



BLUE LIGHT REPORTS

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Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Spring has arrived just in time, and I, for one, am thankful that the cold arctic blast is nothing but a bad memory. ***We continue to have many challenges as pipeliners, but we also have many blessings that others in this nation will never experience.***

The work outlook remains less than we would all like to see, but as of the end of March, we are over 400,000 hours ahead of last year's numbers for the first quarter of the year. The Enbridge Line 3 certainly helped push those numbers upward, and we still have many more man-hours left to finish this project once the frost laws are lifted in a few weeks. The Mountain Valley also is slowly cranking back to life, with approximately 200 wetland and water crossings to finish this year. ***The Keystone XL is not dead as far as I am concerned, but it is on life support, and the prognosis for construction is not favorable for the near future.*** The bulk of the work for 2021 will continue to be small changeouts, modifications with Integrity Maintenance being the lion's share of the work.

The Action Network continues to be our best weapon to have our voice heard nationwide, but many of our members have drifted off from replying to the actions. This tool only has value if we use it collectively and use it often. It just takes a few seconds to execute the action that moves the needle in our direction for more opportunities. ***Recently we sent out an action to over 10,000 email addresses, 2,500 clicked on it, and only 500 followed through after reading the post. I could understand this if we were asking for a donation, but we are advocating for our jobs in our industry. We must do better, and if we don't, our slow work year could surely worsen in years to come.*** Politicians are swayed by public opinion, and we are being beaten by people whose jobs aren't even being affected by the outcome. Unions, at least this one, are about being structured and organized with a unified voice for the pipeline industry's needs, and my expectations are far from what I know this membership is capable of achieving. Please do your part today, and don't count on others to do the heavy lifting for you.

As soon as the current administration signed the executive order to kill KXL, the far left complained it wasn't nearly enough. They immediately demanded that the federal government shut down Enbridge Line 3, Mountain Valley, and the Dakota Access, which has been operating safely for four years. ***We are in a fight-or-die situation, not only for this industry and our jobs but also for the lifeblood of this nation's economy. Are you going to fight or remain silent?***

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 you well. The regular April membership meeting had 130 in attendance. Hopefully, next April, Steward School will be back to normal. Congratulations to Brett Mason, who was sworn in to fill the vacant Executive Board seat. The seat was vacated when Randy Mathis was appointed as the vice president after Vice President Paul Davis passed away. Randy has always done a fantastic job serving on the Executive Board, and we all know he will make a great vice president. At this point last year, we had worked a total of around 800,000 man-hours, while for the same period this year, we stand at 1.2 million man-hours. Much of this is due to the Line 3 Replacement project. The Line 3 has shut down due to frost laws, but we are told it will be back in full swing around the first of June. Aside from Line 3, the Integrity Maintenance and station work are where the bulk of the remaining hours comes from. We believe the maintenance work will continue to grow for years to come.

At the membership meeting, we had several members get up and speak of the building trades work that has been available to them. For some, projects like the Cracker Plant in Pittsburgh have been a huge blessing. The scale is good, and the benefits package is comparable to ours. Please remember if you are working out of another local's jurisdiction, that we are guests there. It only takes one member to go into these other locals and ruin the relationship that we have. These relationships are what allow us to get members in there while times are slow. If you are on one of these jobs and choose to leave, just leave. Don't burn that bridge for the Brothers and Sisters that come behind you.

Please remember to check the Action Network. We've got some actions out there now supporting the SCALE Act. CO2 transportation and storage are going to be our next chance at a major pipeline boom in this country. There are some proposed CO2 projects out there right now that could very soon become a reality. It could lead to thousands of miles of heavy-wall pipeline projects. In my opinion, even the most rabid environmentalists should wholeheartedly support these projects. We will embrace this technology while also advocating for oil and gas projects every chance we get. There are also KXL and PennEast actions currently going. Please sign them all!

Miller has graciously donated a welding machine for us to raffle off to benefit the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund. The details of this can be found in this Blue Light, and we will be sending out tickets to the job stewards on the larger projects. You can also purchase them over the phone by calling the Union Hall. We are fortunate to have so many good vendors, like Miller, that continue to support our industry and Local 798 members.

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

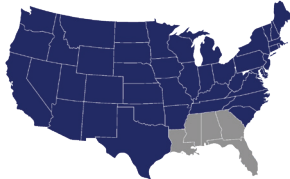


**Brett Mason being sworn in by
President Preston Ri'chard.**



Randy Mathis fulfilling his role as vice president.

Business Agent Reports



AL, FL, GA, LA, MS
918-991-5341

Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.



I am writing this report after returning from our regular April membership meeting. It was a pleasure getting to visit with all who attended. I am looking forward to getting back to normal and hopefully having a regular Steward School week next year. Until then, we will continue to persevere.

I want to congratulate Randy Mathis and Brett Mason on their new appointments. Randy Mathis is our new vice president, and Brett Mason is now serving on our Executive Board. I know they will both serve our local well.

Work in my jurisdiction continues to be very slow. I am still optimistic that this will change in 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 questions or concerns. My cell phone number is 918-991-5341.

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.

With some of the maintenance being government-funded, I am starting to see some prevailing wage jobs. With that said, I believe that will help level the playing field and bear some fruit very soon.

With the work being slow, I am still actively trying to organize. There are many ways to organize, but we can improve our organizing methods with the help of the membership. If you are aware of a job in my area or are approached about working for a non-signatory contractor, please call me, and let's figure out if there is something we can do that would help advance our agenda. The building trades work in New Mexico I spoke of in my last report has been pushed back towards the end of summer. I still believe they will need many travelers to help man that work. I understand most pipeliners' first choice for work is not building trades. However, you can still make a paycheck and contribute to your benefits.

In closing, I would like to thank the hands that continue to be diligent in signing petitions on the Action Network! However, we still need to double, even triple our efforts. We are significantly outnumbered by people trying to end our way of life, and if we cannot get everybody on our side to join the fight, we may lose! If there is anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to call!

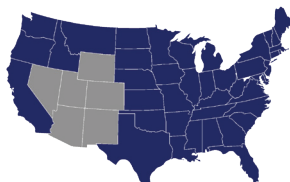
Pre-Jobs:

Q & D Construction:

- Reno, NV. 4,599' of 12", and 1,814' of 8" new installation for NV Energy. Paying 80% rates. Working 5-10s. Superintendent: Steve Coltra. Welder Foreman: Tom Weddell. 5-10s. Job complete.
- Reno, NV. 4,415' of 8" take up and relay for NV Energy. Mainline rates. Working 5-9s. Superintendent: Cory Vandervoorden. Approx. completion 10-15-21.

Charps, LLC:

- Douglas, WY. 8-16" anomaly digs for Enbridge. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 6-10s. Superintendent: Kyle Berjke. Welder Foreman: Travis Wolfe. Approx. completion 4-30-21.

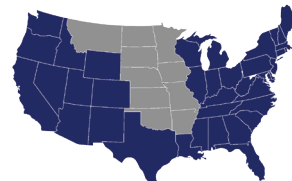


AZ, CO, NM, NV, UT, WY
918-398-3380

Justin Head



I am writing this report shortly after the April membership meeting. Although we were unable to hold Steward School, it was still great to see the members who could make it for the meeting. The work throughout the country seems to be breaking finally. I am starting to see and hear of many small jobs in my area going out for bid. As of right now, I cannot see any new, large projects on the books for this year out west. Hopefully, that will change. The contractors are actively pursuing anything they can get the opportunity to bid out west.



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

Phillip Wallace



I write this Blue Light report after returning home from the April union meeting. This is the second year that our Steward School was canceled due to COVID-19. Thanks to the 130 members that attended the meeting. Hopefully, 2021 will get this world back to a more normal way of life as we know it.

The 2021 work in my area has picked up some with Integrity Maintenance jobs starting to show up as the spring weather breaks. Northern Natural Gas, Flint Hills, Black Hills, and Enbridge are the big players this season to repair

and replace some of their older pipelines and station upgrades that have been neglected for years. As always, early in the season, NNG and the Koch companies have awarded their work to the nonunion contractors that they keep alive with the reverse auction bids.

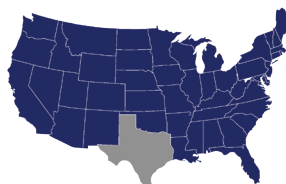
We have all eight of the Line 3 Replacement pump stations in Minnesota kicked off and two Southern Star stations in Kansas. The Dakota Access Pipeline that we laid for ETC in 2016 has added four new stations, one in South Dakota, one in North Dakota, and two new stations in Local 597's jurisdiction. I have received notifications that DAPL will add two more station projects in mid to late May. That will make a total of 16 pump stations that will run at complete construction in late spring or early summer.

The L3R mainline spreads in Minnesota are shut down due to the road restrictions to heavy hauling. This happens every year when the spring thaw starts. Five spreads will start hiring mid-May to be back on the ROW when the wetland permits are reissued on June 1. The environmentalists that have fought Line 3 for the last seven years have not gone away. They have gained strength and more financial support from Hollywood movie stars like "Hanoi Jane" Fonda. She was recently in Minnesota for a big publicity stunt by showing up to protest not just Line 3 but also all pipelines. It was brought to my attention on Facebook that Winona LaDuke, the leader of the Line 3 protests, has declared war on the project. This is how she and all her followers make their living, trying to prevent all the ways you and I make ours. Please do not let them take your livelihood away from you and your family. The opposition has 100 percent participation to take your job, and our local has about 20 percent of our members who get involved in advocating for these permits. The permit process has only gotten worse every year, with politicians jumping on the side that squeals the loudest and has the most votes. Please help yourself and your local by advocating through the Action Network when asked to sign these petitions that go to politicians.

I close with this thought. By definition, a union is a club, society, or association formed by people with a common interest or purpose. Imagine how much more productive we could be with 100% participation in advocacy for these jobs. United We Stand, Divided We Fall.



Michels L3R Gowan Pump Station in Floodwood, MN.



TX
918-237-3573



Joe Gaines

I write this report after returning home from the April meeting. Like many of you, I was disappointed that we could not have Steward School, but I was happy to see so many members at the membership meeting. With the decreasing COVID-19 numbers, I am hopeful that we will see many things returning to normal. I want to congratulate the Ladies of 798 on a job well done with their auction this year. Even though they could not have their traditional live auction, their silent auction brought in thousands of dollars for their selected charities. It is not too late to help! If you feel compelled to give, visit the Ladies' website at ladiesof798.org and click on the donate now button. The Ladies of 798 do so much good throughout the year and are a great part of our union!

For those that were unable to attend the April meeting, one of the main topics of discussion was participating in the Action Network. I know we must sound like a broken record, but not participating in the Action Network is detrimental to our line of work. The 798 Facebook page has over 30,000 followers, but the average post only receives a handful of likes, comments, and shares. How will we turn the tide if we can't be bothered to engage our friends and neighbors with the latest information about 798 and our industry? We must do better! Liking, commenting, and sharing a post help to make that post more visible to others. Please, get involved. We need to be a bigger part of the conversation on social media, but we cannot accomplish this task without your help!

Work in Texas continues to be slow, but I am happy to report that Texas will be blessed with an abundance of building trades work over the next few years. Tesla has begun building their plant outside of Austin, and skilled hands are needed. I have been in close contact with Local 286 and have assured them that we can help man the work. They require the following UA Certifications: 21, 41, 42, and 60. This downtime is an excellent opportunity to get those needed certifications. Farron Hollabaugh and his staff do a great job at the 798 Training Center and will be more than happy to help you get those required certs. If you are interested in these building trade jobs, please give me a call. I have compiled a list of prospective hands, and as Local 286 needs people, their business agent will call me. I will caution you if you are called for one of these jobs that the turn-around is very quick. In most instances, they require hands to be on the job the next day.

Additional pipeline work in Texas remains slow. On a positive note, I am hopeful that Biden's executive order regarding the Keystone XL will soon see its day in court. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, along with 20 other states, has filed a lawsuit deeming Biden's order unconstitutional. Let's continue to be the "squeaky wheel" and make our voices heard.

As always, if I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call 918-237-3573.

Pre-Jobs:

Michels Pipeline:

- Linton, ND. DAPL pump station. Superintendent: Mark Zogg. Welder Foreman: Larry Craig Myers. Job Steward: Bobby Powell.
- Harrisburg, SD. DAPL pump station. Superintendent: Abe Mueller. Welder Foreman: Mike Bouchard. Job Steward: Leroy McDougal.

Foltz Welding Ltd.:

- Welda, KS. Southern Star pump station. Superintendent: George McKinley. Welder Foreman: Dale Diekamper. Job Steward: Cody Haynes.
- Ottawa, KS. Southern Star pump station. Superintendent: Mike Jeffords. Welder Foreman: Mark Elliott. Job Steward: Neal Crabtree.

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Troy, MO. 5,000' of 8" for St. Louis Pipeline. Superintendent: Bobby Cannon. Job Steward: Walter Cole.
- Troy, MO. 6" fab and install in MO and IA for TC Energy. Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Job Steward: Joy Compton.

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Buffalo, MT. Station modifications for Enbridge. Superintendent: Andrew Stay. Job Steward: Wayne Petz.
- Donaldson, MN. L3R pump station. Superintendent: Bill Kunkel. Welder Foreman: Carl Jurgansen. Job Steward: Colby Shaffer.
- Plummer, MN. L3R pump station. Superintendent: Jeff Lindgren. Welder Foreman: Donovan Quam. Job Steward: Greg Russell.
- Viking, MN. L3R pump station. Superintendent: Ryan Julin. Welder Foreman: Mike Johnson. Job Steward: Doug Anderson.
- Unionville, MO. Station modifications for TC Energy. Superintendent: Aaron Shrontz. Job Steward: Brian Gilley.

Miller Pipeline, LLC:

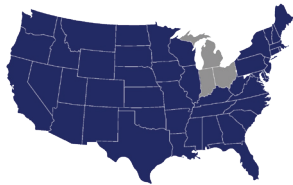
- Mt. Vernon, MO. 6.5 miles of 6" for Spire-KC MO. Superintendent: Kevin Cook. Job Steward: Brian Straight.

McCizer Pipeline, Inc.:

- 30" anomaly digs for Enable Midstream. Superintendent: Dewey McCabe. Welder Foreman: Aaron Carr. Job Steward: Karmen Mason.

Northern Horizons, Inc.:

- 4 miles of 12" for MERC. Superintendent: Tony Sauter. Welder Foreman: Todd Osborn. Job Steward: Nick Ostby.



IN, MI, OH
918-270-6746



Charles Yates, Jr.

Although we couldn't have Steward School this year, I am grateful that, at the very least, we were able to have an in-person April membership meeting. It was great to see so many in Tulsa who were able to attend. I truly believe that we are getting back to some normality, or maybe the American people are just tired of living in fear. We are learning to adapt and overcome. Even the Ladies of 798 are attempting to figure out how to navigate in a COVID world. Thanks to all who supported their silent auction and raffle ticket sales. I am confident that by next year, Steward School will return.

Spring is here, and most are ready to get back to work. Unfortunately, the work is still slower than we would like, but the man-hours are up by approximately 400,000 hours compared to this time last year. The Integrity Maintenance work is off to a good start in 2021, and it is projected to be strong all year. Building trades work is also a viable option. There seem to be a lot of calls for combo Welders. If interested, please contact the Dispatch office. If I can help get members on building trades work within my area, please let me know. I would also like to introduce our new signatory contractor LamSar, Inc. This company is based out of Ontario and has joined our fair contractors by choosing to use union labor. Every signed contractor in the UA family is vital to our infrastructure, economy, and membership. Thank you and welcome LamSar, Inc.

Our Action Network has been active in the last few months with several new letters and petitions. Please be sure to take a few minutes to go to action@local798.org to sign any and all new actions. It takes little effort but pays big dividends.

If I can be of assistance, do not hesitate to call. Shop small, support unions, and buy made in the USA.

Pre-Jobs:

Alex E. Paris Contracting Co., Inc:

- Atlasburg, PA. 11,000' of 20", 12", and 8" cross-country piping and fabrication in Jefferson County, OH for Mark West. Superintendent: Andy Cilia. Welder Foreman: Logan Hopkins. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 6-7-21.

Charps, LLC:

- Winslow, IN. Hydro-testing 2.34 miles of existing 30" Mainline for ONEOK. Superintendent: Daniel Bendickson. Welder Foreman: James Griffith, Jr. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-8-21.

Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Fort Wayne, IN. Modification of existing station. 4" catalytic heater fab and install in Allen County, IN for NIPSCO. Superintendent: Tommy Johnson. Welder Foreman: Christopher North. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

Foltz Welding Ltd.:

- Jackson County, IN and Paulding County, OH. 20 miles of 26" hydro-test with tie-ins for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Scott Schoonover. Welder Foreman: Ed Orrell, Jr. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-13-21.

Henkels & McCoy, Inc.:

- Marion, MI. Line 54 Lateral Replacement (approx. 7,000' of 16") demolition of existing 8" headers, replace with 16", installation of 2-16" pre-fabricated launchers and receivers for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Fate. Welder Foreman: Paul Mullin. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-1-21.
- Mt. Pleasant, MI. Vector (Dual Tap Valve Installation) Dixie Waterford (PLD install), Macomb VS (Valve Replacement), Vector Hartland (PLD/Meter Install) in Oakland, Macomb, and Livingston Counties, MI for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Bill Duren. Welder Foreman:

Kevin Blaisdell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-12-21.

- Northville, MI. Line 2,800 take-up and relay of 541' of 18" plus 16" relocation for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Gordon Donnelly. Welder Foreman: Gary Mullin. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-29-21.

InfraSource Construction, LLC:

- Columbia City, IN. Multiple casing removal projects of various sizes and locations in Starke, Lake and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana for NIPSCO. Superintendent: Clark DeGroot. Welder Foreman: John Yates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 10-31-21.
- Harrison, OH. Transmission maintenance, anomaly digs, line replacement, line relocation, abandoning, installing valves, and 24/7 emergency response in the greater Cincinnati area including Northern Kentucky with the majority in Ohio for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Calvin Fuller. Welder Foreman: Justin Teague. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-21 (blanket).
- Fort Wayne, IN. 7 miles of 16" steel pipe and 700' of 8" steel pipe, two small stations on each end (1", 2", 6", 8", and 16") with launcher and receiver for NIPSCO. Superintendent: Larry Wright. Welder Foreman: Doug Winter. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-1-21.

LamSar, Inc.:

- St. Clair, MI. Pigging on 3 miles of 6". Install traps, cleaning pig runs, gauge pig run, smart tool run and reinstate pipeline. All pig runs are butane product in Michigan, USA and Ontario, Canada for Shell Canada. Superintendent: Angelina Daugherty. Welder Foreman: Dustin Ashby. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4-16-21.

Michels Pipeline:

- Griffith, IN. Replace approximately 800' of 6" pipeline via HDD installation. Remove and abandon the existing pipeline in Hamilton County, OH for BP. Superintendent: Marty Mack. Welder Foreman: Brian Vanduyne. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4-30-21.
- New Haven, MI. Take up 3,000' of 16", relay 20", install two new valve sites with launcher and receiver, install 725' of 8" for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Matt Coley. Welder Foreman: Jeremy Bruins. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-14-21.

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Bellbrook, OH. 25,500' of 20" lift and lay for Vectren. Superintendent: Mark Carpenter. Welder Foreman: Eric Raymond. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-1-21.
- Greenwood, IN. Install 4,400' of replacement 20" steel pipeline. Cap and abandon in place existing 20" pipeline for Citizens Gas. Superintendent: Fred Leasure. Welder Foreman: Cody Dye. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 5-31-21.

P.J. Steel Supply, Inc.:

- St. Johns, MI. 5' of 24" remediation digs for Mainline maintenance in Livingston County, MI. 65' of 24" remediation digs for Mainline maintenance in Shiawassee County, MI. 30' of 24" remediation digs for Mainline maintenance in Clinton County, MI. 80' of 24" remediation digs for Mainline maintenance in Gratiot County, MI; 5' of 24" remediation digs for Mainline maintenance in Montcalm County, MI for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Bob Workman. Welder Foreman: Jeff Lange. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4-30-21.

R.L. Morris & Sons:

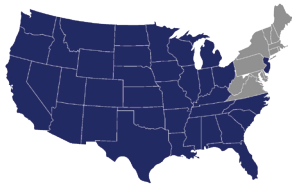
- Kalkaska, MI. 12"-36" Launcher and receiver. Integrity Maintenance work on high-pressure transmission lines upstream of gate station in various Michigan counties for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jon Lantzer. Welder Foreman: William "Bo" Berry. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-15-21.

VEC, Inc.:

- Hubbard, OH. 1"-20" fabrication of meter stations in-shop installation on-site for TransCanada. Superintendent: Sean Wilster. Welder Foreman: Ryan Brady. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9-25-21.



InfraSource Construction, LLC in Blue Ash, OH
Submitted By: Bobby Russell



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



David Butterworth

The work in the Northeast has picked up significantly since my last report. I recently went on the road and completed several pre-jobs: one spread of the Leidy South, which is 9 miles of 36"; the Bridgeline and McCravey, 8 miles of 16" and 24"; and the Bailey Mine Longwall, 16,000' of 36" and 30". I also have pre-jobbed several maintenance projects and some compressor and meter station jobs. Soon, 30 miles of 20" in Pennsylvania is scheduled to begin. The MVP is currently hiring in Virginia. The long, dark winter we just encountered had me concerned, but things are looking up as we head into spring.

I am hopeful that we will have a steady spring/summer season and that the MVP water crossing permits come later in the year. I can't guarantee that this will happen, but the possibility is there. I am also hearing that Northern Access, 97 miles of 24" and Penn East, 68 miles of 36", are both receiving favorable reviews in the permitting process and could go in 2022. There is also a possibility that MVP will need our help on their water permits. The original crossing methods have been altered, and I'm told that FERC may require additional public comments regarding these changes. Please be looking for these actions on the Action Network in the future.

The Action Network is a tool that helps us obtain work and allows our voice to be heard by the government agencies and courts that decide whether our jobs will happen or not. If you are not currently participating, you are directly negatively affecting our livelihood. As time goes by and the country moves toward an "all of the above" energy portfolio, we will have many opportunities to help shape this path. The introduction of carbon capture and hydrogen injection methods is on the horizon, and natural gas will continue to be the mainstay for grid reliability.

Danny and Wade were ahead of the curve when they introduced the Action Network. It's now up to us to utilize it so Local 798 can continue to be the industry leader as the United States energy portfolio evolves and grows. If we continue to let environmentalists drown out our voice and give half-effort, we will be left behind, and we will have no one to blame but ourselves. We can do better, and we need to do better because our livelihoods vitally depend on it.

Pre-Jobs:

Ace Pipeline, Inc.:

- New Martinsville, WV. 10.4 miles of 24" and 1.2 miles of 16" new lay. Superintendent: Jeremy Phillips. Welder Foreman: Jason Pitts. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Bond Civil & Utility Construction, Inc.:

- Various locations in CT, MA, RI. 4" to 30" integrity management pipe replacements and modifications associated with anomaly digs. Superintendent: Matthew Fernandes. Welder Foreman: Jeff Stockwell, Sr. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Yorktown, NY. 2" to 24" new meter and regulation install in Westchester County, NY. Superintendent: Joe Dupuis. Welder Foreman: Ed Stockwell, Jr. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- White Plains, NY. 2" to 24" new meter and regulation install in Westchester County, NY. Superintendent: Harry Johnson. Welder Foreman: George Robideau. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

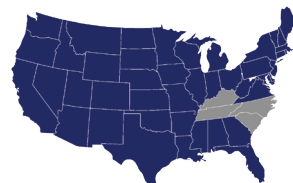
Hanging H Companies, LLC:

- North Bend, PA. Install 8.69 miles of 36" and take up 5.85 miles of 24". Superintendent: Jeff Fox. Welder Foreman: Rodney Kilgore. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 6-10s.

InfraSource Construction, LLC:

- Brandywine, MD. 28,000' of 24" new lay. Superintendent: Calvin Boyd. Welder Foreman: Tracy Johnson. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- North Arlington, VA. 3,000' of 16" new lay. Superintendent: Chad Colley. Welder Foreman: John Taylor. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

- Winchester, VA. 16,900' of 20" steel new-lay. Superintendent: Chad Colley. Welder Foreman: Mike Mills. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- J.L. Allen Co.:
- Bernville, PA. 24", 30", 36" and small-bore pipe isolation in preparation for station demolition. Superintendent: Nate Phipps. Welder Foreman: Josh Coombs. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
 - Grantville and Bernville, PA. Two compressor station upgrades. Superintendent: Nate Phipps. Welder Foreman: Tim Walters. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Minnesota Limited, Inc.:
- Moundsville, WV. Four (4) mainline pipelines (2-36" and 2-30") for anticipated longwall mining operations. Superintendent: Duane Carlson. Welder Foreman: Mike Boyett. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Otis Eastern Service, Inc.:
- Moundsville, WV. Anomaly and pipe replacements in OH, PA and WV. Superintendent: Skip Holley. Welder Foreman: Anthony Stone. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Rockford Corporation:
- Montrose, PA. 8.02 miles of 16" and 24" new lay. Superintendent: Kevin Shaw. Welder Foreman: Jesse David. 85% rates. Working 6-10s.
- U.S. Pipeline, Inc.:
- Delta, PA. 24" and under facility modifications in York and Lancaster Counties, PA. Superintendent: Gary Seidel. Welder Foreman: Steve Yost. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.



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



Chris Lancaster

I am writing this report after returning home from the regular April membership meeting. It was great to see those who were able to attend. It was still disappointing not to have Steward School this year. We always have a good time and learn a lot about the agreement, but with the COVID-19 concerns, Danny made the right choice by not having it. Our health and the health of our family and friends should always be our top priority. Hopefully, next year we will be able to enjoy Steward School as we have in the past. Congratulations to newly appointed officers Vice President Randy Mathis and Executive Board member Brett Mason. I know they will professionally serve the membership in their new positions just as they have in their duties in the field.

The work outlook is about the same now as I described in my previous report. I'm currently pre-jobbing a few Integrity Maintenance jobs in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Kentucky. There are still several jobs out for bid that will come our way soon. The building trades work is picking up. If you are interested and need to update your skillset for this work, we have the best training center and instructors in the country. I want to encourage you to take advantage of this. One thing to keep in mind when working on building trade jobs out of a sister local union, we are guests in their local union and go by their agreement. The same applies when travelers work in our jurisdiction, they go by our agreement. Please treat them with the same respect as you would have them treat you.

As we are into the work season, I hope everyone has a good and safe year. Just keep the faith and remember we are 798, and we remain strong as long as we stay together. We have been through slow times in the past and got through them. We will do the same again. Stay union strong and don't work nonunion. It only helps them get stronger by using our talents on their jobs. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Pre-Jobs:

Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- Grayson, KY. 1,200-1,400' of 36" and 900' of 30" take up-relay. Welder Foreman: Charles Thomas. Superintendent: Roman McKown. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11-1-21.

Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Smyrna, TN. 30" Integrity Maintenance. Welder Foreman: Timothy Ungard. Superintendent: Doug Nichols. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4-3-21.

B&G Pipeline Company:

- Sanford, NC. 8.25 miles of 12". Welder Foreman: Douglas Elliott. Superintendent: Samuel Wilson. Working 6-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 7-1-21.

Michels Pipeline:

- Florence, KY. 2.5 miles of 24" and 880' of 16" plus fabrication. Welder Foreman: Mickey Westerman. Superintendent: Todd Bradshaw. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-1-21.



DISPATCH Report

Ricky Jones

918-610-2761

Although not in our usual way, it was nice for those who were able to make the membership meeting in April to get together. If you missed the meeting, there were three main points made. We must advocate for the projects we want to build. We need our voices to be louder, and we can do that with the Action Network. We just need to participate.

Maintenance work will account for a high portion of our work hours this year. These maintenance jobs are not big projects but are good jobs. Usually, these types of jobs will have Welders test in multiple processes. Low hydrogen, wire, and sleeve tests usually accompany the typical downhill bell hole and branch tests. We need to make sure we have the skills needed when we show up for these jobs. Our training center is available to all that wish to use it and is a great resource to take advantage of if you are looking to expand your skillset. For those that have been fortunate enough to obtain work through sister locals working Building Trades, we must remember that we are guests in their local. Be mindful of how our actions may affect ourselves and other members wanting to go to work.

The dispatching started this year early with the help of the much-needed Line 3 Replacement project in the middle of winter. The spreads in Minnesota have currently shut down for the frost laws but should resume once the restrictions clear. We have many other pre-jobs getting started, and you can view the updated pre-job list on the website. The list shows which jobs are going on and how many Welders, Journeymen, and Helpers are estimated to be needed. Keep looking at the job line to see what jobs are available each night. Keep an open mind about the jobs available, and remember that "fortune favors the bold."

We have had several jobs this year that require a background check when you go to work. Each background check varies depending on the gas company you will work for or the location you will be working. If you have questions about the requirements or what each contractor will be looking for, give us a call in the Dispatch office, and we will be happy to go over the information provided during the pre-job conference. When applying for a job, please ensure that you use a good number when applying and keep updated alternative numbers on your member information. You can sign into the member login section of the website and update or add new numbers. We start dispatching every morning (Tuesday-Saturday) at 8 a.m. CST. We will make every attempt to reach you but must talk to you directly in order to get you dispatched. If you have any questions about the jobs you've picked or have any issues applying, call us starting at 7 a.m. CST at 918-610-2761.



Pictured are students of the Local 798 Native American Helper Training program in Solway, Minnesota. Special thanks to Levi and Luke at Northern Horizons, Inc. and instructors Bill Hemze, Kyle Comstock, Patrick Olson, and Zack Talarico.

Out-of-Work List

1,775 Welders

275 Journeymen

2,022 Helpers



Dues Payments Sent Via U.S. Postal Service Can Be Delayed

If you routinely send your membership dues payment through the U.S. Postal Service, please allow extra time for your payment to arrive in our office. The U.S. Postmaster recently reported to members of congress that there are still "extreme delays" in some mail deliveries. Even a few extra days could cause you to incur a reinstatement fee or go Expelled for non-payment. You can also pay your dues via phone by calling the local at 918-622-1900 during regular business hours or pay online at our website, www.local798.org.



ORGANIZING Report

Ronnie Hill

918-284-6862

I am writing this report after attending the regular April membership meeting. It was good to see those in attendance. The meeting was very informative as always. Brothers Hendrix and Wallace relayed that the local and the pension plan are standing strong financially even with the drop in contributions due to lack of work. Healthcare has taken the brunt of it, but steps are being taken to bring that back into check. That's a hard one because we all know health care prices are astronomical and seem to go up hourly.

Hopefully, by the time this report reaches you, we will have some news on how the UA Convention will be conducted. It's not clear at the time if the convention will be carried out in the conventional manner due to COVID-19 restrictions on the west coast. Word is California may open up in early summer.

The work outlook for large projects is not good. There will probably be more Integrity Maintenance work than anything. As we all know, the large jobs are under constant attack by the green energy crowd; actually, the oil and gas industry as a whole is in their sights. Some of these radicals would like nothing better than to destroy our industry completely. I'm not sure they have thought about how they plan to get from point A to point B or stay cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Nevertheless, they are determined. They are also well organized and politically connected, and sad to say, they seem to be kicking our butts in advocating. If we plan to survive these vicious attacks, we must do better. I know I mention this in every report, but I do because it is vitally important, and our membership as a whole has not engaged themselves and their families and friends. If you aren't actively on the Action Network, then you aren't helping yourself or this organization as a whole. It only takes a few seconds out of your life to fill it out and send it in, and it costs you nothing. But not filling it out can and will cost you thousands upon thousands of dollars. Danny said at the meeting that the last letter sent out had a very low response, which doesn't say a lot for an organization that prides itself on unity and solidarity. We have over 7,000 members, and at the very minimum, we should have 7,000 responses. In reality, double that would be the ultimate goal. Seven thousand names on a petition or that many letters of protest can't be ignored. If the opposition can do it, I know we can. If you aren't signed up on the Action Network, please do so. If you are and aren't getting the emails, call and let someone know so we can address the problem. Our livelihood and future depend on it.

There has been a lot of talk about carbon capture, and that's a good thing. It's good work. I worked on some of these lines in the early 80s, all heavy wall pipe, and a solid welding job. Although it's welcome news, I seriously doubt it will happen in the immediate future. I think anyone can agree that the current administration is no friend to oil and gas and is particularly hostile to pipeline work. However bleak it is, there is some good news we can't ignore. For the first time in many years, a man from organized labor has been appointed as secretary of labor. Marty Walsh, the two-time mayor of Boston, was confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Marty Walsh grew up in a union home and came up through the ranks after joining Laborers Local Union 223 at age 21. He was a blue-collar worker who eventually became the president of Local 223. Marty was elected as the secretary-treasurer and general agent of the Boston Metropolitan Building Trades Council and also named head of the Boston Building Trades. He also served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. This is a man whose life, from all accounts, was impacted dramatically by organized labor. It allowed him to grow up in and enjoy a middle-class home. In a recent news article, he stated that the union provided health care that saved his life on two occasions. This is not the run-of-the-mill politician. He started as a working man from a blue-collar family and isn't likely to forget where he came from or what got him to where he is today. This is good news for all organized labor. As labor secretary, he isn't supposed to show any bias between union or nonunion, but he is expected to lower many barriers that have hampered and stagnated organizing efforts in the past. For many years unfair obstacles favoring the nonunion sector have made it very hard and sometimes next to impossible to organize nonunion companies. There has not been a level playing field in many years, and I think with Brother Marty Walsh in this position, we will see some change in that area. Hopefully, we can once again see union membership on the rise in all sectors and industries.

Brothers and Sisters, I know building trades work is not what we desire, and I understand each of us would rather be on a ROW, including myself. But the reality is, with the work outlook, many man-hours will be in the building trades sector. If you don't have UA certs, please get them. It costs you nothing and doubles your chances to work, and adds benefits to your retirement and health care. We are very fortunate to have a working relationship with our sister locals. When I got into 798, building trades work was few and far between; we didn't have the same relationship then that we do today. The relationship we have today is a blessing, and it came through a lot of hard work by a lot of people. So, if you do go to one of these jobs, please be mindful that we are guests there. We are there to perform a day's work for a day's pay and respect their rules and past practices. It's their house, not ours. We don't want someone to travel to our local and trash it and disrespect us. If you don't like the job, simply leave on good terms to avoid causing hard feelings that could potentially cost another Brother or Sister member a job. The vast majority of our members do the right thing. They take a job, work hard and abide by the rules. But it only takes one to mess things up for the membership as a whole. So, if you see someone doing something that could cost us jobs in the future, ask them politely to think about the consequences of their actions and how it could affect Local 798.

If I can be of any assistance to anyone in any way, please call at any time. I hope everyone has a good year and stays safe and healthy.

Fraternally,
Ronnie M. Hill

SERVICE AWARDS

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, or mail to Pipeliners Local 798, Attn: Blue Light, PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147. Please have all photos submitted by August 13, 2021, to be published.



Renée Vause

Director

IMPORTANT PLAN CHANGES

The Board of Trustees of Pipeline Industry Annuity 401(k) Plan and Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund met on March 30, 2021, and approved changes to the respective Plans as summarized below. These important 401(k) plan and health and welfare plan changes will affect active participants, spouses, children, and retirees. The Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund (PIBF) office will be sending a document titled *Summary of Material Plan Modifications*, which outlines all the recent changes. Highlighted changes include:

- ◇ The amount available to a participant for a 401(k) Hardship Distribution was previously expanded from Employee contributions only to include QNEC/Employer contributions and earnings on Employee and QNEC/Employer contributions. This was originally in place effective April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021, and was subsequently extended through April 30, 2021. Beginning May 1, 2021, this expansion is permanently in place.
- ◇ Effective February 1, 2021, the criteria to qualify for bariatric surgery have been updated. The Body Mass Index (BMI): currently 50 or over OR 40 with co-morbidities (sleep apnea, diabetes, heart condition, joint problems), has been changed to 40 or over OR 35 with co-morbidities. In addition, the current policy limits the types of bariatric surgery to lap band and gastric sleeve. This has been expanded to allow for additional types of surgery as are determined to be medically necessary and medically appropriate.

COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine Coverage – PIBF is a “grandfathered health plan.”

PIBF provides coverage for diagnosis and testing for COVID-19. During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, this coverage is at 100% for the cost of the test along with certain costs to determine a COVID-19 diagnosis. Coverage of the COVID-19 vaccine during the first phase of the vaccine will be 100% government-funded for the cost of the vaccine. Costs related to the administration of the vaccine will be provided at PIBF co-insurance rates. After the initial phase of the vaccine, coverage of the cost of the vaccine will be provided at PIBF co-insurance rates. As a reminder, PIBF is a “grandfathered health plan” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act.) As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that PIBF may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost-sharing. This includes certain vaccinations. PIBF will follow all federal mandates for coverage of the COVID-19 testing and vaccine as it relates to a grandfathered health plan.

MDLIVE - Virtual Medical Visit Option – ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The MDLIVE program launched on 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 Blue Cross Blue Shield 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 HRA by submitting your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) with a completed HRA Claim Form.

Pension Retirement

Taking your pension retirement is an exciting and important event for you! The pension application process involves time to prepare, review, and process your application accurately, in addition to the time required for the application’s delivery to you and return to the Fund office by the U.S. Postal Service. Applications for retirement from the Pipeline Industry Pension Fund should be requested 3-4 weeks prior to your desired retirement date. Applications must be postmarked by the last day of the month preceding your desired retirement date. If the application is received postmarked after the end of the month, the application will be recalculated to be effective the next month. If the application is received postmarked by the end of the month, but within a few days of month-end, the effective date will be honored, but the pension payment will be made during a mid-month pension run. Pension payments are made via ACH on the first business day of the month. We are currently working on a sample application and pension instructions that will be available on our website at www.pibf.org under the “Pension” tab.

Suspension of Pension Benefits and Termination of Retiree Health Coverage due to Non-Signatory Work

Both the Pipeline Industry Pension Fund and the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund contain provisions that affect your pension benefits and retiree health coverage if you work in non-signatory employment. Your pension benefit is subject to suspension (accruals earned 1991 and after) for work with an employer that is not obligated to contribute to the Plan. Your benefit will be suspended for the number of months worked in non-signatory employment. Your retiree health coverage will terminate and cannot be reinstated if you work in non-signatory employment. For further details on these provisions, please see the Summary Plan Descriptions at www.pibf.org or contact the Fund office at 918-280-4800.

COBRA Premium Assistance Provisions under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. This law subsidizes the full COBRA premium for “Assistance Eligible Individuals” for

periods of coverage from April 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021. Although the effective date of this law is April 1, 2021, formal guidance and model notices were not furnished until April 7, 2021. As of the date of writing this article, the Fund office is working with legal counsel to review and prepare all required notices to be furnished to all eligible individuals as soon as possible, but no later than May 31, 2021, as required by law.

If you were previously offered COBRA continuation coverage and declined to take COBRA continuation coverage at that time or elected coverage for yourself only, or if you elected COBRA continuation coverage and later discontinued it, you may have another opportunity to elect COBRA continuation coverage and receive the premium assistance, if the maximum period you would have been eligible for COBRA continuation coverage has not yet expired. Once notice has been provided, you have 60 days to make your election for coverage. COBRA continuation coverage with premium assistance elected in this additional election period begins with the first period of coverage beginning on or after April 1, 2021. **Participation in this coverage is not automatic.** Before your subsidy period can start, you MUST provide PIBF with the completed "Request for Treatment as an Assistance Eligible Individual" certification via mail or email to COBRASubsidy2021@pibf.org. **This form will be included in the mailout in mid to late April with the required notices.** Once received, PIBF must validate the information on the certification and verify your eligibility for participation. Payments you may have remitted for coverage for April through September 2021 can be carried forward to October 2021, if eligible, or refunded to you.

In general, if you meet the following criteria, you will be eligible for premium assistance and, once certified as eligible, you do not need to make a payment to PIBF for your months of eligibility from April 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021:

- ◇ MUST have a COBRA qualifying event that is a reduction in hours or an *involuntary* termination of a covered employee's employment;
- ◇ MUST elect COBRA continuation coverage;
- ◇ MUST NOT be eligible for Medicare; AND
- ◇ MUST NOT be eligible for coverage under any other group health plan, such as a plan sponsored by a new employer or a spouse's employer.

Please note that new guidance continues to be furnished and PIBF will evaluate this guidance as it is issued to ensure continued compliance with this new law. For more information and a list of frequently asked questions, visit <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/laws-and-regulations/laws/cobra/premium-subsidy>.

Featured Personnel



William Clarke works in the IT department at PIBF. He started part time in the June of 2015 and joined the full-time staff in 2019. William's official position is IT support, which includes maintaining the computer equipment on-site and assisting the members with the website. William has a dog named Baloo, who goes on most of his camping trips with him.

William enjoys spending his free time hiking, camping, or out taking photos. He also enjoys fishing and watching movies.

William believes it is an absolute honor to be a part of the PIBF and 798 family. "I grew up coming to the PIBF office to visit my grandfather (former PIBF Director, Bob Kime), who worked there at the time. The Benefit fund has always been in my life. The membership has always felt like an extended family."



Kelly Jones originally worked for PIBF in high school before joining the Marines. He returned in July 2019 as a Maintenance Helper where he helps manage the lawn and buildings' care. Kacey is his amazing wife, and they have four kids: Austin, Krystin, Alexxa, and Ace. His kids keep him very busy with their year-round sports, but he also enjoys firearms, target practicing, fishing, and landscaping/gardening in his yard. He states, "What brought me back to PIBF is the family atmosphere and working

for a company that truly cares."

Meeting Notice

September 10, 2021

The Regular September Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local Union 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, on Friday, September 10, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m.

Hotel Accommodations

The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel has graciously offered a discounted room rate of \$99/night. To make reservations, call (918) 307-2600. Make sure you indicate you are with Pipeliners Local Union 798.





Miller has graciously donated a welding machine to raffle off, with all proceeds benefiting the Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program. **The drawing will** be held during the regular membership meeting on September 10, 2021. Miller is donating a Miller Big Blue 400 Pipe Pro welding machine with wireless interface controls, dynamic dig control, and arc reach. Tickets can be purchased from the Local 798 Office or your Job Steward. **You DO NOT have to be present to win.**

Tickets: \$10.00 Each or Six (6) for \$50.00



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- ◇ **ArcReach® technology** provides parameter control at the wire feeder or stick/TIG pendant without needing a control cord, saving a trip to the machine to change weld settings.

Miller Virtual Training Sessions:

Check the Local 798 website for Miller's link to watch two virtual training sessions to earn two free tickets by registering with your book number.

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UA Scholarship Fund Information

The United Association Scholarship Trust Fund is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 academic year. UA members in good standing, their children, grandchildren, and spouses are eligible to apply if they are dependent on the union member's financial support. The three most important considerations in determining who receives a UA scholarship are the applicant's academic standing, personal achievements, and community participation. However, financial need may also be considered in "tie-breaker" situations. Applicants must be a full-time student to apply. Applications are exclusively accepted electronically through uascholarshipfund.communityforce.com. The deadline for submitting applications is June 9, 2021.



Short & Personal

THANK YOU

Jacob C. Hill thanks all for helping him and his family during this difficult time. They appreciate it, and he considers everyone to be family.

Randy L. Ross thanks the people of 798 who give to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after his father-in-law's death. Special thanks to Scott Watkins.

Kenneth R. Robertson wishes to thank all the members who contribute to our precious Voluntary Fund, and for all the calls, texts, and messages he received concerning his wellbeing. Knowing somebody is thinking of you in times of need is an amazing feeling. Special thanks to Joe Thornhill and the close-knit group of pipeliners in this area.

Gerald Davis and his wife thank each member who donates to the Voluntary Fund when they can, and they appreciate the help they received during this difficult time. Special thanks to Jacob Morgan, Jonah McCulley, and the rest of the crew for thinking of them.

Johnnie Jennings and Family thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The money they received after Johnnie's surgery was much appreciated. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen.

Joe Gaines and Family thank the Voluntary Fund for the generous check after their son's surgery. Joseph is progressing nicely and should have a full recovery within a few months. They feel blessed to be a part of Local Union 798. Special thanks to Jerry Tomlinson.

Billy W. Hawkins thanks everyone for the support he received during his illness and for his wife following her hip surgery. Special thanks to Don and Crissy Hawkins, Wayne Causey, and Tim and Justin Griggs.

Jason Jernigan thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. It was a blessing to receive at such a time of turmoil and despair. Special thanks to Ron Jernigan, Phillip Wallace, and Justin Wallace.

Carolyn Shively thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the donation received after Bernie's death from mesothelioma. Special thanks to Charlie Yates, Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and the officers, members, and staff of Local 798 for the beautiful "Enduring Comfort" book.

Billy Burns thanks Jimmy Hankins, Bobby Hinson, and any others that requested assistance for him through the Voluntary Fund. He never thought he'd be on the receiving end of it. He's grateful for our organization, and he's back to 100% and hopes to see you all soon.

The Family of Larry W. Ainsworth thanks the Voluntary Fund for the help and kindness they received after Larry's passing. Larry was a proud member of 798 for 57 years. Special thanks to Tim Eubanks and Colin Curtis.

Donald Hawkins thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. He was thankful for the help following his recent knee surgery. Special thanks to Billy Wayne Hawkins.

The Family of Paul David Davis thanks the Voluntary Fund for the thoughtful expression of kindness during this difficult time. Paul loved Local 798 and his Brothers and Sisters of this great organization. He is truly missed. Special thanks to Jerry Dale Crabtree and Justin Wallace.

William T. Eubanks thanks the Voluntary Fund for the kindness extended to him during his recent hardship. Special thanks to Matt Franklin for his help and support.

Cody Raleigh thanks the Voluntary Fund for the check he received after his neck surgery, it is very much appreciated. It is an honor to be a member of Local 798. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Todd Hartle, and everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund.

Steve Robert Randolph thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received following Hurricane Laura. The loss of his welding shop was devastating after years of work on it. Special thanks to Teresa Moore and Denise Randolph Byars.

Rachael Denise Byars thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the check she received to travel home for a medical procedure. Special thanks to JR Overstreet, Preston Ri'chard, Jules Cazalas, Delisa Allen, and many more.

Mary L. Michael thanks the Voluntary Fund for the gift she received after her knee replacement surgery. The supportive phone calls were deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Jerry Tomlinson and Justin Wallace.

Jason Hamer thanks all members who participate in donating to the Voluntary Fund. He appreciated the check he received due to being laid off after testing positive for COVID-19. Special thanks to Brett Mason, Brian Fox, and Phillip Wallace for the request.

Kory Zufelt thanks the Voluntary Fund and members of Pipeliners Local Union 798 for the check he received after breaking his femur and having surgery and for the kind thoughts and well wishes. He looks forward to getting back to work as soon as he can.

The Mellion Family thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund, "Thank you for being a blessing."

Mike and Holly Johnston thank the Brother and Sister members who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the funds they received. Special thanks to Justin Wallace. They hope everyone has a great year.

Gray Steward and Family thank everyone that contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The support in dealing with the loss of his wife, Sherry, is very much appreciated. "It's a comfort to know we have so many caring and compassionate members."

Johnny and Michawn Davis, parents of John Cody Davis, thank the Voluntary Fund for the letter and check they received. Their son loved the pipelining life; everything was an adventure. They realize how much you sacrifice daily to install these large projects, and they will forever be grateful for all you have done to help them through this difficult and devastating time in their life.

Glen and Erma Roe thank all the pipeliners of Local Union 798 and those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The monetary gift they received was greatly appreciated and will be used toward Glen's medical expenses. Glen is doing well since his stroke in October. He is still going to therapy to build strength and learn better balance to aid with his walking. Special thanks to James Shamblin, Tim Whipkey, and James Riddle.

Jeanne Tull thanks Pipeliners Local Union 798 for the Bible in memory of Clyde Tull and the thoughts and prayers. He was a proud member of 798. Some of his fondest memories were welding and working on pipeline jobs all over and making new friends on each job.

Sam Herren appreciates the check he received from the Voluntary Fund after the death of his brother. Special thanks to Larry Fuller and all those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund.

Jerry and Shirley Tomlinson thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Joe Gaines.

James and Orlane Hawk thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check was much appreciated and helpful during Jim's cancer treatments.

Alex and Hog Bear thank every member of 798 for contributing to the Voluntary Fund. They were grateful to receive the help after contracting COVID-19. Special thanks to Shannon Jackson, Troy Post, Phillip Wallace, and Pipe Daddy.

Jimmy Binion thanks all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Billy and Robin Hughes for putting his name in after a severe fall that left him with several broken ribs. God bless 798.

Charles Lange would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the generous donation he received after several operations and starting dialysis. He is home recovering now. Special thanks to Charles Johnson and Danny Hendrix.

Mike and Verlinda Poor thank all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. The check they received was appreciated after Mike's last heart stent and his chainsaw incident. Special thanks to Kelly Jellison, Jr. and Bill Richards.

Jimmy and Mary Marsh thank all the members of Pipeliners Union 798 and those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the monetary help they received after the unexpected hospital stay for Mary. Special thanks to Nikkie Hawkins, Tracy Lester, and Raymond Johnson.

Robert and Laura Brown thank the Voluntary Fund and all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute. The check they received following Laura's back surgery was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and Robert Martin. They are proud to be part of such a great union.

Christy Burkheart thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the money she received after the death of her father, Harold Pitts. She is overwhelmed with gratitude for all the members that prayed, called, and sent flowers. Harold was proud to be a part of 798 and their membership was a special bond between the two of them. Special thanks to Steve Yates, Jim Jones, Jason Harris, Darrell Turner, Chad Gilbert, Local 52, Jennifer Bates, Annie Lawhon, and Doris Jackson.

Patti Pangborn-Gatehouse thanks the Voluntary Fund for sending a check following the death of her husband, Steve Gatehouse. Special thanks to Danny and Norma Hendrix. Steve thought so highly of you all.

Jack B. Campbell thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check he received after the death of his wife, Betty, was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Nathan Campbell, Joseph Campbell, Tommy Warren, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Glynn Carroll and Family thank all the Brothers and Sisters who continue to contribute to the Voluntary Fund. They are appreciative of the financial assistance they received.

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Paul Helgeland thanks the Voluntary Fund, all 798, and others that contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The money he received will help after his recent hospital stay. He is thankful to be a member of such a great organization that helps those in need.

Jim and Judy Warner thank all Voluntary Fund contributors for the help they received after Judy's extensive back surgery. Special thanks to Jimmy Dick, Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and all officers of Local 798 who work to make this program possible. The Local is very fortunate to have Danny as Business Manager during these times when Biden is trying so hard to bring us down.

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Frank F. Bowker thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Dennis and Lori Jones, who are friends for life.

RETIREMENTS

Caleb M. Alexander, Helper, Tekamah, NE

Allen L. Attebery, Welder, Waco, TX

John C. Billingsley, Welder, Winthrop, AR

David G. Blue, Helper, Fayetteville, NC

Joseph S. Campbell, Welder, Decatur, AR

Faron S. Christians, Spacer, Cogswell, ND

Derrel D. Doyal, Spacer, Zachary, LA

Donald R. East, Welder, Singer, LA

Floyd R. East, Welder, Sulphur, LA

Barry D. Edgin, Spacer, Lexington, TN

Martin E. Finley, Jr., Spacer, Buffalo, TX

Brett W. Gardell, Welder, Cedar Springs, MI

Patrick T. Geohagan, Welder, Perry, FL

William M. Gilbert, Spacer, Mead, OK

Ruben M. Gonzales, Helper, Laredo, TX

Thomas E. Hayes, Welder, Hattiesburg, MS

Landon L. Kyle, Welder, Elkins, AR

Robert D. Logan, Welder, Wetumka, OK

Beverly B. Maddox, Helper, Port St. Joe, FL

Michael L. Mathis, Spacer, Graham, TX

James E. Riddle, Welder, Harrisonburg, VA

Kelly R. Smith, Welder, Euharlee, GA

Ronny D. Smith, Helper, Lufkin, TX

Kenneth D. Todd, Helper, Lexington, TN

Charles D. Walker, Welder, Ozark, AR

Dee Dee D. Williams, Helper, Crum, WV

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Hastings, 65-year-old Retired Spacer of Judsonia, AR, passed away December 10, 2020.

Dennis A. Nephew, 69-year-old Retired Welder of Cayuga, NY, passed away December 10, 2020.

Donald R. Huddleston, 71-year-old Retired Welder of Annapolis, IL, passed away December 20, 2020.

Anthony E. Ashby, 55-year-old Retired Spacer of Marion, MI, passed away February 4, 2021.

Deidra J. Tyler, 48-year-old Helper of Columbia, LA, passed away February 6, 2021.

Edward H. McGown, 83-year-old Retired Welder of Hemphill, TX, passed away February 8, 2021.

Lisa A. Majors, 47-year-old Helper of Searcy, AR, passed away February 10, 2021.

Charles L. Brewster, 23-year-old Helper of Sandy Hook, KY, passed away February 11, 2021.

Harold C. Pitts, 74-year-old Retired Welder of Georgiana, AL, passed away February 20, 2021.

Jimmie Pugh, 76-year-old Helper of Idabel, OK, passed away February 21, 2021.

Joshua S. Sark, 36-year-old Helper of Maysel, WV, passed away February 25, 2021.

James M. Adams, 80-year-old Retired Welder of Waco, TX, passed away February 26, 2021.

Joe C. Warren, 83-year-old Retired Welder of Scottsdale, AZ, passed away February 26, 2021.

Albert E. Ashby, 88-year-old Retired Spacer of Tularosa, NM, passed away March 1, 2021.

James L. Milleson, 86-year-old Retired Welder of Ramona, OK, passed away March 1, 2021.

James W. Bulle, 54-year-old Helper of Glasgow, KY, passed away March 7, 2021.

William D. West, 84-year-old Retired Welder of Round Rock, TX, passed away March 7, 2021.

Kenneth J. Wyatt, 35-year-old Helper of West Monroe, LA, passed away March 20, 2021.

Alton G. McNabb, 87-year-old Retired Welder of Pine Grove, LA, passed away March 26, 2021.

Timothy L. Duarte, 40-year-old Retired Helper of Mount Olive, MS, passed away March 31, 2021.

Donald L. Jack, 89-year-old Retired Helper of Morley, MI, passed away March 31, 2021.

Curtis F. Morgan, 92-year-old Retired Helper of Glen Rose, TX, passed away April 4, 2021.

Billy W. Hawkins, 80-year-old Retired Welder of Waynesboro, TN, passed away April 10, 2021.

SWAP & SELL

Chums Leather Work: Custom arm bands, suspenders, belts, holsters, journals, knife and gun scabbards, and much more! Contact Craig Chumley at 682-459-4035.

2008 Lincoln Pipeliner 200D: With Kubota, 2,490 hours with new battery, belt, antifreeze, and oil pressure sending unit. Custom canvas sides, oil drop control knobs, and silver faceplate. Newer main armature brushes two and 300 staggered, exciter brushes, custom remote, and Tidweld remote reel with 100' of cord. Comes with complete set of original manuals. Mobile one 1030 synthetic since it was brand new. \$8,000 with no negotiations. Contact Brett Gardell at 269-208-5698 or purple69baby@yahoo.com.

Welding Truck Bed: Has been used with a 2011 Dodge dually 3500 and a 2001 Dodge 2500 long bed. Truck bed is in Glen Rose, TX, \$2,000. Contact Ann Baker at 254-396-3343 or annbaker2008@yahoo.com.

Welding Bed: Custom built diamond plate aluminum. Light weight and easy to work off. Roll out trays in toolbox. Easy to load bottles. Leads lock up in the rear, \$5,500. Contact Brad Tucker at 918-991-1004 or okpipeliner@yahoo.com.

Caps by Cindy: Contact Cindy Eide at 918-557-1660.

2014 GMC 3500 Diesel Crew Cab: Excellent condition, 89,000 miles. Asking \$30,000 with welding bed and original bed. Vehicle is located in Alabama. Contact Christy Burkheart at 614-256-6055 or Jessie Pitts at 619-251-6286.

2014 Mobile Suites Deluxe: Excellent condition, 3.5 slides, 36', dishwasher, washer/dryer, with a lot of storage. \$70,000 Contact Christy Burkheart at 614-256-6055.

Welding Rig: 2001 Dodge one ton with 140,000 miles, six speed transmission. 2007 Lincoln Welder with 50' ground and 100' of lead, 240 hours. Both truck and welding machine are diesel. Asking \$18,500. Located in Longview, TX. Contact Ronald Pepper at 903-256-6055.

2003 Ford F-350 FWD: 61,000 miles, four-wheel drive. 2,900 hours on welding machine. Will sell truck as flat bed for \$15,000 or best offer. Will sell Lincoln Classic Deutz II for \$8,000 or best offer. Contact Michael Bake at 330-627-6366.

CONGRATULATIONS

Journeyman Spacer Nathan Shaw and Welder Helper Kimistry Martin were married on the coldest day of the year in Minnesota on the ROW of the Line 3 Replacement project. The couple was married by Journeyman Spacer Chris Vickery on February 13, 2021.





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Item #146 - \$9.00

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Item #130 - \$2.00

798 Navy and White Summer Cap
Item #101-G - \$14.00

Gray T-Shirt W/Logo & Pocket
Item #115-S - \$11.00
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I'm A Union Member T-Shirt
Item #141 - \$17.50
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