, TX. Pump Station #36 for TC Energy/KXL Pipeline. Superintendent: Paul Johnson. Welder Foreman: Jerad Lene. Project Labor Agreement. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-20.





IN, MI, OH
918-270-6746



Charles Yates, Jr.

Work has significantly slowed down in the Central Region. TC Energy's Buckeye Xpress Mainline project in this area is progressing toward a successful finish and should be completed by the time you read this. We are appreciative of our partnership with TransCanada and all clients who support union labor. Thank you to all the members who contributed a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. As you can see from this pre-job list, maintenance jobs continue but are not as plentiful. Politics impact pipeline projects. Please be sure to vote in November. Check your local communities for polling locations and early ballot schedules. This is an important election. Educate yourself on the issues and gather as much information as possible. Your voice matters. May God bless America.

Using our Action Network page at action.local798.org is another area where both your voice and participation are a powerful influence. Your support is helping. Minnesota's Line 3 is approved, which means we hopefully have an opportunity to conclude this year with a strong fourth quarter.

In these days of negative headlines and hashtags, we can look to our retirees for an example of how to buckle down during tough times. Many have seen lean years throughout their pipeline careers, yet they remained true to our union livelihood. Our seasoned members have persevered with their strong work ethic and can-do attitude. I want to thank all retirees for their contribution and commitment then and now.

As we approach the holidays, I offer many good wishes for health and happiness. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to call. Shop small, support union, and buy made in the USA.

Pre-Jobs:

1127 Construction Inc.:

- Belpre, OH. 10,400' of 8" for Dominion East Ohio. Superintendent: Jeff Smith. Welder Foreman: Adam Kandle. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11-27-20.

Charps, LLC:

- East China, MI. Cut-out and install 75' of 36", 90' of 24", and 20" crossover for TC Energy. Superintendent: Daniel Bendickson. Welder Foreman: Mike Lind. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-13-20.
- Lancaster, OH. Sleeving on various size integrity digs for Enbridge. Superintendent: D.J. Omang. Welder Foreman: Tanner Dremmel. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-20.

Contractors Rental, Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Fort Wayne, IN. 100' of 10" for Nipsco. Superintendent: Tommy Johnson. Welder Foreman: Michael Johnson. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11-1-20.

Meade:

- Veedersburg, IN. Install 1,477' of 6" and 2-3/4" steel services with hydro for Vectren. Superintendent: John Karlsson. Welder Foreman: Trevor Pilgreen. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-9-20.

Michels Pipeline:

- Rochester, IN. Replacement of various sections of 24" mainline for NiSource/Nipsco. Superintendent: Marty Mack. Welder Foreman: Brian Van Duyne. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-1-20.
- Bergland, MI. Ten (10) - 16" integrity digs for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Ervin Shurpit. Welder Foreman: Kelly Lizana. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-30-20.

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Perrysville, OH. 1,410' of 16" lift and lay for TC Energy. Superintendent: Mark Carpenter. Welder Foreman: Tim Schwendiman. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-10-20.

- Mt. Vernon, IN. Fabricate, test, and install 80' of 3" and 4" into wellhead for Vectren. Superintendent: Doug Vaughn. Welder Foreman: Ryan Turner. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-17-20.

R.L. Coolsaet Construction Co.:

- Owosso, MI. Four (4) - 24" anomaly replacements for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Kevin Scully. Welder Foreman: Kevin Duffy. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11-10-20.

Roberts Pipeline, Inc.:

- Oregon, OH. 20' runs of 6" and 8" manifold piping for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Bobby Westraeter. Welder Foreman: Milan Klaus. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-6-20.

Union Pipeline, Inc.:

- North Jackson, OH. 4,000' of 20" for Dominion East Ohio. Superintendent: Perry Rogers. Welder Foreman: Eric Raymond. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 10-16-20.

United Piping, Inc.:

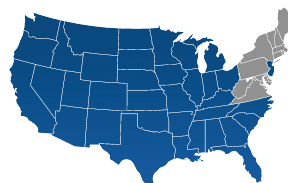
- South Lyon, MI. Install 1,120' of 10" and 450' of 8" well head piping for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Mike Manley. Welder Foreman: Jason Margerum. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-24-20.

U.S. Pipeline, Inc.:

- Jackson, OH. 16.8 miles of 20" abandonment of 501 line for TC Energy. Superintendent: Cliff Sinclair. Welder Foreman: Marvin Bagwell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-7-20.

VEC, Inc.:

- Mansfield, OH. 1" through 6" fabrication and installation for TransCanada. Superintendent: Sean Wilster. Welder Foreman: Ryan Brady. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-31-20.



CT, DE, MA, ME, MD, NH, NY, PA, RI, VA,
VT, WV
918-270-6745



David Butterworth

The work in the Northeast is starting to pick up a bit with the MVP beginning to pre-job. Three spreads in West Virginia are pre-jobbed, and I just received solid start dates on the two spreads in Virginia. The bulk of the hiring has not happened, and the spreads are currently getting set up to go when the permits are approved.

The U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned three permits that were previously granted, and in doing so, caused our current situation. The first permit, reissued in early September, is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Endangered Species permit. The second permit involved is the Nationwide Permit 12, issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. This permit was rereleased in late September and allows the pipeline to cross approximately 1,000 creeks and rivers. The third permit, which has not been granted, is issued by the U.S. Forest Service and will allow the project to pass through the Jefferson National Forest. Although the National Park Service, which is separate from the Forest Service, did grant permission to pump natural gas at high pressures through a portion of the MVP to be installed under the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Mountain Valley recently asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to lift their stop-work order since the permits listed above are being reissued. And on Friday, October 9, 2020, FERC lifted the stop-work order and granted a two-year extension to their permit. The environmentalists will continue to file injunctions and try to convince judges to rule their way, but I think the project will be completed.

If you do go to work on the MVP, please carry yourself in a professional manner knowing that you represent Local 798 in the communities where you work. I also want to ask that we follow all state, federal, and company policies regarding the latest COVID-19 protocols. I have participated in several public debates with environmental groups that want to shut the MVP down due to the spread of COVID-19, and I know that they will be out there looking. If we follow the guidelines and do what is asked of us to help stop the spread of COVID-19, the other side will have nothing to discuss. Also, if they treat you poorly in the community, please turn the other cheek and always take the high

road. The environmentalists are constantly looking for ways to shine a bad light on us when all we are doing is trying to make a living. Please don't let them be successful.

Pre-Jobs:

The Hillis Group, LLC:

- Owings Mills, MD. 500' of 30" replacement. Superintendent: Art Gavlock. Welder Foreman: Fred Calvert. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.

Michels Pipeline:

- Cazenovia, NY. 4,060' of 24" class change and one (1) MLV install. Superintendent: Kirk Baker. Welder Foreman: Dick Swiger. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Wind Ridge, PA. Prepare four (4) - 900' 30" and 36" sections for longwall mine operation. Superintendent: Duane Carlson. Welder Foreman: Mike Boyett. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Otis Eastern Service, Inc.:

- Honey Brook, PA. 14", 12", and 8" replacements of various lengths. Superintendent: Scott Middaugh. Welder Foreman: Shannon Sowards. Mainline rates. Working 4-10s.

Precision Pipeline:

- Bridgeport, WV. 3.76 miles of 42" tie-ins and approx. 67 miles of hydro-testing. Superintendent: Brad Moser. Welder Foreman: Jimmy Dick. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Sutton, WV. 9.57 miles of 42" tie-ins and approx. 61 miles of hydro-testing. Superintendent: Rick Swing. Welder Foreman: Raymond Johnson. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Monaca, PA. Reroute 1,684' of 24". Superintendent: Gary Denhoff. Welder Foreman: Charles Oldroyd, Jr. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.

Price-Gregory International:

- Mt. Hope, WV. Remaining work on 66.9 miles of 42" tie-ins and hydrotesting. Superintendent: Greg Newcomb. Welder Foreman: Stann Campbell. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

United Piping, Inc.:

- Shippingport, PA. 3,850' of 12" HDD river crossing replacement. Superintendent: Dean Jensen. Welder Foreman: Jeremy Slate. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

U.S. Pipeline, Inc.:

- Aldie, VA. Install and remove 5,149' of 24". Superintendent: Jerry Bash. Welder Foreman: Steve Yost. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.

Pre-Jobs:

Michels Pipeline:

- Harrodsburg, KY. Three (3) - 30" final tie-ins plus launcher and receiver. Welder Foreman: Kevin Marlett. Superintendent: Scott Pheisbi. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-15-20.

B&G Pipeline Company:

- Sanford, NC. 28,500' of 12". Welder Foreman: Naaman Warren. Superintendent: Samuel Wilson. Working 6-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 12-12-20.



DISPATCH Report

By Ricky Jones

Double-check your out-of-work cards! You need to make sure you are willing to apply for everything on your out-of-work card. It is the worst part of my job to get someone on the phone preparing to dispatch and realize they do not have everything checked that is required for the job they are applying for. You can change your card immediately, but according to the Dispatch

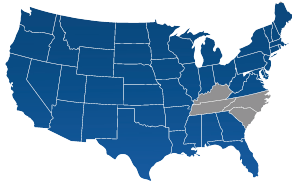
Policy, it does not go into effect for 48 hours. You can then apply if the job comes up again.

We've had some jobs come up with stick and automatic test. You must have automatic on your card if any part of the test uses an automatic type machine (BUG). Also, there have been some jobs requiring handheld wire. Be aware of any job that requires automatic, handheld wire (up or down), and downhill LH. The contractor must provide training and practice coupons before you test. They do this because the automatic technology changes rapidly, and handheld is a rarity in our trade. Also, the downhill LH comes around and then disappears for two or three years, then makes a comeback. So please double check your out-of-work card.

The building trades work is getting a little better. If you have a UA 101 cert, we have work. This is a wire bead with flux core fill and cap. We have also had calls for schedule 10 stainless welders and have not been able to fill them.

Get to the training center and expand your skill sets. Here in Dispatch, we are continually looking for building trades work during this slow time. We have members working steadily on building trades while waiting for their name to come up or work to break. These are members who have done this for years now. It's easier for them to travel to locals they have worked at before. We only hear from them when they want a BIO sent to the local they are going to.

I want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Hope to see you at the December meeting.



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

Chris Lancaster



I write this report following my return from North Carolina after visiting some of the ongoing jobs in that area. The work in my area is still slow. There are a few projects out for bids in North Carolina, but nothing has been awarded. I have pre-jobbed a Michels job in Kentucky, but that's the only new job as of now. I remain hopeful that they will come up with a COVID-19 vaccine, and we can get back to a more normal way of life and better work season.

It was great to see a good turnout for the September union meeting. It seems that since the pandemic, we haven't visited with very many for safety purposes, but it was good to see those who were able to attend. As most are aware, we elected an Election Committee for our upcoming election for UA delegates. Congratulations to all that were selected. We also held nominations for UA delegates for the UA Convention. Best of luck to all the candidates running. I'm sure everyone will represent the UA and Local 798 professionally at the convention.

The holidays are just around the corner. I hope everyone has a happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing you in December. Stay safe, and I hope to see you soon.

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September Regular Membership Meeting



Meeting Notice

December 11, 2020

The Regular December Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local Union 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, on Friday, December 11, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m.

*Special Business: Announcement of the results of the U.A. Convention Delegate Election.
See the Mail Ballot Election Notice included in this issue of the Blue Light.*

Ladies of 798 Hospitality

The Ladies of 798 Hospitality will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133, on Friday, December 11, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m.

Hotel Accommodations

The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel has graciously offered a discounted room rate of \$97/night. To make reservations, call (918) 307-2600. Make sure you indicate you are with Pipeliners Local Union 798.

Meeting Notice

January 8, 2021

The Regular January Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local Union 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, on Friday, January 8, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m.

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ORGANIZING Report

Ronnie Hill

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I hope this report finds everyone doing well and in good health. The work down here in Texas and beyond remains slow in all areas. There are a few jobs scattered around the state. I have been spending time in Central and South Texas with some trips out West.

It seems the COVID-19 situation still has many different things shut down, and that, coupled with an election year, has not helped. As long as I have been working, it seems things slow a bit during an election year.

It was nice seeing a good turnout at the September meeting. It's always good to see friends and meet new ones, and the meeting, as usual, was very informative.

I have received many calls in the last several months with concerns about nonunion activity and possible members working nonunion. I certainly appreciate all information provided. As I mentioned earlier, the work is still slow, but a few jobs are going on here and there. If a nonunion company contacts you about work, please call me and let me know the specifics. If given the opportunity, talk to nonunion workers, and explain the numerous benefits of union membership. The key to putting an end to nonunion jobs is to have all pipeline workers organized. Organizing the unorganized is the only way we can ever multiply our strength. If we, as workers, are scattered and divided, we are at risk of being victimized. Even when the nonunion is taken advantage of, it eventually harms us to some degree. In the words of an early trade unionist, "An Injury to One is an Injury to All," and there is a ton of truth to that statement.

Once again, I want to stress the importance of participation in the Action Network. It is your friend. Use it and use it often. There is no better or easier way to have your voice heard and show unity and devotion to our industry and our local union.

As you all know, we are once again on the verge of another presidential election. This is possibly the most important election in the history of our country. It will undoubtedly chart the course that our country takes for years to come. I would never try to sway anyone in one direction as I feel voting is a personal choice, but what I will say is to be sure and VOTE. Don't take anything for granted. Get out and vote, and regardless of who you vote for, choose wisely. Our future and the future of our children and grandchildren depend on it.

I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving and remembers all the many blessings we have to be thankful for. We are very blessed and owe it all to our Lord. Also, I hope everyone has a very merry Christmas with your families. If I can help anyone in any way, do not hesitate to call. Travel safe, work safe, and be Union Proud.

Fraternally,
Ronnie M. Hill



PIBF Report

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Renée Vause

Director

IMPORTANT PLAN CHANGES

The Board of Trustees of Pipeline Industry Pension Fund (PIPF) and Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund (PIBF) met on September 8, 2020, and approved plan changes. These important pension plan and health and welfare plan changes will affect active participants, spouses, children, and retirees. The PIBF office recently sent a document titled Summary of Material Plan Modifications dated October 2020, which outlines all the recent changes. Several highlighted changes include:

- ◇ An extension for those working retirees over 62 to earn full accrual benefits for PIPF was granted through December 31, 2022.
- ◇ The Trustees have again approved the continuance of the PIBF Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for 2021. The HRA benefit will continue to be \$4,000.00 per year for active members for single or family coverage. Active members on COBRA will continue to be \$4,000.00 per year for single or family coverage. Separate coverage for spouses and children who are on COBRA is \$2,000.00 per year. The HRA amount for a retired member with covered dependents is \$4,000.00 per year and single retired members, and retired widows is \$2,000.00 per year. The HRA filing deadline for 2020 is April 15, 2021.
- ◇ Effective September 8, 2020, the exclusion for injectable medications has been removed. Most injectable medications are still subject to the PIBF and CVS internal review process, which considers dosage, quantity, safety, cost-effectiveness for route of administration, and appropriateness of use based on diagnosis.

MDLIVE - Virtual Medical Visit Option

The MDLIVE program launched May 1, 2020. Hopefully, you have all registered and set up a profile for you and your dependents to use should you need the service. It is a great idea to do this in advance of your first virtual visit. If you have not yet registered, you can now get to the MDLIVE website by clicking on the MDLIVE logo on our homepage, www.pibf.org. As a reminder, 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, you should have received a new Medical ID card listing the MDLIVE information.

Are you getting enough sleep?

According to an article by Lawrence Epstein, MD, "Sleep deprivation is widespread across the United States." Following are excerpts from his article as published in the International Foundation of Employee Benefits Magazine in July 2019:

"According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 35% of U.S. adults are not sleeping seven or more hours per night, as recommended by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), making sleep deprivation a public health problem. Think about the typical sleep schedule. How many people sleep at least seven hours a night on a regular basis? Chronic insufficient sleep leads to an increased risk of several serious health problems, including cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and type 2 diabetes. Research also suggests that poor or insufficient sleep may contribute to the development of Alzheimer's disease. Lack of sleep also has a profound impact on feelings and mood. According to a review published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, there are direct correlations between lack of sleep and occurrence of anxiety and depression, which have negative effects in the workplace. Conversely, regular, healthy sleep can help drive a more positive outlook, enhancing the ability to recognize the emotions of others, in turn improving relationships at work and home."

With all that is going on in the world today, self-care is ever more important. As your PIBF health fund, we hope you will take care of yourself when you can, know that we are here when you need us, and get those Z's!

Featured Personnel



Leslie Ott works as a Claims Processor and has been with PIBF for six years. She is the mother of three amazing children, Ty (12), Tessa (7), and Brex (2). She has been married to her husband, Derick, for four years. Leslie spends her time away from work, taking her kids to their different sporting events, and supporting her husband in his coaching career. Leslie enjoys helping and getting to know the membership. "I am thankful to be part of such an amazing organization. My time

at PIBF has been a blessing to me, as well as my family. I look forward to many more years of serving our membership here at PIBF."



Brooke Stephens started with PIBF 11 years ago in June 2009. She processes medical and dental claims and handles prescriptions for the membership. Brooke has been married to Jason for seven years. Together they have three children: Rylee, Easton, and Kynslee. Her life revolves around her family. She loves watching her children's sports activities. Her three children keep her on the go with all the sports. Brooke is a sports lover, but she loves college football the most,

in particular, OU football. (BOOMER SOONER!) She and her family enjoy traveling during what little downtime they have between sports. Brooke says, "I have truly been blessed to have been given the opportunity to be a part of the PIBF/798 family! I enjoy serving our membership and helping them with any of their needs. I have made friends that have truly become family, and when I count my blessings, PIBF/798 is definitely one of them!"

Local 798

2021 Convention Delegates/Alternates Mail Ballot Election

1. The General President has directed that the election for delegates be conducted by mail ballot. There will be no manual balloting.
2. Election Services United (ESU) shall administer the election. ESU is headquartered at 672 Dogwood Avenue, Suite 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 Impala Press Ltd. Impala Press Ltd is located at 931 South Second Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.
3. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible Local 798 members on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at their most recent permanent address on file with the Local Union ("primary address") as of Friday, October 16, 2020.
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 Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 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 a.m. CST on Thursday, December 10, 2020. 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 10, 2020, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, OK, starting at 9:30 a.m. CST.
7. The results of the election will be announced at the Regular Membership Meeting on Friday, December 11, 2020, starting at 7 p.m. CST at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, OK.
8. In the event there is a tie vote in a delegate election and a run-off election is necessary, a mail ballot election will be conducted for only those delegates for which there is a tie vote. Ballots will be mailed on Friday, February 26, 2021, and will be counted on Monday, April 5, 2021, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, OK, starting at 9:30 a.m. CST. The results of any run-off election will be announced at the Regular Membership Meeting to be held on Friday, April 9, 2021, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, OK, starting at 7 p.m. CST.

Local 798 Election Committee

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Member
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All inquiries regarding the election (other than requests for ballots) should be directed to the Election Committee.

2021 UA Convention Delegate/Alternate Candidates

Ballot

Position Name to Appear on Ballot

1	Justin Hornback	37	Donnie Lindsey	73	Larry D. Collier
2	Kerry Lobell	38	Guy S. Williams	74	Justin Head
3	Phillip W. Wallace	39	Brett Mason	75	Frank Bowker
4	Joseph P. Torres	40	Ronald Dunn	76	Brent McCormick
5	David Salzgeber	41	Billy Burns	77	K.B. (Sonny) Brewer, Sr.
6	Chad S. Williams	42	Randy Mathis	78	Charlie Garrett
7	Ricky G. Jones	43	Tommy R. Morgan, Sr.	79	Clark Eastwood
8	Jason E. Knight	44	Mitch Pendergraft	80	John Knight
9	Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.	45	Jeff Tigert	81	Gerald Davis
10	Zachery Scott	46	Dennis E. Stiles	82	Ervin Cole
11	Jimmy Dick	47	Chad Simmons	83	Tyler Simms
12	James Leroy McDougal	48	Sarah Rogers	84	Cody D. Pedigo
13	Chuck Seale	49	Lee Baugus	85	Phillip McCann
14	Scott Phillips	50	Stann Campbell	86	Matt Ingram
15	Mark L. Tolley	51	Dennis Jackson	87	John Starkey
16	Mike Miller	52	Ralph W. Zoller (Barky)	88	Michael Cunningham
17	Jimmy Pedigo	53	Black Schroeder	89	Jeff Martin
18	Donald R. Hawkins, Sr. (Paw Paw)	54	Juan M. Rivera	90	Jimmy Hankins
19	Shannon Jackson	55	Troy Post	91	Heath Guffey
20	Steve Birgy	56	David Butterworth	92	Lee Allen
21	Chris Lancaster	57	Rick Thomas	93	Joseph M. Hurt
22	Terry Thibodeaux	58	Pete Ashby, Jr.	94	Kevin Davis
23	Caleb A. Miller	59	Spencer Schreibvogel	95	Scooter Folk
24	Micheal Fitzhenry	60	Clay Francis	96	Landon Duncan
25	Charles E. Yates, Jr.	61	Todd Hartle	97	Jimmy Dodd
26	Ralph (Kirk) Kirkland, Jr.	62	Michael Layrock	98	Dustin Pierce
27	David E. Allen	63	Cassidy Croley	99	Guy Simms
28	Phillip B. Lancaster	64	Joshua L. Pattison	100	Neal Crabtree
29	Mike Mathis	65	Tom Morgan, Jr.	101	James Hathorn
30	Ed Coker	66	Farron Hollabaugh	102	Mark Anthony Witt
31	Jordan G. Lindsay	67	Brian A. Gilley	103	Ronnie M. Hill
32	Josh Jones	68	Brady Schreibvogel	104	Paul Davis
33	Preston Ri'chard	69	Rusty Bailey	105	Michael A. Hatch
34	Woodrow W. Bratcher	70	Blake McAnelly	106	Bobby Hinson
35	Kelly Jellison, Jr.	71	Richard Warren		
36	Carl (Junior) Overstreet	72	Joe Gaines		

Happy Holidays

THE OFFICERS AND STAFF OF PIPELINERS LOCAL UNION 798, THE PIPELINE INDUSTRY BENEFIT FUND, AND THE LOCAL 798 TRAINING CENTER WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A SAFE AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON.

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December Meeting

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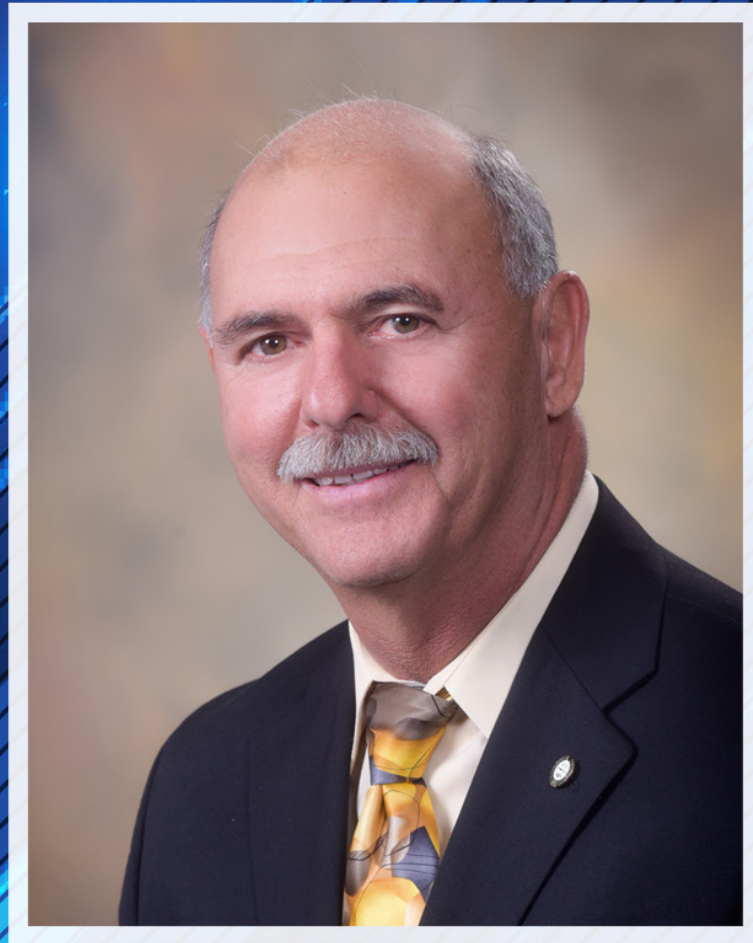
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Short & Personal

THANK YOU

Gerald Tidwell thanks the Voluntary Fund and everyone that contributes. The gift he received was much appreciated and helped during the recovery and clean up after the fire in his shop. He thanks everyone for the calls and prayers during this time.

J.B. and Juanita Stovall thank all the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The gift they received was greatly appreciated. Juanita has started chemotherapy in Tampa, Florida. Many thanks to all our Brothers and Sisters for their concern and prayers. Special thanks to Mike Williams, Don Armstrong, Sonny Brewer, and Mike Shultz.

Lance and Lisa Cook thank all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The gift they received was greatly appreciated during their difficult time. Special thanks to Calvin Fuller, Justin Teague, and all the crew.

Patty Heishman and Family thank their Local 798 friends for the prayers, love, and friendship received during the unexpected death of their wonderful husband, dad, and pap, Richard Heishman. Words cannot express how grateful they were for the flowers, Bible, cards, and Voluntary Fund gift. Richard thought the world of the many friendships he made while working on the pipeline, and we thank you for your friendship with him. "Richard's light will forever shine in our hearts!"

Gary and Cathy Pohlman appreciate and thank everyone for their kindness.

James, Corlia, and David Kaunhoven thank Local 798 for the generous contribution to David's fund. Thanks to the donation, they were able to provide David with the therapy, support, and equipment that will help give him the best chance of recovery and a successful future. They are overwhelmed by the love, support, and prayers for their wonderful little boy.

Isabelle Tyler thanks everyone who contributes to the fund for the help she received after Hurricane Laura. It was a big help towards the cost of repairing her roof. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Kari Hinson, and Farron Bear.

Timothy "Scotty" Jackson and Family thank the Brothers and Sisters of 798 during this season of chaos and fear. Everyone has showered them with sweet blessings of phone calls, prayers, and financial aid. Your kindness and generosity will not be forgotten. "Thank you" seems too simple for the enormous outpouring of love, but they are the only words that come straight from their hearts to yours. Thank you again, Louisiana Strong.

Jennifer L. Chambers thanks everyone that donates to the Voluntary Fund for the gift she received. Special thanks to Kevin Nelson and David Butterworth.

Edward L. Bohannon sends his deepest thanks to the members of Local 798 and its officers for the monies received from the Voluntary Fund during his surgeries. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and Ed Coker. May God bless this great local and its members.

Clifford and Dianne Janise are so very grateful for the check they received from the Voluntary Fund after experiencing Hurricane Laura. When young, working and contributing to the fund, you never imagine being a recipient of it, but it was very much appreciated. Please keep the people in the Lake Charles area in your thoughts and prayers as they were hit so badly.

Tonya Johnson thanks everyone for the money she received from the Voluntary Fund. It helped so much after her spinal surgery. She is slowly healing but feeling much better. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace. She is proud to be a member of Local Union 798 and to have worked with the best Welders in the United States.

Jourdon Henderson thanks all the members who give to the Voluntary Fund. The gift that he received after the passing of his grandfather, William Payne, helped cover some of the medical bills.

Anthony E. Ashby and Family thank their great pipeline family for giving to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was very helpful, and they are grateful. Special thanks to Charlie Yates, Mike Shively, Chris Olsen, and Charp's, LLC. 798 stay strong!

Chris Baldrige expresses an acknowledgment of thanks and appreciation to Carroll Tuggle, Kent Fritts, and Matt and Donna Franklin for the help received after his back surgery and total hip replacement.

Randy Bryan and Family thank all the Brothers and Sisters that contribute to the Voluntary Fund and special thanks to Micah Corbridge for his letter of support. They greatly appreciate the funds they received during such a difficult time in their lives.

Bo and Aubrey Odom thank all the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for contributing to the Voluntary Fund and for the help she received after her surgery. God bless each of you. Special thanks to Chris Lancaster, Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Donald Barrow, Wayne Bates, and Ricky Lambeth.

The Schwendiman's and the Northwest Lady Indians Basketball Program of Canal Fulton, OH, thank the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund for the generous scholarship. The outing was a great success!

Lee and Desirae Allen extend their gratitude to the Brothers and Sisters of 798 after the loss of their son, Colt. They appreciate the love and support as well as the gift they received through the Voluntary Fund.

The Family of Gilbert Burch expresses their sincere gratitude for the check they received from the Voluntary Fund after their loss. They are so thankful to belong to a local union that helps take care of each other. "Thank you" to the hands at the Michels job in Bronson, TX.

Leonard Miller, Jr. thanks the Voluntary Fund for the check he received after his father's passing. Special thanks to Andy Bacon. "Be safe and see you on the pipeline."

William Waddington and Family thank all the Brothers and Sisters, Local 798 administration, and the Voluntary Fund for the assistance they received during their time of need. Special thanks to David Leroux and family.

David J. Souza thanks all the Brothers and Sisters who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after his motorcycle accident. He is thankful to be alive after suffering several injuries. Thank you again to the best union in the country; he is forever grateful. Special thanks to J.C. Cooper and Danny Hendrix.

Robert W. Chapman and Family thank you for acknowledging their daughter, Hannah Chapman, and for the scholarship she received from the Voluntary Fund. He is honored to be a part of the union. Hannah has always believed in what the union stands for, and she carries that message with her each day! Thank you again to the greatest union in the world!

Jonathan Stokley and Family are thankful for the donation they received from the Voluntary Fund. It is good to know in unexpected hardships that everyone is willing to help one another. The Voluntary Fund has helped them to get back on their feet, and they are so grateful. They have been blessed and will continue to do their part for the next Brother or Sister that needs help. God bless.

Bobby Spann thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Janie is doing okay since her heart surgery. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and Tado Spann for the monetary aid.

Charles Lynch thanks the Voluntary Fund and everyone who contributes for the help he received after Hurricane Laura. Special thanks to Mack Doyle, Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr., Justin Wallace, and Danny Hendrix.

Charles "Dude" Harper and Family thank the Voluntary Fund and all those who contribute. They are very appreciative for the money they recently received. Special thanks to Rollie Hart.

Larry and Cindy Spann express their sincere appreciation for the financial help they received after Cindy was diagnosed with breast cancer. Larry is proud to say that he is a member of an organization that is ready to help when a member is in need.

John and Carol Loyd and Family thank the Voluntary Fund for the generous gift they received. They have been overwhelmed by medical costs. "Thank you" to those who submitted them for the assistance. God bless.

Kathleen Bieri thanks the Voluntary Fund for awarding her son, Jacob Bieri-Brintnall, a scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year. It was a great help for his senior year at MTU. Her father, Stanley Bieri, was a strong 798 union supporter and would have been so happy for his grandson.

Charles and Tabatha Houston thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund and appreciate the help they received.

Ivan Degeyter thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The help he received in his time of need was greatly appreciated.

Tim Bellinghausen thanks each Brother and Sister in our great union. The money that he and his family received from the Voluntary Fund was a great help. The good book says to treat our neighbors how we would want to be treated. He sincerely thanks everyone for how well he was treated during a difficult time. Also, please say a prayer for the family of Rance Spaid.

Robert W. Chapman thanks the Voluntary Fund for the generous help after the passing of his mother, Busta Chapman. A very special thanks to Rusty Bailey, Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and the Ladies of 798. His mother loved the union and was very proud of its members and the Ladies of 798, who make up our pipeline family's backbone. Robert's family is proud to be a small part of this great local for over 50 years. God bless the pipeliner!

Jason Husband sincerely thanks each of you for the support he and his late wife received. He does not know what he would have done if it were not for everyone's support. He cannot put into words how grateful he is. He feels that he can never repay the local for everything that was done for them.

Elvis Stilwell thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the monetary gift after his back surgery in August. It is a blessing to belong to a union that treats you like family. Special thanks to Justin Wallace and Kenneth Glaze.

Darrell and Misty Kading thank everybody for the help received after Darrell's surgery on his back. Special thanks to Rebecca Haynes.

Pam and Squirrel Bird thank all members of Local 798 who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check was deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Danny, Justin, and Wayne Causey.

Edward K. Philley, Jr. thanks the greatest pipeline organization for what it does for the members. Special thanks to his friends Jimmy Dodd, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace. He is very grateful for the financial help during his illness.

Arnell J. Malnar thanks all contributors to the Voluntary Fund for the assistance following his accident. Special thanks to Donnie Lindsey, Mark Utery, Kyle Council, and the rest of the hands on the Michels spread in Fairbault, MN.

Lonus Mitchell thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for their help. Special thanks to Chad Gilbert and Keith Edwards.

Mikki Suzanne Frost thanks all the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the check she received while going through a hardship. Special thanks to Ralph Zoller, Tanya Tucker, and those who worked on the job in Ironton, OH.

Karla and Billy Wood thank Dale Crabtree, Kerry Lobell, and the Voluntary Fund for the help they received after Hurricane Laura. The help was needed and much appreciated. Thank you all.

RETIREMENTS

Darrell R. Akin, Welder, Doddridge, AR

Jeff R. Caskey, Welder, Goldonna, LA

William M. Choate, Welder, Kaufman, TX

Robert Cloud, Spacer, Xenia, OH

Fred T. Crager, Jr., Spacer, Morehead, KY

Salena Dickie, Helper, Farmington, NM

Roy L. Dry, Welder, Ovett, MS

Patrick E. Faulkner, Helper, Hominy, OK

Robert S. Humphrey, Welder, Clare, MI

Tim N. Lafitte, Welder, Pollock, LA

Rolston D. Moore, Spacer, Sweet Home, TX

Frank G. Petty, Helper, Fouke, AR

Terry O. Smith, Spacer, Barnesville, OH

Edward P. Stuart, Jr., Helper, Porterville, MS

Randy E. Wiseman, Helper, Cameron, WV

IN MEMORIAM

Rance S. Spaid, 33-year-old Helper of Pittsburg, TX, passed away August 20, 2020.

James L. Folk, 76-year-old Retired Welder of Lamar, SC, passed away August 21, 2020.

Daniel S. Mrosowski, 51-year-old Retired Welder of Wilmer, AL, passed away August 21, 2020.

Barry A. Smith, 65-year-old Retired Welder of Southaven, MS, passed away August 24, 2020.

Cody L. Romine, 51-year-old Welder of Sanger, TX, passed away September 5, 2020.

Douglas A. Ashby, 52-year-old Helper of McBain, MI, passed away September 6, 2020.

Charles E. Thrasher, 55-year-old Retired Welder of Ethel, MS, passed away September 6, 2020.

Charles W. Lipford, 83-year-old Retired Helper of Bethel Springs, TN, passed away September 13, 2020.

Danny M. Townsend, 67-year-old Retired Welder of Rose Bud, AR, passed away September 13, 2020.

Jeffrey L. Jarrell, 66-year-old Helper of Olive Hill, KY, passed away September 20, 2020.

Marc D. Brennan, 40-year-old Spacer of Shawnee, OK, passed away September 23, 2020.

Michael F. Topazio, 72-year-old Retired Helper of Willowick, OH, passed away September 23, 2020.

Albert J. Kyle, Jr., 70-year-old Retired Helper of Hundred, WV, passed away September 24, 2020.

Deward N. Brewer, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Bostwick, FL, passed away September 28, 2020.

Randie R. Wolverton, 69-year-old Retired Welder of Chickasha, OK, passed away October 9, 2020.

2015 Ram 3500: 59,000 miles, 6.4 Hemi, 4x4, 14mpg. Fully rigged out, remote start, alarm with 2 sensors, ceramic tint. 2007 Lincoln 200D, fully restored. Diamond plate aluminum bed, Wilton vice. Truck weighs 8,800 lbs. with machine and tools. Brand new Ultra Flex leads, never been used. Tidweld reels with hose and cord, 3 remotes for machine. Victor gauges, hand torches and barrel torch. Gauge protectors for bottles 9", 7", and 4.5" grinders. All tools included, every toolbox is full. \$50,000. Contact Brad Tucker at (918) 991-1004.

2012 Miller Pipe Pro 350: Wireless remote, 2,770 hours. \$8,000. Other Fabrication tools, barrel torches, etc. available. Call or text for list and prices. Contact Gus Neumann at (413) 626-4143.

Leather Welder Protection Gear: Back hand protector, \$22. Summertime sleeve, great for hot weather, nearly the same protection as our quarter jackets, but much cooler, \$110. Arm pad with customization, \$120. Order at whistlestopleathershop.com or call (409) 489-3492.



Pictured: Jason Harris and Lee Sloan
Buckeye Pipeline, Oak Hill, OH
Submitted by: Lee Sloan

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Leather Welder Protection Gear: Leather arm pads. \$85-130. Contact Jerry Gentry at (409) 489-3492.

Welding Truck Toolboxes: Two welding truck toolboxes to sit over rear wheels. \$200 each. Contact Elton Tanksley at (662) 547-6814.

2006 Holiday Rambler Presidential: Has been well taken care of and in great shape. Features two super slides in the living room/kitchen, as well as one in the bedroom. \$20,000. Contact Chris Lively at (205) 393-4500.

PIPELINERS VOLUNTARY FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In January 2021, following the conclusion of the Fall 2020 semester, the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program will award ten general scholarships of \$3,000 each. A screening committee will select the winners from the qualifying applicants. Any Local 798 member or his/her immediate family (spouse, child, or grandchild), who has graduated from high school and is currently attending at least the first semester of an accredited college, may apply. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.

The Voluntary Fund has sponsored the Scholarship Program since 1969. The Scholarship Fund owes its success to the generous contributions of the Local 798 membership. Thanks to all of you for your continued support. The Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$7,500, will also be awarded. It has been funded by Voluntary Fund donations, memorial donations in honor of Harry Faucett, and through the generous contributions and sponsorships at the annual golf tournament. This scholarship is awarded to the highest-ranking applicant meeting the qualifications for the Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program. Only applicants who have maintained a minimum 3.2 GPA in their college-level coursework will be considered for this award.

Application forms for the 2020-2021 Scholarship Program are now available for students enrolled in the Fall 2020 semester. Written requests should be addressed to Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program, PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147-0798. Applications may also be downloaded online from the Local Union 798 website at www.local798.org. The application is available under the Voluntary Fund tab in the Scholarships section.

An instruction sheet accompanies the application and appraisal forms. Adherence to the rules and compliance with the requirements are necessary to be eligible for consideration in the final screening process. Completed forms should be returned along with copies of all previous college transcripts. It is the applicant's responsibility to have their college or university registrar's office immediately mail in a transcript of their grades upon completion of the Fall 2020 semester. Sufficient time is allowed for the receipt of fall transcripts, but a cut-off date is necessary to process all applicants through the screening committee. Applicants will be disqualified if all materials, including the application, appraisal forms, and transcripts, are not received by the January 22, 2021, deadline.





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#116



#145

Navy Pullover Hoodie
Item #116 - \$37.00
(S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

Stainless Steel License Plate
Item # 145 - \$14.00

#109



#147

Navy Tiger Stripe Fleece Jacket
Item # 109 - \$60.00
(S, M, L, LT, XL, XLT, 2XL, 2XLT, 3XL, 3XLT, 4XL, 4XLT)

70th Anniversary Pocket Knife
Item #147 - \$69.00



#129

Money Clip
Item # 129 - \$15



#135

Local 798 Blanket
Item #135 - \$37.00