

BLUE LIGHT REPORTS

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Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Affordable and abundant American energy is the foundation on which all our economies firmly sit. Until this administration acknowledges that fact, we as a nation will continue to suffer the undue consequences of higher prices for all goods and services and runaway inflation. For decades we transferred the wealth out of this country by purchasing oil from many nations whose ideologies were the polar opposite of America. Finally, in mid-2000, we achieved energy independence through innovation, technology, and good ol' American grit. Goods and services were abundant and affordable; gas was below \$2 a gallon, with many places even lower than that. Pipelines were booming nationwide, and the stock market was rolling. On January 20, 2021, a new administration took over, let's call it the green dream, where everything that usually is up is now down, everything that was evil is now acceptable, everything is taken care of by the government, and it's free! On the first day, the new president restored the United States' participation in the Paris Agreement and revoked the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline. They also halted funding for the southern border wall, virtually signaling all across the southern hemisphere that the door was open for illegal immigration. Every person crossing that border comes with a cost to the American taxpayer. Still, it continues today and has worsened exponentially, including drug smuggling, human trafficking, and known terrorists.

They tell us that inflation is transitory and that we wouldn't be concerned about the price if we stopped using fossil fuels. When the farmer can't afford to farm, the manufacturer can't produce, and the trucker can't afford to deliver, we are getting close to an unsustainable event and future. If the "Green New Deal" were a door that you could open and investigate what is behind it, you would see that it is not green. It is bleak and black. We see our future playing out on the world stage with Russia and Ukraine. The vulnerability of Ukraine is tied directly to energy. America is more vulnerable now than ever because of the current administration's policies and attitude toward homegrown abundant energy companies. There is a way out of this dilemma. Utilize all forms of energy and let the market decide, change the policies that are choking the development of fossil fuels, and remove the extensive red tape and regulations concerning pipeline permitting and construction. We need an awakening in this country, and we need it now. This country is fed up with bad decisions! Climate change was once a "buzzword," but it has become a topic of everyday discussion, and the current administration uses it constantly to leverage their agenda. Last night while studying the Bible, I found a verse that comforted me. Genesis 8:22 "As long as the Earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer, and winter, day and night will never cease." That reassures me that man didn't change the climate, and the rhetoric coming out of D.C. can't change it, as much as they would like us to believe they can.

Another thing you can do as a member is to utilize the advocacy page. The Action Network is our voice to the policymakers and the decision-makers. Our voices need and must be heard by the people who can facilitate change. If they want to build back better, put it back where it was and leave it alone! **As always, I am proud to say, "I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world!"**

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Hendrix".

Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager



Financial Secretary - Treasurer's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this report finds you all well. Through May, we've worked right at 1.7 million man-hours. This number is comparable to where we were in 2019 and 2020 by mid-year. Danny and I recently returned from visiting the Michels Pipeline job in Natchitoches, Louisiana. It was great to visit everyone on this project. Thank you to Welder Foreman Junior Overstreet and Michels Pipeline for allowing us the time to report to the membership. While this job is under Market Recovery, most of our work still falls under high-scale NPLA terms. Based on members working per job, 59 percent are working under Mainline High Scale and Integrity Maintenance agreements. The remainder is split between Special Agreement, Station Agreement, and Market Recovery. We are hearing from the contractor side that much more work is being bid for 2023 than in the last few years. This is promising news for Local 798 members.

We are 100 percent focused on securing more PIPELINE work for Local 798 members. We are working on this constantly in meetings with clients and contractors, advocating everywhere there are opportunities to do so. National politics has put us in a tough situation for the last couple of years, and I believe people's frustrations will show through during the midterm elections later this year. Our industry is under attack, and anyone who doesn't think this is fooling themselves. I will not line up with or support any candidate or party that adversely affects the pipeline industry. Nobody here is going to tell anyone else how to vote in state or national races. It is a choice everyone must make for themselves, and Local 798 does not make contributions to any party or candidate. I think the tide will turn on this, as the American public will not stand for the prices we see at the pump and the costs to heat and cool our homes. The answer to these problems is to allow us to get back to providing the most essential commodities in the world to the American consumer: oil and natural gas. It's the basis on which our economy is built, and forcing this country to turn away from fossil fuels too early is the source of our problems as a whole. We will gain work from some new regulations, but natural gas is not done and will not be for many years to come. The sooner Washington, D.C., embraces this hard truth, the sooner we get this country back on track.

The work seems to be picking up, with more job notifications rolling in, but again it's mostly smaller projects at this time. Hopefully, later in the work season, we will see some larger jobs. Local 798's finances continue to be in great shape, as well as the Pension and Health and Welfare Funds. The flow of contributions to the Health and Welfare has had the desired effect that we intended. It is starting to build up reserves, which is excellent news. It's a scary world with inflation at a 40-year high, but it would be much scarier without a pension to look forward to and good health insurance for our families.

If there is ever anything 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!***

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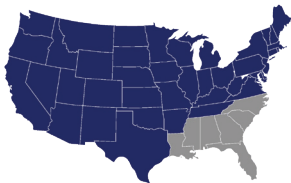
Justin Wallace

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Financial Secretary-Treasurer



Business Manager Danny Hendrix, Financial Secretary Treasurer Justin Wallace, and Business Agent Dale Crabtree visit the Michels Pipeline, Inc. job in Natchitoches, LA.

Business Agent Reports



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

I am writing this after visiting with the hands working on the Gulf Run project. It is great to see union work in Louisiana finally! My favorite part of this job is the opportunity to visit and answer questions from the hands. If there is anyone that I missed, don't worry, I'll be back very soon.

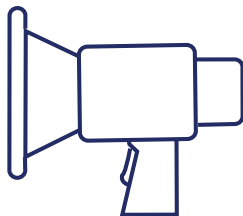
I want to congratulate brother Ricky G. Jones on his retirement. You've earned it, buddy. I hope you enjoy every minute.

There are several actions to take on the Action Network. Please take the time to sign comments to FERC regarding the environmental impact statement for the Tellurian's Driftwood Line 200 and Line 300 pipeline project in Louisiana. The more signatures, the better the opportunity for this to become a reality. All actions are crucial to our pipeline family and must be addressed by all.

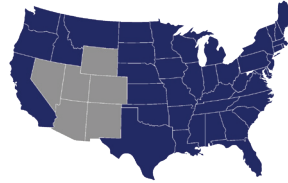
I am still very optimistic about the future of the work outlook in the South. Although there are no new pre-jobs, some have been recently renewed. And I am expecting to have more jobs coming soon. I hate to talk about those coming in the future too much because you know as well as I do that they will have to get past the permitting status first. There is still a lot of building trades work that can keep a hand busy. Call Jimmy Dick in the Dispatch office to get more details. I understand that times are hard, but working nonunion is not an alternative! If you are in doubt if the job you are taking conflicts with our working rules, give me a call. I will lead you in the right direction so that you will continue to be in good standing with the local.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for the calls and prayers received during my wife's recent surgery. My 798 family is most definitely the best prayer warriors around. Thank you!

I hope everyone has a great and prosperous summer. If you need anything, even if it is to vent, please call me at 918-991-5341. I work for YOU, the membership! God bless each one, and God bless this great local.



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Justin Head

I hope this report finds you all well. While the work out West has been as slow as I can remember, there are still a few positives to report. US Pipeline was the successful bidder on the Baja XPress station work. I had hoped it would start by mid-summer, but it looks like it will be closer to the middle of August. This large station upgrade in Arizona will be about a year's worth of work. With the increased pipeline regulation and the lack of new production, I see many more gas companies out here seeking to boost horsepower on their existing stations instead of laying new lines. I am monitoring these projects and making our contractors aware of the work so that we have an opportunity to compete. Kern River has another reclassification like last year that has been bid, but a contract has not been signed. I believe if awarded union, work should start sometime in July or August. Some of the work in Nevada I mentioned in previous reports ended up being in the jurisdiction of the distribution local. However, they have a good scale, and I am still getting an opportunity to help man that work. The 16" Precision West job was awarded and is manned up and underway.

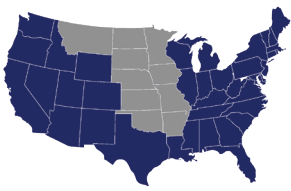
Although the work for both union and nonunion is slow, I am still targeting the small nonunion jobs, trying to bring on new contractors that are getting some work. It is a slow process. Like Danny said at Steward School, if you hold a gun to their head to force them to sign our agreement, it rarely sticks. I take the approach of communicating and trying to build a relationship and show them that they can be more successful with skilled labor. I am also seeing a few large projects on the horizon that would likely be next year. Magellan is proposing a 36" products line extending 240 miles from Colorado to Kansas. Much like Enbridge on Line 3. This will be a battle, and your advocacy will likely be crucial to permitting a pipeline project of this nature. Please stay up to date on the Action Network. Sometimes it is the only way we can get a gas company to the table to discuss their project utilizing union labor.

After Steward School, Dispatcher Jimmy Dick and I met with some of the locals in my area who have a lot of work in their jurisdiction. We gained a lot of insight regarding what skill sets are required and timelines for when the work would ramp up. I hoped these jobs would be in full swing by now. However, supply chain issues are still holding up hiring. If you have been getting UA certifications, it will still come in handy. I cannot say precisely when they will be in full swing but hopefully soon. I have also been getting quite a few people out on the building trades work in Denver and will visit them later next week. If you are interested in these jobs, contact our dispatcher or me. If there is anything I can do to assist you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Pre-Jobs:

Precision West, LLC:

- Sparks, NV. 14.96 miles of 16" and .47 miles of 8" for NV Energy. Superintendent: Cliff Sinclair. Welder Foreman: Andy Davis. Working 5-10s. Mainline Rates. Approx. completion 8-30-22.



AR, IA, KS, MN, MO, MT, NE, ND, OK, SD
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Todd Hartle

I write this report after returning home from a job visit in Nebraska with a dig crew working for Charps. On my way home, I stopped by Springfield, Missouri, for a visit with the Business Manager and Business Agent out of Local 178. They said they could put some of our Heli-arc stainless steel Welder members to work. If you have these skills, give me a call, or call Jimmy Dick in Dispatch. If you need to acquire the skills, we have a training center to help you do that. A lot of these building trades jobs require combo Welders. I have also met with Local 155 in Little Rock, Arkansas. They have been putting some of our members to work and said they would try to use some of our members if they needed more travelers. I have also met with the Business Agent out of St. Louis, Missouri, Local 562, and he said, if he could, he would use some of our members. I have called several other locals; some are receptive, and others are not. So, if you work in another local's jurisdiction, remember that we are guests, be respectful, and do your job. We have good relationships with a lot of these other locals. As far as building trades work, there is a Ford plant going to be built out of the Memphis, Tennessee, local starting in December or January. This is supposed to be a two-year project. With the road restrictions lifting in the North, we have picked up some with the maintenance work. The work in my area is going to be mainly maintenance work for the remainder of this year.

We had two Zoom meetings recently on the Nationwide Permit 12. A lot of people on there are against us. I want to thank all our members who spoke during the Zoom meeting. I would urge all our members to get involved on the Action Network.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Pre-Jobs:

Charps, LLC:

- Cushing, OK. 400' of 4" pipe for partial demo of 4" and install 4" injection line for Enbridge. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Karmen Mason. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-30-22.
- Blaine, MN. 620' of 6" and 8" pipe. Install on 8" including a launcher/receiver and a 4" bypass for NNG. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman: Austin Severson. Job Steward: Brent Stai. Integrity Maintenance. 100 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-20-22.
- MO, NE, KS, WY. 20" integrity digs. 58 digs for Enbridge Energy. Superintendent: Kyle Bjerke. Welder Foreman: Travis Wolf. Job Steward: Alex Dalrymple. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-30-22.

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Poplar Bluff, MO & Monroe County, IL. 22" pipe for anomaly digs for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dusty Licktieg. Welder Foreman: Walter Cole. Job Steward: Grant Glaze. Integrity Maintenance. 100 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-11-22.

McCizer Pipeline, Inc.:

- Jacksonville, AR. 10" BM-18 Driftwood Pipeline Installation for Summit Utilities. Superintendent: Jeremy Poole. Job Steward: Darrell Glaze. Integrity Maintenance. 80 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Ongoing Blanket.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Ludden, ND. 30" spool replacement for TC Energy. Superintendent: Matt Coley. Welder Foreman: Casey Smith. Job Steward: Layne Richard. Integrity Maintenance. 100 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-9-22.
- Hennepin, MN. Town Border Station. High pressure install new 6" piping TBS for NNG. Superintendent: Travis Novack. Welder Foreman/

Job Steward: Levi Bottelson. Integrity Maintenance. 100 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-25-22.

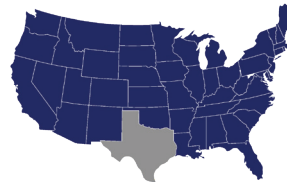
- Hubbard, IA. Tethered Support Crew for NNG. Superintendent: John Kummer. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Johnny Gardner. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-31-22.
- Burnsville, MN. Modify piping high pressure TBS for NNG. Superintendent: Trevor Norelius. Welder Foreman: Adam Conzemius. Job Steward: Joseph Lee. Integrity Maintenance. 100 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-20-22.
- Laurel, MT. 1,900' of 8" and 2,400' HDD for Northwestern Energy. Superintendent: Jaimen Dickson. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Richard Bauer. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Big Lake, MN. Fab 3" SS for fuel gas skid for TC Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Lindgren. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Casey Smith. Station Rates. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Berthold, ND. Install 42" valve for TC Energy. Superintendent: Tom Vorderbruggen. Welder Foreman: Nick Mistic. Job Steward: Shane Loudan. Station Rates. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Northern Horizons, Inc.:

- Solway, MN. 16" pipe or larger sized pipe for integrity digs and various fabrication for Flint Hills Resources. Superintendent: Jason Saunders. Welder Foreman: Seth Dremmel. Job Steward: Austin Severson. Integrity Maintenance. 100 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Job complete.



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918-237-3573



Joe Gaines

I hope this report finds you all doing well. We are officially in the summer months, so let me take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Independence Day! I hope you can enjoy some time with your loved ones appreciating this great nation and celebrating everything we have. The United States of America might not be perfect, but we are, without a doubt, the finest country in the world.

Work in Texas remains slow with the abundance of union work continuing to be building trades. I remain in close contact with business agents from Locals 100, 142, 211, 286, and 404. Due to supply chain issues and the subsequent slowdown, they are manning their work with their own hands. However, in the next few months, they will again call for additional workers. Orbital welding will be the most needed craft. If you are unfamiliar with orbital welding, this is a great time to learn a new skill, as there will continue to be a great demand for this in the future. Farron Hollabaugh and the staff at the Training Center are doing an exceptional job of helping our members be competitive in this market. If you are interested in learning this craft, don't hesitate to contact him. I also want to give a shout-out to Jimmy Dick in the Dispatch office. He is doing everything possible to help put our members to work.

If you haven't heard, the Matterhorn Express will be up for permitting soon. This 420-mile, 42" pipeline will extend from Waha to Katy, Texas. This will be one of the biggest projects in Texas in recent memory, and hopefully, it will have a good portion going union. You will see calls for help with the Action Network in the coming months. We must continue to speak up about our work. With gas prices at an all-time high, I feel like everyone will be more receptive to hearing how we can help. Follow 798 on Facebook and Twitter and like, share, comment and sign these petitions.

Integrity Maintenance work looks like it will pick up in the fourth quarter

of this year or the beginning of 2023. Work was completed on several 24" dig-ups in the Houston area for Enbridge.

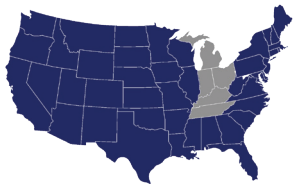
In closing, I would like to wish Ricky Jones a happy retirement! Ricky has worked in the 798 Dispatch office for many years and will definitely be missed. Ricky, I hope you get some much-needed and much-deserved R & R.

May God continue to bless America, our local, and each of you. As always, if I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call 918-237-3573.

Pre-Jobs:

Associated Pipe Line Contractors, Inc.:

- Refugio County, TX. Enbridge. 24" dig-ups. Superintendent: Mark Nail. Welder Foreman: James White. Job Steward: Cassidy Crowley. Working 6-10s.



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918-270-6746



Charles Yates, Jr.

At the time of this writing, my jurisdiction has become more active. We have 34 jobs in progress, mostly station, Integrity Maintenance, and take-up and relay. This is all great work. Unfortunately, it does not employ many members. I have just returned from job visits in Michigan and have more scheduled in other areas in the coming weeks. I look forward to seeing our members and answering your questions. I will also attend the June pipe trades session for the Ohio State Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry in conjunction with the West Virginia Pipe Trades. These events provide opportunities to strengthen the partnerships with our sister locals and encourage communication within the United Association. These relationships benefit our members because when they need help manning their work, these locals can feel comfortable calling on 798 to fill those building trades orders.

We are all frustrated with the rising cost of oil and gas. Although oil prices haven't reached an all-time high as in 2008, it is currently over \$100 per barrel. Fuel prices are at an all-time high and seem to climb by 20 to 30 cents every few days. Historically this has meant more work for our industry. I remember paying \$5 a gallon for diesel in 2008 on the Golden Pass project in Orange, Texas. Pipeline work was plentiful then because when prices increase, so does pipeline activity. So why is that not happening now? Current politics in Washington, D.C., are pushing a green agenda. This extreme mindset comes without any solution as to how we can balance fossil fuels with environmental concerns. Fossil fuels are vital to our way of life. Ninety-six percent of our everyday products are petroleum-based: toothbrushes, medical devices, lotions, and dentures, to name a few. We must wonder if these high gas prices are an attempt to pressure the public to purchase electric cars. Yet, electric vehicles also require petroleum-based parts like tires, upholstery, paint, and plastic. Voting for politicians who acknowledge the significance of fossil fuels benefits both our industry and our everyday lives. With the mid-term election on November 8, we can make a difference. Make sure you are registered to vote. Locate your designated polling place ahead of time. All 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate will be contested. Rise up and be counted.

Recently, I participated in two meetings regarding the Nationwide Permit 12. *NWP 12, by definition, is the general permit process under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act designed to streamline the federal permitting process for qualifying oil or natural gas pipeline activities that have insignificant environmental effects.* The opposition wants to eliminate this permitting process entirely, which would be detrimental to our pipeline industry. Those against the NWP 12 would like Environmental Impact Studies (EIS) done on every pipeline project, regardless of how big or small. This is simply red tape that would drag out projects and waste taxpayers' money, preventing essential infrastructure projects from proceeding. I spoke in favor of keeping NWP 12 in

place without change. The current NWP system ensures that projects meet the Army Corp of Engineers' high threshold for environmental and safety standards while helping projects stay on schedule and prevent costly delays. We must stand together on these critical issues. The opposition is many, but we can combat their agenda if we work together. When you see these meetings and petitions on our Action Network, it is imperative that we all participate. Have conversations with people about the importance of oil and gas. It just may change their vote.

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

Pre-Jobs:

Ace Pipeline, Inc.:

- Logan, OH. Stream crossings, remediation 6"-18" pipe in six locations in OH for TC Energy. Superintendent: Ransford Vickers. Welder Foreman: Jerrett "Chad" Thomas. Working 5-10s and 1-8. Approx. completion 9-9-22.

Appalachian Pipeline Contractors, LLP:

- Monroe, OH. Modifications and casing replacements using 4"-24" for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Colten Hendrix. Welder Foreman: Troy Post. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-1-22.

Charps, LLC:

- Shelby Township, MI. 20" launcher and receiver, demo and replacement for DTM. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman: Rick Chancey. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-18-22.

Henkels & McCoy, Inc.:

- Clark Lake, MI. 26" and 36" crossover valve installation on Lines 1220A and 1200B for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Gordon Donnelly. Welder Foreman: Paul Mullin. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-30-22.
- Cincinnati, OH. 900' of 6" replacement in OH. 300' of 24" replacement in KY. 150' of 12" relocate in OH. 1,500' of 8" in OH. Multiple integrity digs of various sizes in OH and KY. Multiple regulator stations in OH and KY for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Karsten. Welder Foreman: James Bennack. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-22.
- Kalkaska, MI. Bear Lake Mainline valve and dual taps. Install 1-12" mainline valve. Installing dual taps and 120' of 12" for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Matt Hopkins. Welder Foreman: Derrick Girard. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 6-24-22.
- New Hudson, MI. Demolition work for 220' of 1/4" and 3/4" odorizer supply. 6' of 4" for supply line for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Dale Elliott. Welder Foreman: Gary Oaks. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 6-15-22.

Intercon Construction, Inc.:

- Traverse City, MI. 1,000' of 8" to be used for hydro-test and cut-outs for DT Energy. Superintendent: Dusty Schaff. Welder Foreman: Russ Messer. Working 5-12s. Approx. completion 7-7-22.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Reed City, MI. Emergency cut-out on 24" for TC Energy. Superintendent: Cory McDaniel. Welder Foreman: Paul Coehn. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-11-22.

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Litchfield, OH. 2,000' of 8" replacements. 7,000' of hydro-test. 7,000' of nitrogen test for TC Energy. Superintendent: Mark Carpenter. Welder Foreman: Charles Houston. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-5-22.
- Crystal Falls, MI. Fabrication for tie-ins. Outage support. Tie-in HDD for Enbridge. Superintendent: Greg Merschman. Welder Foreman: Mike Johnson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-30-22.
- Greenwood, IN. 80' of 20" line lowering for Citizen Gas. Superintendent: Frank Walters. Welder Foreman: Brian Graham. Working 5-10s. Job complete.
- Traverse City, MI. Mainline stopple and by-pass piping. Mainline maintenance. Regulators, filter separators of various sized piping in multiple counties all in Michigan for DTE. Superintendent: Dan Schaubut. Welder Foreman: James Owens. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-15-22.
- Urbana, OH. Take-up 3,976' of 4" and 8" and relay 2,960' of 8" for Vectren-CenterPoint. Superintendent: Joe Zadra. Welder Foreman: Brian Graham. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-20-22.

- Indianapolis, IN. Replace 600' of 16" bore for Citizen Gas. Superintendent: Frank Walters. Welder Foreman: Cody Dye. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 7-1-22.

Northern Horizons, Inc.:

- St. Joseph County, IN. Emergency valve replacement and by-pass for NIPSCO. Superintendent: Lyle Kohley. Welder Foreman: Jerry Fieser. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-30-22.

PJ Steel Supply, Inc.:

- Milford, MI. 6 miles of 16" abandonment in place on old line 3100 for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Chad Johansen. Welder Foreman: Frank Cooper. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

RL Coolsaet Construction Company:

- Fenton, MI. 24" Mainline valve replacement for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Bart Jennette. Welder Foreman: Raymond Johnson. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 6-30-22.

R.L. Morris & Sons:

- Kalkaska, MI. More than a mile of 8" and 10" used for ILI expansion and remediation for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Larry Townsend. Welder Foreman: Andrew Crosson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-31-22.
- Kalkaska, MI. High pressure remediation on transmission lines in various MI counties for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jason Richter. Welder Foreman: William "Bo" Berry. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-15-22.

Roberts Pipeline, Inc.:

- Woodhaven, MI. 200' of 8", 10", 16" for piping upgrades for Plains MidStream. Superintendent: Bobby Westrater. Welder Foreman: Thomas Faust. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 7-25-22.
- Belleville, MI. Integrity Maintenance. 12 miles, 10 locations, 12" pipe for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Bobby Westrater. Welder Foreman: Steven Miller. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-1-22.

United Piping, Inc.:

- Decatur, IN. 28 anomaly digs; sleeves or cut-outs; possible recoats, 10" and 12" for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Mack Santikko. Welder Foreman: James White. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 7-31-22.
- Dundee, MI. 7 cut-out replacements on L211 using 12" pipe for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Joel Bailor. Welder Foreman: Matthew Sheets. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-26-22.

US Pipeline, Inc.:

- Mt. Sterling, OH. 3.5 miles of 24" extension of Line A-159 for TC Energy. Superintendent: Thad Hutchens. Welder Foreman: Carroll Morris. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-7-22.

Veterans Utility Services, LLC:

- Jackson, MI. 12"-36" launchers and receivers, PLDs, and valve replacements. Integrity Maintenance blanket for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Russ Sennhenn. Welder Foreman: Derrick Dennis. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-22.

capture work is in our future, and I was able to speak at the conference to let those with future projects planned know they will need our advocacy. David Giles, COO of the proposed Navigator Heartland Greenway Project (1,300 miles of various pipe sizes), publicly acknowledged that these projects would need our help to get permitted because, unfortunately, carbon capture pipelines will also be protested. He also mentioned Local 798's advocacy by name at the conference. That's proof positive that we are getting noticed throughout the industry for what we can do through our Action Network.

I then visited the Apex, Rockford, and Appalachian jobs in the West Virginia Route 50 and Wheeling areas. It was good to see everyone, and I plan to get out to more jobs as the work season progresses. I also attended and spoke at the Nationwide Permit 12 Review virtual hearings. These hearings were held to get the public's opinion on whether the current process works or if the process needs to change. We had good participation at some hearings and were dominated at others. If you could not attend, please think about participating in hearings like these in the future since your livelihood depends on it.

I wrapped up my travels in Reading, Pennsylvania, to attend a Think About Energy Day. This event was sponsored by EnTech Engineering and was attended by gas company representatives and Pennsylvania House Representatives. The discussion was about how we can work together to get the trapped Marcellus Gas to market through our pipeline systems. My main takeaway was that the gas would remain trapped until the general public realized the importance of a reliable power grid. I said this to the US Army Corps of Engineers in my NWP 12 speech, and I will end my report with this quote. *"The catastrophic ramifications of a broken grid far outweigh those of climate change, and it's time for our government agencies to start recognizing the distinction between the two."*

Pre-Jobs:

Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- West Union, WV. Additional 8,400' of 16" steel. Superintendent: Roman McKown. Welder Foreman: Derrick Bennett. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10s.
- Friendly, WV. Additional 3 miles of 20" steel and 3 miles of 24" HDPE. Superintendent: Eric Creel. Welder Foreman: Jason Smith. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10s.

Appalachian Pipeline Contractors, LLP:

- Proctor, WV. 8,250' of 4" and 12" steel new lay. Superintendent: Ben Brown. Welder Foreman: Cody Pedigo. Special Agreement Rates. Working 6-10s.

Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Uniontown, PA. Launcher/receiver upgrades. Superintendent: Zach Bowes. Welder Foreman: Gordon Titus. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10s.

Bond Civil & Utility Construction, Inc.:

- Lowell, MA. 2.4 miles of 12" new loop line. Superintendent: Steven Courtney. Welder Foreman: Jeff Stockwell, Sr. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10s.

Charps, LLC:

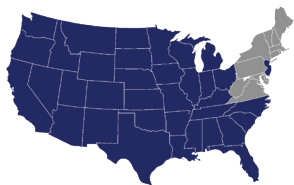
- Various locations throughout PA, NJ, CT, NY, MA, ME, and RI. Additional 200' of 2" and 24" pipe changeout. Superintendent: Daniel Bendickson. Welder Foreman: Tanner Dremmel. Blended Rates. Working 6-10s.

Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Lexington, VA. 4,406' of 12" steel gas main replacement. Superintendent: Kyle Pugh. Welder Foreman: Lynn Allen. Market Recovery. Working 6-10s.
- Imperial, PA. 1.75 miles of 20" steel pipe replacement. Superintendent: Jim Connor. Welder Foreman: David Salzgeber. 90 percent rates. Working 5-10s and one 8.
- Flat Top, WV. 20" launcher/receiver install and drip removal. Superintendent: Chris Card. Welder Foreman: Casey Brown. 90 percent rates. Working 5-10s and one 8.
- Gordonsville, VA. 16" valve cut out and pipe spool in. Superintendent: Chad Newberry. Welder Foreman: Lynn Allen. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s.

InfraSource Construction, LLC:

- Fort Washington, MD & Rockville, MD. Additional 150' of 24" maintenance and 3-24" stopple fittings. Superintendent: Chad Colley. Welder Foreman: Jay Taylor. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10s.
- Winchester, VA. 3 miles of 24" replacement. Superintendent: Nathan Sparks. Welder Foreman: Mike Mills. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10s.



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918-270-6745



David Butterworth

The work in the Northeast continues to be steady, with Integrity Maintenance and compressor station upgrades being the sectors where most of the work is performed. There are a few small-pipe gathering line projects and some large pipe gathering projects for Antero Resources. The building trades call-outs have slowed since we helped man a shutdown in Wheeling, West Virginia (Local 83) a couple of months ago. These are the three areas we will be working on in 2022 as major projects such as Northern Access and MVP continue to be delayed.

After returning from Steward School in April, I attended the H2-CCS Carbon Capture Conference in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. I think the carbon

- Smithfield, VA. Rebuilding of POD station in Smithfield, VA. Superintendent: Jason Nash. Welder Foreman: TBD. Station Rates. Working 6-10s.

LMC Industrial Contractors, Inc.:

- Westbrook, ME & Methuen, MA. 2"-30" regulator station/existing station upgrades. Superintendent: Jess Oldroyd. Welder Foreman: Eric Fegley. 80 percent rates. Working 5-10s.
- South Berwick, ME & Mendon, MA. 2"-30" regulator station/existing station upgrades. Superintendent: Josh Azzi. Welder Foreman: Dan Kuhn. 80 percent rates. Working 5-10s.
- Canandaigua, NY. 2"-10" facility maintenance. Superintendent: Kenneth Bauer. Welder Foreman: Kevin Bendick. 80 percent rates. Working 5-10s.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Tyrone, NY. Wayne meter station upgrades. Superintendent: Fernando Rangel. Welder Foreman: Buddy Westfall. Station Rates. Working 6-10s.

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Wind Ridge, PA. Enbridge longwall mining subsidence mitigation. Superintendent: Duane Carlson. Welder Foreman: Jason Carlson. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10s.

Over & Under Piping Contractors, Inc.:

- Mechanicsburg, PA. 606' of 24" and 155' of 24" pipe repair. Superintendent: Freddie Robinson. Welder Foreman: Tyler Simms. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10s.

Precision Pipeline, LLC:

- Towanda, PA. 1.39 miles of 8" and 10" steel new lay. Superintendent: Chad Ward. Welder Foreman: Andy Hunt. Special Agreement Rates. Working 6-10s.
- Monaca, PA. Hydrotest 6,002' of 8" clean and dry. Superintendent: Gary Denhoff. Welder Foreman: Tim Emerson. Special Agreement Rates. Working 6-10s.

Price Gregory International:

- Cumberland, MD. 2.2 miles of 12" abandonment and fabrication. Superintendent: Jack Burch. Welder Foreman: Aron Pitre. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10s.

RMS Welding Systems:

- Saltville, VA. Supply automatic welding equipment for final tie-ins. Superintendent: Matt Steel. Welder Foreman: Daniel Drew. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10s.

Schmid Pipeline Construction, Inc.:

- Elkland, PA & Auburn, NY. Pipe and valve replacements. Superintendent: Lonnie Skadsem. Welder Foreman: Greg Baird. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s.

Union Pipeline, Inc.:

- Blackstone, MA. Two 24" pipe replacements. Superintendent: Jason West. Welder Foreman: Heath Cowan. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10s.

history of our great local shows that a vast majority of our members work building trades when our work slows down. During these times, we are becoming a more diversified local. We have members who are aggressively pursuing this work. If you are interested in pursuing these alternative avenues, please contact the Dispatch office. If you're a combo Welder, we would like to hear from you. If you are interested in learning more about orbital welding, we would also like to hear from you. There are opportunities at hand and more opportunities on the horizon that our members can benefit from in the building trades sector. The pay scale varies from state to state, but typically per diem isn't paid. However, we are seeing the scales increasing and contractors starting to compete to get the manpower needed to man the work.

We are reaching out daily and making in-person visits to building trades locals to build good relationships and hopefully provide employment opportunities for our members. Several major projects are ongoing, and more are slated to begin in different areas in the United States. I recently traveled to Phoenix, Arizona, and met with BA Justin Head. We visited Local 469 and then traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to visit Local 412. We had very productive visits with both sister locals. We all agreed that working together can build solid relationships that will help put our members to work at the Intel and Taiwanese Semiconductor facilities once the supply chain issues clear up.

BA Joe Gaines and I have also recently visited Locals in Texas. We visited Local 100 in Dallas and Local 211 in the Houston area. Between these two locals, they have new builds at Texas Instruments and a proposed LNG facility along the Gulf Coast, which will put UA members to work. Together Joe and I are working diligently to help members in these areas work the building trades.

There are a lot of challenges, to say the least, when trying to build relationships with other locals. Times have changed dramatically in the building trades world. Traditions have changed, people have changed, and how we communicate has changed. Be aware of and understand these changes when trying to hire out to building trades locals. We see it's not like it "used to be" in certain areas. We'd ask that you contact the BA in that area or the Dispatch office before reaching directly out to another local about job opportunities. I would personally ask our members that man the building trades work to please be respectful and understand we are visitors. Your actions on these jobs affect you and work opportunities for other brother and sister members of our local. Be humble, be respectful and be thankful. If there's anything we can do to help, please give us a call in the Dispatch office. Opportunity awaits.

Out-of-Work List



Minnesota Limited, Inc. in Litchfield, OH



DISPATCH Report

Jimmy Dick

918-610-2761

The Dispatch office sees a steady flow of pre-jobs each week. The majority of these jobs are Integrity Maintenance work. Even though they are smaller jobs, we can still dispatch out to them. We have had over a dozen instances this year where a member applies for a job but isn't eligible for it due to their out-of-work card not having the skill

required for that particular job. We encourage every member to update their OOWC with the Dispatch office. The last call we want to make is one to a member who has applied for a job, and we are unable to send them because their OOWC does not reflect the skill required for the job they applied for on the job line. To give you an idea, we have a vast majority of members who have not updated their OOWC in over ten years. Please take the time and help us here in the Dispatch office and let's get your skills up-to-date. Please call if you need any help with the process. We are here for you.

Yes, we agree times are tough, and we are a Pipeliner's Local, but the



Renée Vause

Director

FREE At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Residential households in the U.S. are now eligible for another order of free at-home tests. Here is what you need to know about your order:

- Each order now includes eight rapid antigen COVID-19 tests.
- Your order of eight tests will come in two separate packages (four tests in each package), each with its own tracking number.
- Packages will ship free.

Place your order at <https://www.covid.gov/tests>. Need help placing an order for your at-home tests? Call the COVID-19 vaccination assistance hotline and portal for ordering test kits at 1-800-232-0233. That brings the total to sixteen tests offered per household so far.

REMINDER - PIBF Member Portal – Add Profile Picture

You can now upload a photo to your profile when logged in to the PIBF Member Portal. This photo must be a close-up picture of you only. It is used internally to help the PIBF staff put a face with a name! Photos will be internally reviewed before they are officially linked to your profile. Please allow 24-48 hours for approval.

After-Hours Support

After-hours claims-related questions/concerns/support requests can be emailed to our new claims support email address: claims@pibf.org. In addition, just a reminder that you can email other questions/concerns after hours to support@pibf.org. We make every effort to respond the next business day.

MDLIVE - Virtual Medical Visit Option – SECOND ANNIVERSARY

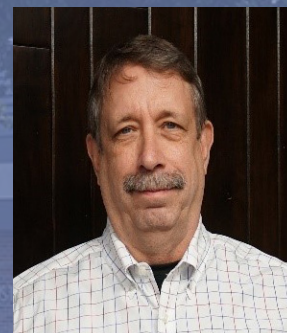
The MDLIVE program launched on May 1, 2020. Hopefully, you have all registered and set up a profile for you and your dependents to use should you need the service. It is a great idea to do this in advance of your first virtual visit. **If you have not yet registered, you can now access the MDLIVE website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

New Operations Manager



Steve Rowden has been named the new Operations Manager for Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund. Steve replaces Jon Baltzell, who retired on June 3, 2022, after 23 years of service. Steve joined PIBF in May of 2020. Congratulations to Steve on his new role!

Congratulations



Jon Baltzell, 23 years. Congratulations on your retirement! Thank you for your hard work years of dedication.



ORGANIZING Report

Ronnie Hill

918-284-6862

I hope this finds everyone doing well. I am writing this report after returning from a trip through North and East Texas and Western Louisiana. Tomorrow I will travel to South and West Texas and New Mexico.

As I reported in the last Blue Light, the rig count is up significantly, and the price of oil is hovering around 120 bucks a barrel. However, production remains below normal levels, and consumption is growing daily. Since the pandemic began, employment in the oil and gas industry has decreased by more than 200,000 jobs. These numbers are starting to creep back up but slowly. The work in this area is still very slow but shows promise for the future. The pandemic, the war in Ukraine, restrictions on drilling, jobs canceled by the current administration in Washington, rising interest rates, staggering inflation, and restrictive regulations and permitting processes have all played a part in this. It's not just one sector that has been affected. Both union and nonunion have suffered. I have heard people say that the nonunion hasn't been hit hard, but that is not true. We have had better jobs in

the last two years than they have. The Michels Pipeline job in Louisiana that our members are working on is probably the best pipeline job currently going in this country.

Although this year has been slow, it should pick up a little as the year progresses. Several good jobs are coming up in 2023, and both contractors and clients seem to feel very confident about the future.

As hard as the climate activists fight, there is no ignoring that gas prices are at a historical high, and demand is higher than refineries can produce. This problem can't be ignored much longer.

I have had numerous calls from nonunion Welders lately, and they all say the same thing. There is no work, and for what work is out there, the wages have dropped even lower. The sad thing for their side is that when the work gets going, their wages will stay down for some time due to inflation. We are very fortunate to have a good contract with fair wages and benefits that will remain stable regardless. I have been in 798 long enough to see more than one downturn in work, but I can say that Local 798 is in better shape now, even in a slow time, than it has ever been in its history. And that is something to be proud of because there is not another local union in the UA that is in better shape than we are, and I am very thankful for that. From all indications, this downward trend should start looking better by the end of the year, and we will be in good shape with our wages and benefits packages in place and ready to go.

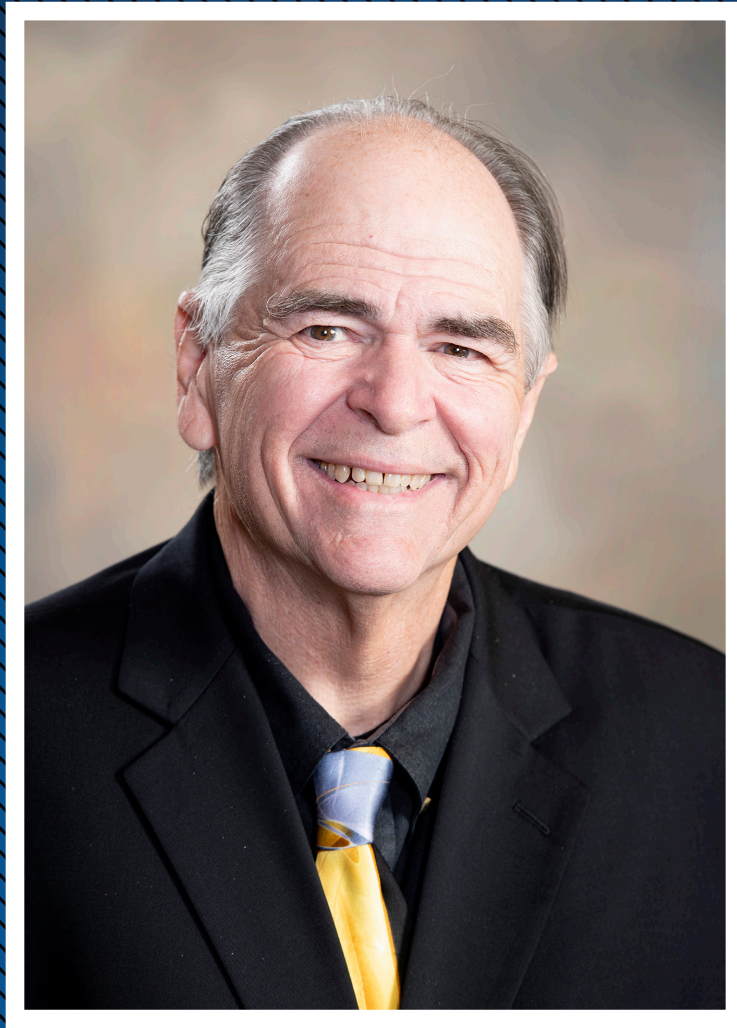
I want to welcome Gordon Construction, who signed the National Pipeline Agreement a couple of weeks back. With the help of the most productive and skilled craftsmen and women that Local Union 798 offers, I am confident their company has a very bright and prosperous future.

If I can be of any help to anyone, please don't hesitate to call. And, if you have information that could help us in any way, please let me know. Please sign those Action Network petitions. It helps not only us but the contractors and gas companies as well.



Business Agent Charlie Yates visits Henkels & McCoy, Inc. in Clarklake, MI.

CONGRATULATIONS



Ricky Jones was initiated on June 19, 1975, as a Welder Helper and was soon dispatched to the Alaska Pipeline. He continued working pipeline and building trades in multiple nuclear power plants and refineries. After passing his Journeyman Welder test in 1982, he continued working pipeline and building trades. Throughout his time in the field, he worked in 27 states and numerous other UA local unions. In 2008 Ricky was hired as a welding instructor at the Local 798 Training Center. There he served as a welding instructor and authorized testing representative of the UA. In August of 2010, he passed his AWS-CWI test and received his certification as a UA instructor. He served as an instructor until being appointed as the Dispatcher of the Local 798 Dispatch office in 2015. Ricky says, "It has truly been an honor to serve the membership."

Congratulations on your retirement Ricky! All the best for your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Pipeliners Local Union 798 Officers, Members, and Staff

2021-2022 Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Recipients

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

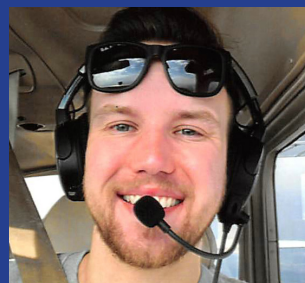
Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients and to all of our candidates who are expanding their opportunities through the pursuit of higher education. Thanks also go to our contributors to the Voluntary Fund, who have made this program possible.

Harry H. Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Winner



Ariel Armstrong, a native Texan and resident of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, is the granddaughter of Don and Betty Armstrong, long-time Local 798 members. In 2021, as a dual-credit high school student, Ariel graduated with honors earning both her high school diploma and Associate of Arts degree from Tarrant County College. While attending TCC, she was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and was on the dean's list multiple times. Currently, Ariel is working on a program at Kenneth Copeland Bible College and Tarrant County College so that she may fulfill her basic undergraduate requirements and transfer to Texas Women's University to complete her bachelor's degree in political science. When she isn't working on coursework, Ariel enjoys interacting with not only family and friends but also all age groups, as well as participating in her church's choir, ensemble teams, band, and student ministries. Ariel is very passionate about helping others overcome life's challenges. She hopes to continue this after graduation as she involves herself in her local political climate, where she can influence and make the most difference.

General Scholarship Winners



Tyler Birgy is the son of 798 Welder Steve Birgy, a 30-year member of Local 798. Tyler graduated from Forest Area High School in Fife Lake, Michigan, in 2013. Following graduation, he went to work as a Welder's Helper, later becoming a member of Local 798. In December of 2013, Tyler enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as a Security Forces member (military police), spending a little over five years in the military. He spent time in San Antonio, Texas, for initial training, then

went on to his first base in Adana, Turkey, in the summer of 2014. After a 15-month tour in Turkey, Tyler moved to Germany for two years. He traveled extensively in Europe, and from 2016 to 2017, he was deployed to the Turkish/Syrian border supporting NATO and U.S. Forces in the region. While in Europe, he worked security for the International Paris Air Show in Paris, France, for three weeks during the summer of 2017. This sparked Tyler's interest in a possible career as a pilot after the military. While in the military, he received two Air Force Achievement medals. Tyler separated from the Air Force in 2019 as a staff sergeant based in Tucson, Arizona. After leaving the military in 2019, he returned to work as a Welder's Helper and attended college during the winter. In January 2021, Tyler started Northwestern Michigan College's aviation program full-time. Since then, he earned his private pilot license and his instrument rating, plus he made the dean's list. Tyler's future plans are to obtain his commercial pilot license and then start training for his flight instructor rating, where he can teach people to fly while building flight time and experience. He also plans to finish his bachelor's degree at Davenport University. Tyler's dream is to be a commercial airline pilot or pursue a career flying private jets.

attend. Rachel was also involved in the Military Skills Academy at RCSHS and helped build the program through fundraising and her volunteer work with the local veterans and the community. She was a member of the honor guard, the drill team, the rifle team, and the Alpha Raider Team in the Military Skills Academy program, where she received a "Cadet Proficiency Medal." Rachel was inducted into the National Honor Society and was on the honor roll for all four high school years. She is currently attending Morehead State University, where she is a member of the ROTC program while maintaining a 3.75 GPA. Rachel was the recipient of the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship and the Kentucky Scholars Award. She is currently applying for a three-year Naval Scholarship and has been accepted to attend the Citadel Military College of South Carolina this fall.



Lane Foret is the grandson of Terry Adams, who has been a Welder member of Local 798 for 22 years. Born and raised in Schriever, Louisiana, Lane graduated from H.L. Bourgeois High School in 2020 as salutatorian with a 4.0 GPA. He served as the senior class vice president and was a member of the Student Council and National Honor Society. Lane now attends the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where he has consistently maintained a 3.6 GPA as a political science major. He is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success and his future plans include becoming certified as an American government teacher and owning a business.



Rachel Emrick of Morehead, Kentucky, is the granddaughter of Billy J. Kidd, a Journeyman member of Local 798 for 56 years. Rachel graduated from Rowan County Senior High School (RCSHS) in 2020 as an honor student. During high school, she was a member of the Lady Viking varsity soccer team, the cross country team, Science Club, Spanish Club, SGA, and was the co-founder of the Political Debate Club. She was one of 25 students at RCSHS selected to participate in the first

creative writing class for future writers. Rachel attended the STEM camp at the U. S. Naval Academy, the Henry Clay for Statesmanship camp at Transylvania University, and was one of 20 girls to attend the Cybersecurity Camp for Girls at the Citadel Military College of South Carolina. She was also chosen as an alternate for the Governor's Scholars Program in Kentucky and was invited to attend the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Kentucky Girls State but could not



Madison Gaines, of Dalhart, Texas, is the daughter of Stephanie and Welder Joe W. Gaines, a 22-year member of Local 798, and the granddaughter of the late Joe B. Gaines, a 21-year 798 member. She has two younger siblings, Joseph and Emily. Madison graduated as salutatorian from Dalhart High School in May 2020 with a health/science endorsement. While in high school, Madi participated in varsity tennis, varsity basketball, Student Council, and was student body vice-president. In June of 2020, Madison graduated summa cum laude from Frank Phillips College with her associate degree in science. She is currently attending the University of Texas in San Antonio (UTSA), majoring in biology with a graduation date of December 2022. Madison was named to the UTSA dean's list for the fall of 2020 and the president's list for the spring and fall of 2021. Madison plans to attend physician assistant school after completing her undergraduate degree. In her spare time, Madison enjoys traveling, spending time with family, and playing video games.

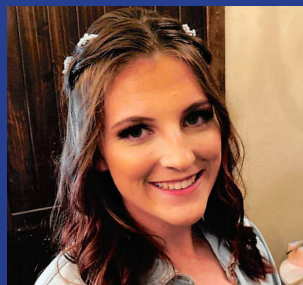


Daylen Gray is the grandson of Journeyman Dennis Schrock, a 56-year member of Local 798. Daylen graduated from Monterey High School in 2021 with a 3.8 GPA. During his four years of high school, he was a member of the National Beta Club and the honor society. He was also a member of his high school basketball team and achieved the All-Academic state award his senior year. Daylen currently attends the University of Louisiana at Monroe, majoring in agribusiness. His future plan is to be a crop consultant.



Brendyn Harris from Kensett, Arkansas, is one of five children and the grandson of Journeyman member Lesley Harris, a 21-year member of Local 798. During high school, he was a member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, and Future Business Leaders of America. Brendyn was an honor roll student all four years of high school and played varsity basketball. He graduated from Little Rock Christian Academy in May of 2020. Brendyn

is currently a sophomore at the University of Mississippi, majoring in political science with a minor in law studies. He has made the chancellor's list all three semesters of college. Brendyn's future plans are to graduate at the top of his class and then attend law school to become a defense attorney.



Emily Potts grew up in the small town of Moyers in southeast Oklahoma and is the daughter of Welder Marty Greger, a 14-year member of Local 798. Emily graduated from high school in 2019 as valedictorian of her class, allowing her to receive a Valedictorian Scholarship to her current university, Northeastern State University (NSU) where she is majoring in speech-language pathology (SLP). On July 9, 2021, Emily married her husband, Tucker, whom she met at NSU. She

considers being married one of the greatest achievements in life, second to her salvation in Jesus. Since starting college, Emily has maintained an overall 3.9 GPA and a 4.0 in her major. Emily has also been on the president's honor roll for the last three semesters. One feat she hopes to accomplish soon is her acceptance into grad school due to an accelerated degree program for SLP that would allow her to obtain her master's degree a year early. Emily was a recipient of one of the General Scholarships awarded by the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund last year and was selected to sing the National Anthem at the 2019 and 2022 Steward School.



Katie Smith is the daughter of 25-year Welder member Clayton Smith and Jamie Smith of Foreman, AR. She was a 2020 graduate of Foreman High School, where she was co-valedictorian. During high school, Katie was inducted into the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She was also a Gator cheerleader for five years and was recognized as an NCA All-American cheerleader twice. Katie was a Foreman FFA horse judging team member, competing successfully at

both district and state levels. Katie grew up riding horses and competed in barrel racing, pole bending, and goat tying in several local high school rodeo associations. She is currently a pre-vet major pursuing a degree in agriculture science at Southern Arkansas University (SAU) in Magnolia. At SAU, Katie is a member of Sigma Alpha, where she is the chair for scholarship and bylaws, as well as a member of the Pre-Vet and Biology Clubs. Katie's future plans include attending veterinary school and having her own veterinary practice one day.



Paige Tourangeau is the daughter of 35-year Welder member John Tourangeau and graduated from The Pennington School in 2021. During high school, Paige held multiple leadership positions and was a member of the Science Olympiad team. She is currently enrolled at Michigan State University, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in statistics. Since starting college, Paige has maintained a GPA of 3.75, which allowed her to qualify for the dean's list last semester. In the future,

Paige plans to pursue a master's degree in statistics and looks forward to achieving her academic goals and applying this scholarship to her education.



Noralee Townsend, of Rose Bud, Arkansas, is the daughter of Chad, a 35-year Welder member, and Stephanie Townsend, a 23-year Helper member; and the granddaughter of Gary Townsend, a 57-year Welder member, and Marilyn Townsend, a 23-year Helper member; and the great-granddaughter of the late T.L. Townsend, a 58-year Helper member, and the great-great-granddaughter of the late William "Mack" McKay, Helper member. Noralee is attending the University of Arkansas

and has earned a 3.6 GPA. She is a double major in agriculture communications and agriculture leadership and is minoring in agricultural business. Noralee is a former Arkansas 4-H state officer, being the 2019-2020 Delta District vice president. She is currently a member of the University of Arkansas REPS Team, Agriculture Communicators of Tomorrow, U of A Cattleman's Association, Collegiate Farm Bureau, Collegiate FFA, and Collegiate 4-H. Noralee plans to graduate in May of 2024. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school.



Roberts Pipeline, Inc. in Kalkaska, MI



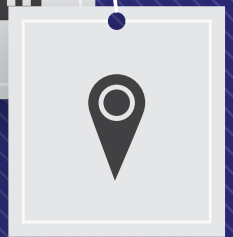
Miller Pipeline, LLC in Cleveland, OH



Minnesota Limited, Inc. in Bethany, OH

CONTACT INFORMATION

To maintain accurate records, we ask that you take a moment to verify your contact information on file with the Local Union 798 office and make any updates if needed. You may verify or update your contact information by signing into the Member Login section of our website at www.local798.org.



Meeting Notice

September 9, 2022

The regular September Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, on Friday, September 9, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m. CST.

Special Business: Nominations for Election of Officers

Ladies of 798 Hospitality

The Ladies of 798 Hospitality will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel at 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133, beginning at 6 p.m. CST on Friday, September 9, 2022.

Hotel Accommodations

To make reservations at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, please call 918-307-2600.



Precision Pipeline, LLC in Towanda, PA. Pictured left to right: Kaden Hemphill, Travis Nelson, Andy Hunt, and Gavin Shuman.

SERVICE AWARDS

The September/October issue of the Blue Light Reports will honor our devoted members who have maintained 25 years or more of membership. If you want your photo published, please email a clear photo to information@local798.org or mail it to Pipeliners Local 798, Attn: Blue Light, PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147. Please submit photos by August 12, 2022.

Nominations and Election for Local 798 Officers

This notice provides important information regarding the nomination process for the upcoming 2022 Local 798 Officer Election. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact an Election Committee Member listed below.

Nominations

1. A meeting to nominate candidates for office will be held on Friday, September 9, 2022, starting at 7 p.m. CST, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
2. Nominations will be accepted for the following offices:

President	Inside Guard
Vice President	Executive Board (4 Positions)
Recording Secretary	Finance Committee (3 Positions)
Business Manager	Examining Board (2 Positions)
Financial-Secretary Treasurer	
3. No member shall run for more than one office. The term of office shall be in accordance with the United Association Constitution.
4. No Local 798 member shall be eligible to be nominated for office in Local 798 unless they have been a member in good standing of the United Association and Local 798 for at least a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to be nominated for office in Local 798. The "date of the election" for purposes of determining eligibility to run for office is October 19, 2022. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 19, 2022, they will not be eligible to run for office.
5. Nominations for officers will be accepted from the floor at the nominations meeting. A candidate may nominate themselves and need not have a second. If a member is not present at the meeting, they may be nominated or nominate themselves by sending a written notice of their acceptance of nomination to the specified office. Such written notice may be delivered by hand, mail, or facsimile to the Local 798 Union Hall or by email to nominations@local798.org. Written notice must be **received** by the Local 798 Union Hall in Tulsa, Oklahoma, no later than 4:30 p.m. CST on the day of nominations, Friday, September 9, 2022. (Please note that the email address for nominations will be activated on July 1, 2022, and deactivated at 4:30 p.m. CST on Friday, September 9, 2022.) The names of all candidates received by this deadline will be announced at the nominations meeting.
6. Under Section 504 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act ("LMRDA"), a member who has been convicted of certain crimes may not hold union office for a maximum of 13 years following the date of conviction or the end of imprisonment, whichever is later. Please call the U.S. Department of Labor or the Chairman of the Election Committee if you have a question about this provision of the LMRDA.
7. The Election Committee will conduct a candidate meeting on Saturday, September 10, 2022. All candidates and their observers are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be conducted at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and will start at 10 a.m. CST.

MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

1. The General President has directed that the election for officers be conducted by mail ballot. There will be no manual balloting.
2. Election Source shall administer the election. Election Source is headquartered at 4615 Danvers Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. The Election Source representative conducting the Local 798 election is Steve Panoff. Election Source has advised that it will utilize the services of Pageworks. Pageworks is located at 2801 Oak Industrial Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.
3. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible Local 798 members on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at their most recent permanent address on file with the Local Union ("primary address") as of Friday, October 14, 2022.
4. No Local 798 member shall be eligible to vote in the election unless they have been a member of the United Association and Local 798 in good standing for at least a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to vote. The "date of the election" for purposes of determining eligibility to vote is October 19, 2022. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 19, 2022, they will not be eligible to vote.
5. Members who do not receive a ballot or who need a "duplicate" ballot must contact Election Source directly at 888-742-8037. 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 Election Source. 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. Election Source will provide the member with a confirmation number.
6. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S. post office box printed on the outer return envelope by 9 a.m. CST on Thursday, December 8, 2022. 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 8, 2022, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 9:30 a.m. CST.
7. The results of the election will be announced at the Regular Membership Meeting on Friday, December 9, 2022, starting at 7 p.m. CST at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
8. In the event there is a tie vote in an officer election, and a run-off election is necessary, a mail ballot election will be conducted for only those offices for which there is a tie vote. Ballots will be mailed on January 16, 2023, and will be counted on February 16, 2023, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 9:30 a.m. CST. The results of any run-off election will be announced at a Special Membership meeting to be held on February 17, 2023, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 7 p.m. CST.

Local 798 Election Committee

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Chairman
281-408-3429

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April 28, 2022

Local Union 798
P O Box 4 70798
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Attention: Mr. Danny Hendrix

Dear Danny:

My name is Ruth Melvin, wife of welder member, James Melvin. We attended this year's Steward School, and I just had to write to say "THANK YOU". I appreciate those who make the Steward School possible. I am amazed at the time, effort, details and work that goes into making this event such a success.

The 2022 Steward School is now history and all the attendees have gone on to their homes, their current jobs, or wherever their individual lives have led them. But, rest assured, the 2022 Steward School will never be forgotten. Old friends met and caught up on all the memories of times passed. New friends were made and shared with each other all the current events of their individual lives and families. It was a time of priceless fellowship with all.

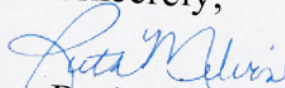
Danny, thank you for your leadership as Business Manager of Local 798. Being the wife of a 798 member, I have noticed a lot of improvements made throughout the years which have been a tremendous help and encouragement to the union members and their families, and especially to the retirees. I appreciate your dedication and work you give to make sure the retirees are taken care of.

Even though the 2022 Steward School has come and gone, it will be forever remembered as a great success. Oh I know, the numbers were down, some vendors chose not to participate, and maybe it was downsized in some ways, but it was still ONE OF THE BEST steward schools I have been privileged to attend.

I appreciate each and every one of the workers from the cleanup crew to the officers, office workers, and those in charge of each department for the outstanding job and duties they performed. Local 798 goes above and beyond just the daily duties and routine tasks it takes to keep the Local in top-notch shape, it takes dedicated workers. Local 798 is blessed to have the greatest team of workers working for the people.

Keep up the good work. We appreciate ALL OF YOU, and ALL OF YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS THAT GOD WILL GUIDE AND LEAD EACH ONE OF US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Sincerely,


Ruth Melvin

Short & Personal

THANK YOU

James Strange thanks the Voluntary Fund and those who contribute for the help he received following his disc replacement. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Kayla and Jimbo Foreman, Jean Fontenot, and Donna and George Murphrey. "Thank you, Brother Hendrix, for allowing this to happen and managing our Voluntary Fund in a fair and equitable way."

Don Denton thanks all the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for the Voluntary Fund check he received. Special thanks to Donnie Monceaux and Preston R'chard.

Leslie Pitts thanks the Voluntary Fund for the help he received while undergoing cancer treatments. Special thanks to Justin Wallace and Randy Mathis.

John Johnson and Family thank the Brothers and Sisters who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the help, kindness, and generosity they received when they lost their beloved father, Charles "Chig" Johnson. "He was a proud member of 798."

Janet Degeyter-Allsbrooks thanks all past and present members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help she received during her husband's recovery from brain surgery. She expresses gratitude to her sons Bill, Chuck, and Bob Houston. A special thanks to Elaine and Leslie Pitts for their love and support. "Your support means so much when the need arises."

Roger Spurlock thanks all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to his sons Randy and Roger Spurlock and to Timothy "Scotty" Jackson. "With that gift, it helped pay on the hospital bills after my knee surgery; I really appreciate it."

Jeremy Ryan and Family thank the Voluntary Fund for the help they received in their time of need. "It is greatly appreciated."

Christopher "Shane" Sheffield and Family thank all the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for the help they received during their difficult time. "We would especially like to thank Brothers Phillip Lancaster and Charlie Yates. It is an honor to be a member of the greatest union ever."

The Scarborough Family thanks the Voluntary Fund and Local 798 for the kindness shown to the family at the time of Raymond Scarborough's death on April 1, 2022. "He truly loved 798 and spent a big part of his time fighting for better working conditions for the members and the betterment of the local in general."

Brian Voytko and Family thank Local 798 and the Voluntary Fund for the generous donation after the passing of his mother. Special thanks to Matt Ward. "My family and I are very thankful for the donation, and I am very proud to be a member of this local."

Adam Bowman thanks the Brothers and Sisters in the local that contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Philip Lancaster and Charlie Yates. "In trying times, the check helped me more than I could have imagined, and my family as well. It is an honor to be a part of the world's finest local."

Melissa Hall thanks all who donate to the Voluntary Fund and for the prayers sent to her following her recent vehicle crash. "I am beyond thankful to be a member of such a great family union when times are hard. I am slowly recovering, and thank God I'm still here!"

Lloyd D. Mason and Family thank the Voluntary Fund for the help he received during his recent illness in Eureka, Missouri. He is getting better every day. Special thanks to Robert Kindle, David Warner, Todd Hartle, and Dale Bragg.

Trevor and Summer Pilgreen thank Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and Phillip Razian for keeping their family in their thoughts.

Jace Felde thanks all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. "Your generosity is highly appreciated. It helped ease my mind while I spent time with my father during his last days."

Michael Bouchard thanks all who donate to the Voluntary Fund, with special thanks to Leroy McDougal and Doug Winter. "It is a kind gesture in a difficult situation."

Kenneth Nord thanks the Voluntary Fund for helping him in his time of need following the passing of his father. Special thanks to David Johnson. "Thank you for nominating my family and me. I appreciate everything you do."

Mark Durocher thanks the Voluntary Fund, with special thanks to Jimmy Dick and Nicholas Broussard, for the funds received after the passing of his wife.

Nicholas Broussard thanks the Voluntary Fund, with special thanks to Jimmy Dick, for the funds received after his recent surgery. "It was much appreciated and came at a much-needed time."

Doyle Rice thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Harry Houser, Jeremy Peters, Benjamin Griffith, and Paul Fulton.

Cody Pedigo expresses his appreciation and gratitude to those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund and those who wrote in on his family's behalf. "Receiving this generous gift from the membership helped relieve some of the financial burdens of my wife's mother's passing."

Barbara McIntire thanks all who have reached out with condolences after her husband James McIntire's passing. "Everyone has shown excellent help at James's great pipeline family. The Bible is wonderful and caused tears of joy – even with my loss."

Wendell Coker thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund and for the help given following his recent surgery.

Donnie Goodin thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and Jerry Dale Crabtree. "The money received was very helpful with paying bills towards my recent surgery and hospital stay."

Ray Brumley thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund and for the help given following his rotator cuff and carpal tunnel surgery. "May God bless our industry and the USA."

Cheryl Ann Moore thanks all her Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. "It truly was a wonderful gift, and I am very grateful."

The Doshier Family thanks each member who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The help received after the loss of Roy was greatly appreciated. He loved his 798 Family! Special thanks to Colin K. Curtis and Danny Hendrix.

Bradley Peters thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The check was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Wayne Bates.

The Ag Students of Monroe City R-1 High School thank all members who donate to the Voluntary Fund. They would especially like to thank Justin Wallace and Danny Hendrix for making their welding project possible. Without the generous donation from the Voluntary Fund, the students would not have been able to complete their welding project to show their talent and passion for welding. "Our union members showing their support of projects such as this are paving the way for future generations in our UA locals."

RETIREMENTS

Dale D. Barefoot, Welder, Lakeville, NY

Lynn C. Bradford, Helper, Old Fort, TN

Gary L. Burdge, Helper, East Waterford, PA

Greg G. Clark, Welder, Bald Knob, AR

Phillip W. Coates, Spacer, Siloam Springs, AR

Kenneth J. Daley, Helper, Beggs, OK

Mark A. Drewery, Spacer, Searcy, AR

Kevin N. Duggan, Spacer, Searcy, AR

David L. Farmer, Welder, Hallsville, TX

Derick P. Fontenot, Welder, Vinton, LA

Paul D. Helgeland, Spacer, Frazeyburg, OH

Brad A. Jenkins, Welder, Jackson, OH

Bryan L. Jones, Welder, Winfield, TX

Woodrow W. Kellogg, Jr., Welder, Peyton, CO

Mark A. Matthews, Helper, Floral, AR

Tracy R. McManus, Welder, Winnfield, LA

Sirrom L. Morris, Spacer, Hot Springs, AR

Gary J. Mullin, Welder, Mount Pleasant, MI

Larry J. Overstreet, Helper, Waynesboro, TN

Tony L. Rowles, Sr., Spacer, Annville, PA

Randall L. Stanley, Welder, Mount Pleasant, TX

Boyd L. Wehrbein, Jr., Helper, Orleans, VT

James S. Wood, Welder, Broken Bow, OK

Tommy W. Yaklin, Welder, Holcombe, WI

IN MEMORIAM

Robert W. Spears, 58-year-old Retired Welder of Perkins, OK, passed away March 12, 2022.

Olney J. Holt, Jr., 89-year-old Retired Welder of Marshall, TX, passed away March 26, 2022.

J. J. McIntire, 76-year-old Retired Helper of Searcy, AR, passed away April 8, 2022.

Dewey J. Karnes, 95-year-old Retired Spacer of Lufkin, TX, passed away April 25, 2022.

Stanley Coble, 84-year-old Retired Spacer of Fairfield, IL, passed away April 30, 2022.

Tommy R. Boulware, 87-year-old Retired Welder of Midwest City, OK, passed away May 3, 2022.

Jerrell R. Cunningham, 22-year-old Helper of Lebanon, IN, passed away May 16, 2022.

Stephen A. Mitts, 66-year-old Retired Spacer of Hominy, OK, passed away May 15, 2022.

James L. Jones, 86-year-old Retired Spacer of Columbus, MS, passed away May 17, 2022.

Michael D. Fitzhenry, 62-year-old Retired Welder of Crockett, TX, passed away May 24, 2022.

Terry R. Sampsel, 72-year-old Retired Welder of Massillon, OH, passed away May 3, 2022.

Timothy Hathaway, 57-year-old Retired Welder of Mineral Wells, WV, passed away June 2, 2022.

Arthur E. Pickens, 68-year-old Retired Helper of Greybull, WY, passed away May 14, 2022.

Troy M. Richoux, 54-year-old Welder of Waveland, MS, passed away June 8, 2022.

SWAP & SELL

Caps by Cindy: Welder/Helper caps. Contact Cindy at 918-557-1660.

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

1963 Lincoln SA 200 Welder: Has copper winding and 6-volt battery. Located in Brighton, CO. Asking \$3,500. Contact Sam Sim at 720-468-9067.

Welding Bed: Welding bed that fits a 2014 Dodge Ram Mega Cab. Located in IA. Asking \$3,500. Contact Steve Spiker at 817-455-1003.

White 2019 Ford F-350: 4WD, single cab, DRW. 75,000 miles. Very clean and in excellent condition, but it has a few minor dings. STX package with 360 camera view. Includes the pickup bed. The SA 200 and all the necessary tools to start pipelining are available if desired. The SA is in good running shape and was being used up until several weeks ago. It seems to be a 1984 model based on the serial number. Bottle racks, bottles, leads, electric cords, torch, and other tools are available. Located in TX. Asking \$45,000 for the truck only. Ripped out with machine and tools, asking \$53,000. Contact Mitchell Fitzhenry at 832-607-8379.

2017 Lincoln Welding Machine: 2017 Lincoln SAE 300 MP. 1,500 hours, Kubota diesel, and comes with 150' Tidweld remote. Located in Waco, TX. Asking \$12,500. Contact Chris Parkhill at 254-315-9495.

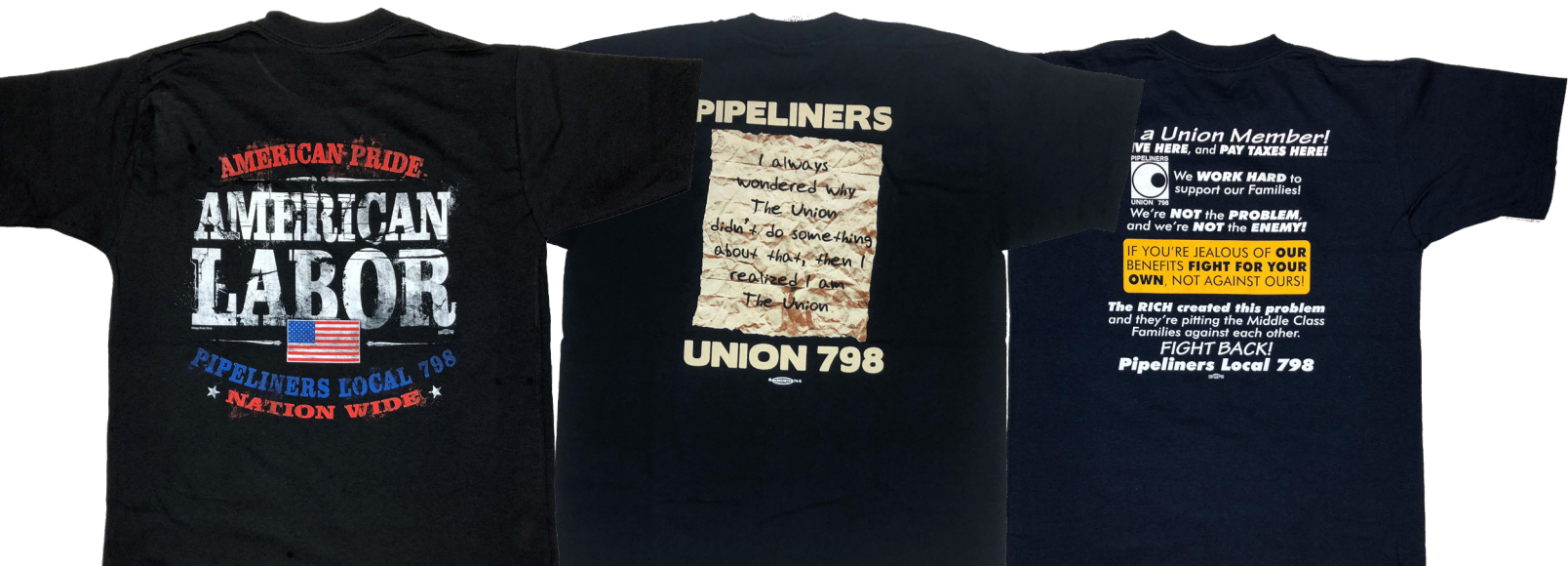
1969 Model SA 200: 1969 Model SA 200 welding machine. Located in LA. Asking \$4,000. Contact Chuck Houston at 724-255-2249.

PIPELINERS



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