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# Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Steward School 2023 has come and gone, and it was a very lively and informative week. A big shout-out to all our vendors who help make this week special for the members and their families. I said it all week, but it's worth saying again. A big thank you goes to all the inside guards for giving up some of their personal time to provide the much-needed structure throughout the week. Without your help, we would undoubtedly struggle to provide the best experience possible. A big thank you also goes to all the employees at the Training Center and the many volunteers for their service on Tuesday at the Lincoln BBQ and Friday at the Miller Crawfish Boil. The Ladies of 798 held their annual basket auction charity fundraiser, and as usual, the donated items were well received and raised generous amounts for their chosen charities. Here at the office next month, we will sit down and review, identify what we can do better, and start the planning process for 2024.

Friday night at the regular membership meeting, we announced the appointment of two new organizers, **Ralph "Barky" Zoller**, Welder member from Ohio, and **Cassidy Croley**, Welder member from Texas. Both of these members were vetted and went through the application process, and collectively we feel they will be an asset to our Organizing Department. **Chad Simmons** was also promoted to our **Director of Organizing** to ensure the day-to-day operations are structured and measurable to our success goals. Our organizing process typically involves several steps, such as identifying potential union supporters, building a coalition, holding meetings and discussions, and, last but not least, conducting a union election. Union organizing can be a challenging and complex process, often met with resistance from employers or employees who may try to dissuade or intimidate workers from joining a union. However, 798 has historically played a crucial role in improving workers' rights and ensuring fair treatment in the workplace. Through collective bargaining, 798 can negotiate with employers for better wages, benefits, and working conditions and provide workers with a stronger voice in the workplace. 798 organizing is essential for protecting the rights and interests of workers and the pipeline industry. **Overall, 798 organizing remains crucial for creating a fair and just work environment where workers have the support they need to thrive and succeed.** If you would like to help in any way or feel you have information that our organizers could benefit from, please reach out. Any information you provide will be confidential when requested.

Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub>, or carbon capture and storage (CCS), is a process that involves capturing carbon dioxide emissions from industrial processes or power plants and storing them in underground geological formations, such as depleted oil and gas reservoirs or deep saline formations. Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> is an important strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating climate change. Capturing and storing CO<sub>2</sub> is a process that helps to prevent the release of harmful greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Additionally, sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> can help prolong the use of fossil fuels while alternative energy sources are developed. While there are still some technical and economic challenges associated with CCS, this technology has the potential to play a significant role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and ensuring a sustainable future. The pretty bow that wraps around this upcoming work through legislation is that it includes labor standards to qualify for 45Q carbon credits. **Without adhering to these labor protections, the client could potentially be building a project with no return on their investment.** Working with the UA, Local 798, and the PLCA should ensure that the client will qualify under the standards of 45Q. Some studies project **30,000 to 60,000 miles of CCS pipelines in the near term.** As I stated in my last report, there are many green camps in opposition to these projects. Collectively, we need to push even harder through the Action Network to support CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines. **The fight is real, and the opposition is strong, but we are many. We must speak in a unified voice, loud and clear.**

The work outlook is still slow, but spring is here, and summer is upon us. Many projects our contractors have bid on are still in process, and we hopefully anticipate their success rate will be fruitful. We have strong relationships with many clients, and we leverage those positions at every opportunity we get. For other clients where we aren't as strong, we are diligently displaying the value of a labor force that can provide the most qualified workforce and a nationwide team that can advocate at any level for their projects.

I look forward to seeing you in the field in the near future. 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". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Daniel C. Hendrix  
Business Manager





# Financial Secretary - Treasurer's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write this report shortly after another Steward School has wrapped up. It was a great week, with food, fun, business, and fellowship. Thanks to all who took the time to come and take part in your local union's business. UA Pipeline Director Chad Gilbert, UA Special Representatives Mike Mikich and Jeremy Moddrell, and UA Deputy General Counsel Scott Seedorf were on hand for the contract sessions. Thanks to each of them for participating in Steward School with us. Jeremy also sits on our Apprenticeship Curriculum Committee, and we are very appreciative. I also want to say a big "Thank You" to all the folks working behind the scenes to make the week a success. The Local 798 office staff, PIBF staff, sponsors, members of sister locals, contractor representatives, Ladies of 798, inside guards, and the Local 798 Training Center staff all work hard to make the week enjoyable for the membership. The weather was near perfect for the golf tournament, and the proceeds from that will benefit members' families through the George M. Lambert and Harry H. Faucett, Jr. Memorial scholarship programs. The retiree banquet was great, as always. We had members recognized from 50 years of membership all the way up to 72 years! It's the highlight of my week to see these retirees there to be honored in front of their family and friends. Cody Hibbard put on an awesome show and had several of the honorees out there tearing up the dance floor before the night was over. What a fun night!

We held our Board of Trustees meeting shortly before Steward School. I am pleased to say the certified pension funding status came in at 120.7% funded. This is great news for all retirees and active members. We are committed to keeping that pension fund solvent. The health and welfare fund is still just holding its own. We would like to see it start building more reserves, and we are committed to doing what is necessary to make that happen.

As we do each spring, the Local 798 General Fund underwent our annual audit in early March. The local's finances continue to be in great shape. Last year was a challenging year in both stock and bond portfolios, but we are also spread across some alternative investments and CDs that provide a good return, even when market returns are nonexistent. The Voluntary Fund continues to be in good shape. It's far from its high a few years back, but much more than usual was paid out the last couple of years, mainly due to COVID relief and natural disasters. Again, it remains in good shape, considering the fewer man-hours worked in recent years. Thank you to all who faithfully contribute.

I want to welcome two new Local 798 organizers to our team. Cassidy Croley and Ralph "Barky" Zoller were chosen from around 100 applicants to join the Local 798 staff. These guys definitely have the drive and determination to succeed. I have complete faith in both of these guys, and I hope you will too. They will be a welcome addition to the organizing team. We've got a lot of irons in the fire on the organizing front, and we plan to keep pushing forward. The COMET "Construction Organizing Membership Education Training" classes at Steward School were well attended. Thank you to UA Director of Organizing Jim Tucker and all his team for sharing their knowledge and strategy with us. We know some things that may work for other trades might not necessarily fit the pipeline industry. Still, we've picked up a great deal of valuable information from Tucker's team of dedicated organizers. If you see an opportunity that may need the attention of our organizing team, please reach out to those guys.

We were proud to recently host a group from Williams, including Bud Rains and around 20 others, at the Training Center. Farron does a fantastic job down there, and it's nice to get the opportunity to show such an important group what we have to offer. We know the value of these partnerships and are working hard to build relationships with several other client gas companies as well. The advocacy of our membership is helping greatly in this regard. The clients realize that when the need for advocacy arises, which it does quite regularly, we are the group you can count on to sign petitions and fill the room at public hearings. Please stay abreast of what actions are out there.

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

Fraternally,

Justin Wallace  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Executive Board of  
Pipeliners Local Union No. 798 of the  
United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and  
Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, AFL-CIO

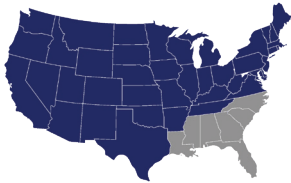
### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pipeliners Local Union No. 798 of the United Association of the Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, AFL-CIO (the Local Union), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Local Union as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Bethesda, MD  
April 11, 2023

# Business Agent Reports



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



Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

I am writing this report after returning from our 2023 Steward School in Tulsa. It was great seeing all the members and their families that could attend. It was also a pleasure to see all the retirees that made the trip. Having an opportunity to visit face-to-face and learn from their wisdom is one of the best parts of the week for me. Enthusiasm was definitely in the air, which was evident with all the interest shown during the COMET I and II classes taught by the UA Organizing Department. Our guest speakers were amazing and very knowledgeable. I hope that everyone left with a better understanding of our contract and was able to get all their questions answered.

I want to congratulate Ralph "Barky" Zoller and Cassidy Croley on their newly appointed positions as organizers. Both are great additions to our team as we continue to move our great Local forward. Thank you, also, to all those that have turned in applications. Our members stepping up and getting involved is the key to ensuring our success.

Since my last report, I have attended/participated in the National Pipeline Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, the East Texas Blitz, and Organizer Training in Annapolis, Maryland. I have also continued to meet with gas companies and contractors in attempts to gain more work in the South. Work in my jurisdiction is definitely looking better every day.

I strongly encourage all members to contact our business manager, financial secretary-treasurer, business agents, organizers, or dispatcher with any questions and not rely on the lies and "half-truths" of social media. Our main goal is, and always has been, to work together and continue to keep 798 the greatest local in the world. Also, please remember to utilize one of our greatest tools to date, the Action Network.

As always, I work for YOU! So please feel free to call me anytime at 918-991-5341. God bless each one of you, and God bless this great Local.

## Pre-Jobs:

Associated Pipe Line Contractors, Inc.:

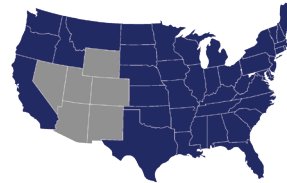
- Anacoco, LA. 39 miles of 36". Gas Company: DT Midstream. Welder Foreman: Leroy McDougal. Job Steward: David Hall. Market Recovery.

B&G Pipeline Company:

- Myrtle Beach, SC. Approx. 1,200' of 6" pipe to be used for fabrication and installation in Horry County, SC. Gas Company: Dominion Energy SC. Job Steward: Kerry Lobell. Special Agreement.

Rockford Corporation:

- Battleboro, NC. Removal of approx. 10,000' of 36", removal of fabrication and welding of steel plates to grout road bores. Gas Company: Dominion Energy-ACP. Job Steward: DeWayne Elliott. Mainline rates.



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



Justin Head

I hope this report finds you all well. We have just wrapped up Steward School, and I felt it was a total success! First, I would like to thank everyone who helped make it successful and worked diligently all week so others could enjoy it. Also, thanks to the UA Representatives and Jim Tucker, UA Director of Organizing, for coming and sharing information to educate the membership. We have a lot of very positive things going on in this local union, and if you want to be a part of it, reach out to your agents and organizers. I would also like to congratulate Cassidy Croley and Ralph "Barky" Zoller on their new appointments as organizers. They will both make great additions to our team.

Winter is finally trying to break after one of the worst winters I have ever seen out West. I anticipate the work to pick up quickly. Chad Simmons and I have been actively communicating with some of the gas companies trying to get more opportunities for our fair contractors to bid on the work. Some of those efforts are paying off, and some aren't. But we will continue to persist in our efforts to gain market share. Hopefully, most of you have had the chance to sign the action for the Tallgrass Trailblazer conversion by now. I would like to see a large turnout for this petition. Tallgrass believes they can be at the forefront of carbon sequestration because they already have the transmission line in place. However, there is still a lot of pipeline that must be built, and there will be some hurdles. There is a chance with enough positive responses they could have a notice to proceed sometime this year.

Some people are trying to throw shade on the Action Network as though it isn't effective and doesn't work. That couldn't be farther from the truth! If the gas companies didn't need it, they wouldn't have a reason to call or email us back in a lot of cases. It is a great tool to help us, as agents and organizers, build valuable relationships with our clients and develop partnerships that put the membership to work. Please keep utilizing it and recruiting others to sign as well!

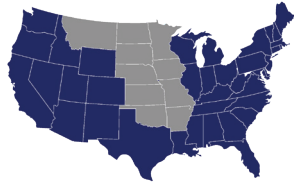
Most of the projects in my area this year will either be station upgrades or Integrity Maintenance work. I have some digs and replacements going for Kinder Morgan, which I think will continue throughout the year. There are a few projects 20 miles and under that I hope will also go that I am confident our fair contractors can compete on. Again, I encourage all of you who are not proficient with downhill low hydrogen to get your hands on some and get proficient with it. The gas companies view it as a process that can mitigate a lack of quality from pipe manufacturers when there is excessive hardness in the pipe. We are still getting a lot of members to work on building trades jobs as well. Please call me if you have any questions on that subject or if there is anything I can assist you with.



## Pre-Jobs:

### Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Salt Lake City, UT. 3 miles of hydro testing for Kern River. Start Date 4-17-23. Superintendent: Jaimen Dickson. Welder Foreman: RJ Bauer. Working 6-10s. Market Recovery. 80 percent rates. Full fringes. Approx. completion 6-17-23.



AR, IA, KS, MN, MO, MT, NE, ND, OK, SD  
918-230-1884

## Todd Hartle



I am writing this report after leaving another great Steward School in Tulsa. The entire week was beneficial and informative, and it was just a great time for fellowship. I enjoyed visiting with all our members. We had a good turnout for Tuesday's Lincoln Barbeque and the COMET class. Since there were so many in attendance for the COMET class, we had to split the class into two different groups. On Wednesday morning, Business Agent Charlie Yates, Jr. gave a very informative presentation on the responsibilities of Welder Foremen and Job Stewards. One of my big takeaways was the importance of communication between the Welder Foreman and the Job Steward. Wednesday evening, the Ladies of 798 charity auction proved once again to be a fun and successful event. Congratulations to the charity recipients, and thank you to the Ladies of 798 for all your hard work to continue helping others. The Retiree Banquet on Thursday evening, honoring 50-plus-year-members, is always one of my favorite events. This year we had a 72-year member in attendance. These men built our local and are proud 798 members. The Miller Crawfish Boil at noon on Friday was great, as usual, and the regular membership meeting on Friday night closed out the week. Business Manager Danny Hendrix discussed our organizing efforts at the meeting and announced that two new organizers would join the Local 798 staff. Congratulations to new organizers Cassidy Croley and Ralph "Barky" Zoller. Brother Hendrix also discussed the creation of a Local 798 apprenticeship program.

In March, I attended the National Pipeline Conference. Guest speaker Toby Rice, CEO of EQT, said 2022 saw the least number of pipelines built in 40 years and that we also maxed out pipeline capacity in 2022. We need more pipeline infrastructure in the United States. We need permitting reform to speed up the process of getting these pipelines permitted.

Navigator and Wolf are two of the CO2 pipeline companies in talks with the four union crafts about getting a project labor agreement. Recently, some 798 members and I attended a Board of Supervisors meeting for Wolf Pipeline in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Several members and I also attended Kansas House and Senate hearings in Topeka, KS, supporting TC Energy. Both sessions went well. We have had several gas companies ask for attendance at these meetings to show support. Thank you to all the members that attended these with me. If you see any of these actions on the Action Network, follow through and get them signed to support our work. The Action Network IS working.

A few weeks ago, I attended the UA Organizer Training. These were long days of classes with a lot of information to take in. I met a lot of organizers from several of the different pipe trades.

I have been receiving calls about maintenance work from our fair contractors. The maintenance work in my area should start kicking off any day. If you are on a job in my area inspecting, I would appreciate a call to let me know where you are working. Jimmy Dick is still getting some of our members to work with other locals. If you still need some UA certs, go to our Training Center, and get that taken care of. One of the small jobs I visited in my area was on a small station with heliarc carbon steel procedures. So, we do have some heliarc work at times.

I look forward to visiting with everyone as I hit the road this work season for job visits. If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.



## Members in attendance at the Kansas House and Senate hearings in Topeka, Kansas, to show support for TC Energy.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Charps, LLC:

- Twin Lakes, MN. Demo TBS Station, removal of 120' of 4" pipe, and 110' of 3" pipe, and 1,200' of 2" pipe for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Dave Hufferd. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Christopher L. Olson. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job completed.

### KS Energy Services, Inc.:

- West Branch, IA. 1,100' of 6" steel pipe to be used for I-80 road relocate, take up 1,600' of 6" for Alliant Energy. Superintendent: Adam Seidl. Welder Foreman: Tim J. Bellinghausen. Job Steward: Walter T. Cole. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 3-25-23.

### McCizer Pipeline, Inc.:

- Judsonia, AR. 12" pipe for fabrication in White County, AR, for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dewey McCabe. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Ronnie Chism. Integrity Maintenance. 80 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 4-22-23.
- Judsonia, AR. 4" pipe to be used for Energy Transfer/Emergency Call Out in White County, AR, for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dewey McCabe. Welder Foreman: Ronnie Chism. Job Steward: Karmen H. Mason. Integrity Maintenance. 80 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Job completed.
- Traskwood, AR. 10" Emergency call out for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Joey Martin. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Ronnie Chism. Integrity Maintenance. 80 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Job completed.

### Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Adams, NE. Beatrice to Palmayra, NE, ILI modifications in Otoe and Gage County, NE, for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Tim Tureson. Welder Foreman: Bradley S. Mudd. Job Steward: Donnie R. Lindsey, Jr. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-16-23.

### Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Bemidji, MN. Assemble cutting machine in Beltrami County, MN, for Otis Minnesota Shop. Superintendent: Chuck Wymore. Welder Foreman: Bruce A. Baggenstoss. Job Steward: Nick Mistic. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 4-14-23.
- Coon Rapids, MN. Replacement of approximately 13,000' of 24" in Fridley and Coon Rapids in Anoka County, MN, congested work, for CenterPoint Energy. Superintendent: Ryan Piescher. Welder Foreman: James D. Bottleson. Job Steward: Joseph M. Lee. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-23.

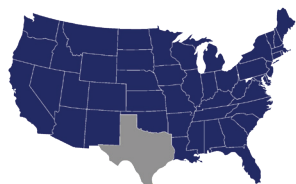
- West Branch, IA. 12" pipe to be used for interstate 80 abandonment and grout in Cedar County, IA, for Pembina Pipeline. Superintendent: Dan Carlin. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Lee J. Sloan. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job completed.

Q3 Contracting:

- Little Canada, MN. 2"-24" pipe remove/relocate main, fab/install valve and regulators, testing in various counties in MN for Xcel Energy. Superintendent: Andrew Jeske. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Mitch R. Mincoff. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Blanket. Approx. completion 12-31-23.
- West Fargo, ND. 2"-24" pipe to replace/relocate mains, fab, install valves and regulators in various counties in ND for Xcel Energy. Superintendent: Andrew Jeske. Welder Foreman: Austin Swenson. Steward: Tyler M. Raines. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Blanket. Approx. completion 12-31-23



**798 members along with Local 597 and Local 25 representatives attended a public meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to show support for the Wolf Carbon Solutions project.**



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918-237-3573

Joe Gaines



I am writing this report after attending the 2023 Steward School. It was another great year with lots of new and familiar faces. Thank you to everyone who made the trip! My favorite part of Steward School is always the Retiree Banquet. We had one retiree that was celebrating 72 years in this great local. The dedication and love these men have for our local is unsurpassed. May we all learn from them and continue to grow and push 798 into the future. Our future, like our past, is bright, but only if we work towards a common goal and continue to be the best of the best.

I have spent the last two months traveling the country and attending multiple organizing training events and conferences. Texas will be the epicenter of our upcoming organizing efforts, and I am proud to stand beside my fellow UA members to accomplish this monumental task. I will be traveling to San Antonio this week for an additional blitz of workers. We are making headway

in our efforts to organize Texas and improve working conditions for all in our trade. If you are interested in helping by salting jobs, please contact me.

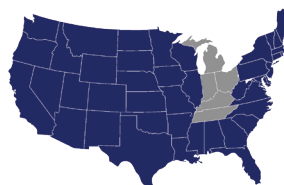
I am still placing multiple travelers throughout Texas each week. Business managers for Dallas, Austin, and Lubbock locals continue to reach out to me, needing hands. This is good work that will last the rest of 2023 in many instances. If you want to go to any of this building trades work, please contact Jimmy Dick in the Dispatch office or me.

I'm sure I don't thank them enough, but I want to give a big shout-out to our entire office staff, from the PIBF to Dispatch to the ladies in the office. I am very grateful for all the hard work they put in each day to ensure our union runs smoothly. From the top down, 798 is truly blessed with the best people. I am happy to be a small part of this great union.

Congratulations to our newest organizers, Cassidy Croley and Ralph Zoller. Both men will do an outstanding job, and I look forward to working with them.

In closing, I want to say well done to the Ladies of 798 on another great auction for their charities. It was a fun night, and everyone opened their wallets to help these ladies help others. Thank you to everyone who took part.

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



IN, KY, MI, OH, TN  
918-270-6746

Charles Yates, Jr.



"Always work together to achieve the common goal - a successful and safe project." This was one quote from my presentation at Steward School, yet it is the most important priority of Pipeliners Local Union 798. Our 2023 Steward School exemplified working together toward that goal with members, vendors, sister locals, the United Association, and contractors. I extend a special thanks to the UA Pipeline Department for attending and especially to General President McManus for the assignment of Jim Tucker and the UA Organizing team to be able to attend our event. Thank you to all who traveled far and wide. For those who participated in any way, shape, or form, we sincerely appreciate the support.

I recently traveled for an Organizing Blitz. What an informative, productive, and team-building experience. Thank you to Southwest Pipe Trades and UA Organizing Department for partnering with us. Danny Hendrix deserves particular appreciation for ramping up our Organizing Department. At our regular April membership meeting, he introduced our new organizers, Cassidy Croley and Ralph Zoller. Welcome, and congratulations on your new appointment, gentlemen.

Projects are picking up a bit in this Central Region with the promise of more gas companies releasing work as the summer progresses. At present, we currently have 22 jobs underway in this region. Also, many important petitions have been posted recently to the Action Network, so please take time to review these and sign them. This network is another element of our success. It not only helps the permitting process for future projects, but it is also a powerful tool for our organizing efforts.

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

Pre-Jobs:

Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- South Bloomingville, OH. 4", 8", & 12" creek crossing in multiple Ohio counties for TC Energy. Superintendent: Eric Creel. Welder Foreman: Jeff Yoak. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9-29-23.

Contractor Rentals Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Northwood, OH. 20" launcher, receiver, installation, and valve replacements for TC Energy. Superintendent: Jimmy Badgett. Welder Foreman: Lawrence Westfall. Working 5-10s and 1-8. Approx. completion 10-30-23.



#### Foltz Welding Ltd.:

- Lebanon, OH. Hydrotest 4,800' of 6" for Enterprise Pipeline Co. Superintendent: Jeff Huffman. Welder Foreman: Steve Stamper. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

#### Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Lynn, IN. 2,200' of 16" relocation in Randolph County, Indiana, for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dusty Licktieg. Welder Foreman: Dalton Clemmons. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4-22-23.

#### Graycor Industrial Constructors, Inc.:

- Fort Wayne, IN. 24" casing removals in various 798 Indiana counties for NIPSCO. Superintendent: Kerry Schott. Welder Foreman: Kirk King. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11-11-23.

#### InfraSource Construction, LLC.:

- Erlanger, KY. 11,750' of 24" high-pressure replacement along with station rebuild in KY and OH for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Kyle Biggs. Welder Foreman: Christopher Sheffield. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-23.

#### Meade (Contracting & Material):

- Wolcott, IN. Approx. 10.5 miles of 4", 6", 8", & 12", install fabricated weld heads and station assemblies for CenterPoint Energy. Superintendent: Ben Constintien. Welder Foreman: Eddie Sims. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-15-23.

#### Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- South Bend, IN. Two separate phases to install two stations for launchers and receivers, replacement of launcher and receiver, and replacement of multiple 16" pipe sections in preparation for pigging for NIPSCO/NiSource. Superintendent: Kyle Zabel. Welder Foreman: Cory Johnson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-20-23.

#### NPL Construction Company:

- Fowler, IN. 445' of 6" and 8" for NIPSCO. Superintendent: Alex Harris. Welder Foreman: Mike Shively. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

#### Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Muncie, IN. Approx. 18 miles of 12" take-up and relay for CenterPoint Energy. Superintendent: Mark Carpenter. Welder Foreman: Ilya Kalinin. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-20-23.
- Columbus, IN. Retrofitting existing station to include launcher and receiver replacement for CenterPoint Energy. Superintendent: Fred Leasure. Welder Foreman: Cody Dye. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-3-23.

#### Snelson Companies, Inc.:

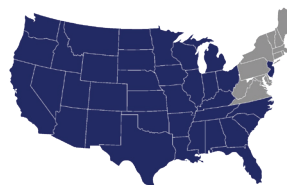
- Perry, MI. 29.6 miles of 36" new installation with 5 valve sites for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Sanderson. Welder Foreman: William Berry. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-1-23.
- Cincinnati, OH. ¾" through 24" pipe for station build for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Matt Sorenson. Welder Foreman: Logan Kelly. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-30-23.

#### United Piping, Inc.:

- Mt. Pleasant, MI. Install 3" later-o-let at 6 sites for TC Energy. Superintendent: Joel Bailor. Welder Foreman: John Healy. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

#### VEC, Inc.:

- Hubbard, OH. Multiple sizes, multiple fabrication and installation in various locations for TransCanada. Superintendent: Carl Green. Welder Foreman: Ryan Brady. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8-9-23.



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VT, WV  
918-270-6745



## David Butterworth

I am writing this report after returning from the 2023 Steward School. A large amount of new information was brought forward during this meeting regarding organizing and apprenticeship. If you were not able to attend and have further questions, I recommend you reach out to your business agents and organizers so you can catch up on what you missed. I would also like to congratulate and welcome Cassidy Croley and Ralph "Barky" Zoller to the Local 798 staff. These two gentlemen were hired to help with our new organizing campaign, and I look forward to working with both in the future.

The work in the Northeast is picking up a bit, and I recently pre-jobbed 22 miles of 30" on the Williams REA (Regional Energy Access) project in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. The REA also consists of 14 miles of 42" and numerous compressor station upgrades in Pennsylvania and New Jersey that will be completed this year. This project is a positive reflection of what we can do with our Action Network and our advocacy. Williams contacted all four crafts for advocacy assistance more than two years ago when they began their REA permitting process. We were glad to help and welcomed the chance to form an alliance with them. I am happy to report that our teamwork paid off in a big way, and the project permits came in a year ahead of schedule due to the client's thoughtful planning and foresight. This job will be a much-needed shot in the arm and put many members to work in 2023.

As I said in the first paragraph, the 2023 Steward School was a precursor to great things to come. We are working hand in hand with the UA Organizing Department to develop new strategies that will help grow our local. Some of these strategies are different and will take an open-minded view that everyone may not embrace. I have spoken with quite a few members about these tactics and have received mixed reactions, with most of them being positive.

Please get in touch with me or anyone on the staff to find out what this new energy and master plan is all about. We really want you to talk to us so you can hear exactly what is happening, and then, in turn, you may want to get involved. The world and our industry are changing rapidly, and we need the membership to become active. We can't effectively reach our goals without the collective group pulling in the same direction. Please don't hesitate to reach out to see what's happening in your local.

### Pre-Jobs:

#### Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- Strasburg, VA. 7,500' of 36" lift and lay plus 15,300' of 26" lift and lay. Superintendent: Roman McKown. Welder Foreman: Derrick Bennett. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Moundsville, WV. 5,500' of 24" steel, 25,000' of 16" steel, 3,400' of 8" steel, 29,000' of 16" plastic. Superintendent: Dana Keaton. Welder Foreman: Chad Thomas. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

#### Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Appomattox, VA. 2"-30" compressor station rehab with valve changeouts. Superintendent: Brad Kamerer. Welder Foreman: Nat Hasara. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 6-10s.
- Montrose, PA. 8" and 16" live line welding assistance. Superintendent: Brian Carey. Welder Foreman: Tim Ungard. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 5-10s.

#### Contractors Rental Corporation dba CJ Hughes:

- Portsmouth, VA. 21,050' of 8" steel plus station work. Superintendent: Charlie Tobias. Welder Foreman: Brian Fox. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 6-10s.

#### Frank Lill and Son, Inc.:

- Renovo, PA. 2023 VA, PA, NY Integrity Maintenance blanket. Superintendent: Nicholas Warner. Welder Foreman: Mike Donohue. Mainline rates. Working 4-10s.

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GPL Construction:

- Oakdale, CT. 5.34 miles of 16" new lay street work. Superintendent: Michael Gaudette, Jr. Welder Foreman: Ken Jones. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

LMC Industrial Contractors, Inc.:

- East Waterford, PA. 2"-30" 2023 compressor station turbine expansion. Superintendent: Mike Adams. Welder Foreman: Mike Trevett. 80 percent rates. Working 5-10s.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Montrose, PA. Finish remaining 16", install 10 miles of 16" and 9.4 miles of 24". Superintendent: Jayme Fye. Welder Foreman: Danny Burdge, Jr. Blended rate. Working 6-10s.
- Wilkes Barre, PA. Install 22 miles of 30" new lay. Superintendent: Gordon Cameron. Welder Foreman: Junior Overstreet. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Pine Grove, PA. 8", 14" integrity digs. Superintendent: Scott Newcomer. Welder Foreman: Brad Hall. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 4-10s.

Price Gregory International:

- Chesapeake, VA. 12" Creek crossing install and abandon. Superintendent: Todd Burselson. Welder Foreman: Jimmy Jones. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 6-10s.



Training Center sponsor Sawyer MFG Company donates to the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund.



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The Local 798 Training Center was honored to host Williams for an informative meeting and tour of our facility. During the visit, we had productive discussions about upcoming projects and welding procedures. We look forward to collaborating with Williams to ensure the highest standards of quality and safety in the industry.







# DISPATCH Report

Jimmy Dick

918-610-2761

Providing work opportunities is one of our many focus points in the Dispatch office. The dynamics of informing the members of these opportunities are challenging at times. We will continue communicating through our automated system, along with videos, text messages, and personal calls. Good communication is the cornerstone of building a solid and well-informed membership.

Be sure your contact information is current with member services here at the hall. If you choose to have emails sent to you, make sure the email on file is current. You can also sign up for text alerts by texting "ALERT" to 22300. We encourage you to opt-in to receive text messages, as it's another way to communicate. Also, please make sure your voicemail is set up. If it's set up, make sure it's not full so we can leave a message. The Dispatch office often tries to reach members looking for jobs, and we can't leave a message. We want to get you the information as we get it.

Work opportunities are steady. If you're interested in hearing about them, please call us. We have had several good pre-jobs come in. We highly encourage our Welder members to take the time to ensure you are ready to take a welding job. If you're a Helper member and you're looking for work, give the Dispatch office a call. We have sent out a call blast to our Helpers about work opportunities and have received maybe 50 callbacks. That's pretty low when you have nearly 1,500 out of work. We would like to hear from you if you're a Journeyman interested in building trades work. Opportunities change weekly, and it never hurts to hear what's going on.

We want to remind our members who apply for jobs to make sure they are ready and willing to accept the job. We have had numerous "NO GOs." We understand things happen in life, and good communication with the Dispatch office can help you through a "NO GO" situation when it is legitimate. Contractors do their due diligence regarding "NO GO" and "NO SHOWS." They remind our bargaining committee during contract negotiations.

We have a lot of good things happening in the Dispatch office, and we are eager to share them with our members. The good things wouldn't have been possible without the help of our Business Manager Danny Hendrix and the staff of business agents. I would like to thank David Butterworth, Dale Crabtree, Joe Gaines, Todd Hartle, Justin Head, and Charlie Yates, Jr., for their help with building and maintaining good relationships with our sister UA locals. These good relationships have helped the Dispatch office put our members to work in their jurisdictions.

If there is anything we can do to help put you to work, please give us a call here in the Dispatch office.

## Out-of-Work List

1,712 Welders

249 Journeymen

1,473 Helpers



# ORGANIZING Report

Chad Simmons

918-600-4207

I write this report as Steward School concludes. It was great to see all who attended.

Your Organizing Department has had a lot of exciting things happening since the last report. Continuing with our multi-faceted approach, we have attended industry events nationwide. At some of these functions, we may be the only union presence. We are making vital contacts to better position Local 798 and our signatory contractors for upcoming projects. A big "Thank You" to the active and retired members who came out in support. Your efforts are vital in getting our message out to the pipeline community.

We continue to meet with gas companies, seeking opportunities for our signatory contractors to bid work in areas we have been closed out of recently. Most of these meetings are positive as they realize that Local 798 is not the Big Bad Wolf. We can bring a lot of value to these clients with a skilled workforce and the ability to advocate for their projects. Our friends at the UA Pipeline Department are engaged in similar activities, which helps to solidify our positions. We must stress to our contractors to bid the work competitively as we try to reenter these markets.

Thanks to the assistance of the UA Organizing Department, Southwest Pipe Trades, South Central Pipe Trades, and Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades, your organizers and business agents were able to get contact cards from 121 Welders working for 12 different contractors in East Texas and West Louisiana. During our time there, the nonunion Welders realized they were being paid substandard wages equivalent to the early 2000s. Sadly, this country is in record inflation, and the nonunion contractor is taking advantage of these Welders, with low wages and mediocre benefits (if offered) withheld from their checks. All this happens while the nonunion contractors' association meets in the Bahamas to celebrate the spoils they have made off their underpaid employees. Isn't it ironic that these anti-union contractors would have a "union" of their own?

At Steward School, 129 of our members attended COMET I class put on by the UA instructors. Many minds were changed about organizing. Brother Jim Tucker spoke to the school attendees Thursday morning, demonstrating the need to grow. We are grateful for his enthusiasm and assistance to Local 798. COMET II class was held on Saturday morning with 73 attendees. We greatly appreciate the commitment of those who stayed over and participated in this session. If you could not attend either class, talk to someone who did. We will only grow stronger through education.

As you know, we have been evaluating the new organizer applications and would like to thank each of you who took the time to apply for a position to help your local union. The response from the membership was phenomenal, with over 90 applicants. We found many worthy candidates throughout the evaluation process and would ask that you continue to support your local union even if you were not selected. Each one of us represents our local union daily. Make sure that you are shining a positive light for your Brothers and Sisters for today and the future of Local 798!

We cannot stress how much we need the support of the membership. Your involvement with this great local union is vital to our success. The easiest way for you to help is through the Action Network. We have recruited all the UA and Pipe Trades organizers to the Action Network, increasing our potential for a greater number of signatures for our petitions. Thank you, Brothers and Sisters. When you see something, give one of us a CALL. If you want to be more involved, call us to discuss other opportunities. If you know any Welders on the other side that are curious about the union, have them contact us.

At the Friday night membership meeting, Brother Danny Hendrix announced that we are adding two new members to our organizing team, Cassidy Croley and Ralph "Barky" Zoller. Congratulations Brothers! We are looking forward to bringing them on board as we move forward in our organizing efforts.

May God bless you, and may God bless Local 798.

Ronnie Hill 918-284-6862

Charles Thomas 918-313-5987

Chad Simmons 918-600-4207

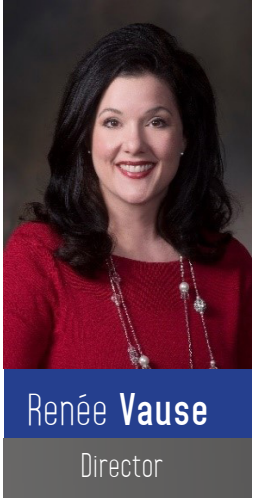
Cassidy Croley 539-235-4487

Ralph "Barky" Zoller 539-235-4610



# PIBF Report

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Renée Vause

Director

## Pipeline Industry 401(k) Plan Changes to Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Age

The age for required minimum distributions from the Pipeline Industry 401(k) Plan has been modified. Effective for distributions made after December 31, 2019, for Participants turning 70½ after December 31, 2019, the Required Beginning Date shall not be later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 72. In addition, effective for distributions made after December 31, 2022, for Participants turning 72 after December 31, 2022, the Required Beginning Date shall not be later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year Participant attains age 73.

## PIBF Coverage for At-Home COVID-19 Tests

The requirement for private health insurers to cover up to eight home COVID-19 tests per person per month for participants on their plans will end May 11, 2023. Effective May 12, 2023, the Board of Trustees elected to continue coverage of these tests up to four tests per person per month. Coverage is only available for qualifying tests (FDA authorized) to be utilized by the covered participant and cannot be for employment purposes. When purchasing a home COVID-19 test, participants should submit their receipts and required forms to Sav-Rx's direct member reimbursement department (paper claim). To locate the OTC COVID-19 Test Reimbursement Form, please visit [www.pibf.org](http://www.pibf.org) under the "Forms" tab, "H&W." Tests will be subject to a \$12 maximum per test.

## End of Extended Deadlines for COBRA and Other Due Dates

As previously announced, certain deadlines that fall within the "Outbreak Period," which began on March 1, 2020, will end 60 days after the announced end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). The PHE will expire on May 11, 2023. Starting July 11, 2023 (i.e., 60 days after the announced end of the PHE), ERISA-covered plans no longer have to follow these deadlines and may return to the standard deadlines in effect prior to the PHE.

The following extended deadlines will end on July 10, 2023:

1. HIPAA Special Enrollment Period - the 30-day or 60-day period in which employees and dependents may request special enrollment in the Plan when there is a new dependent due to marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, or a loss of eligibility for other group health coverage.
2. COBRA Election Period - the 60-day period, after receiving a COBRA election notice, in which an eligible participant may elect COBRA coverage.
3. Due Date for Notifying Group Health Plan of Qualifying Event or Determination of Disability - the 60-day period in which an eligible participant must notify the Plan of certain qualifying events, such as divorce or a child losing dependent status (other deadlines apply for notifying the Plan of a disability for purposes of extending COBRA coverage).
4. Due Date for Paying COBRA Premium/Self-Payment - the 45-day period after COBRA coverage is elected for making the initial payment and the 30-day period for making subsequent payments for monthly COBRA coverage.
5. Due Date for Filing Benefit Claim Under Plan's Claims Procedure - the maximum period allowed to submit an initial claim for benefits.
6. Due Date for Filing Appeal of Adverse Benefit Determination Under Plan's Appeal Procedure - the 180-day period to appeal a denied claim.

## New Pension Federal Tax Withholding Form W-4P Form Starting January 1, 2023

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) revised the federal tax withholding form W-4P. Use of this form was optional for the tax year 2022. However, the IRS requires that the new form must be used beginning January 1, 2023.

*Note: Current retirees and beneficiaries (prior to January 1, 2023) who already receive monthly benefit payments and who do not wish to update their federal tax withholding elections are not required to file a new form.*

A major change to the W-4P form is that filers will no longer be able to adjust their withholding by electing a specific number of withholding allowances. Previously, federal tax withholding calculations for pensions and other eligible periodic payments were based on the filing status (married or single) and number of withholding allowances reported. The revised form has new input fields for increasing or decreasing the amount to withhold, including fields for tax credits and deductions. If no form is received, PIBF is required to withhold federal tax from your taxable monthly pension payment based on a filing status of Single with no adjustments.

The IRS removed the option to enter allowances to be consistent with current tax law. Instead, Form W-4P considers information that affects your taxable income. PIBF cannot offer tax or legal advice. Please see the "General Instructions" section of Form W-4P for information on how to complete the form. For further assistance, we encourage you to contact a professional tax advisor.

If you are receiving a taxable pension payment and do not want federal tax withheld, you can write "No Withholding" in the space below Step 4(c) and complete Steps 1(a), 1(b), and five only on the IRS Form W-4P. Please be advised that if you elect to have no federal income taxes withheld or if you do not have sufficient federal income tax withheld from your retirement benefits, you may be responsible for payment of estimated tax.



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# UA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

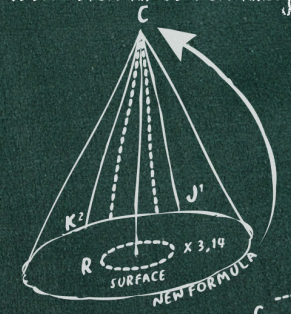
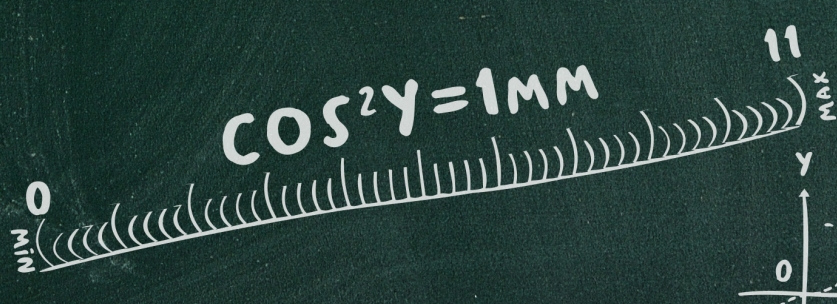
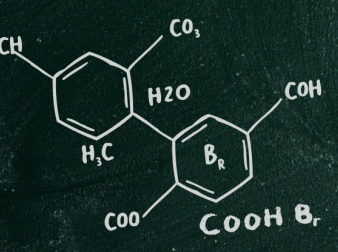
We are pleased to announce that the United Association Scholarship Trust Fund is gearing up for the 2023-2024 academic year scholarship awards. Up to 112 scholarships totaling as much as \$222,000 will be awarded this year, including 106 for students pursuing undergraduate studies and up to six for students pursuing graduate studies. Scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 each. Generally, dependents of UA members who are pursuing a post-high school education at an accredited college or university may apply for a scholarship (for more information, see eligibility requirements and award criteria in the detailed instructions found with the application). The deadline for submitting applications is June 6, 2023.

Applications may be submitted electronically through <https://uascholarshipfund.communityforce.com/>. The electronic application is now live, and potential applicants can check that website and click on the "Login" icon at the top right corner for additional instructions to access and submit applications. Note that upon logging in, users should be sure to click on the scholarship application titled 2023 United Association Scholarship.

Electronic submissions through the online application are encouraged. However, paper applications may also be submitted by mail to Patrick H. Kellett, UA Scholarship Trust Fund Office, Three Park Place, Annapolis, MD 21401. Paper applications are available free of charge via request by contacting the office of the UA General Secretary-Treasurer at 410-269-2000 or via download at [uanet.org](http://uanet.org) (UA member login required).

Awards will primarily be based on academic achievement and potential, personal achievement, and community involvement. Financial need may also be considered. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Applications will be judged by an independent and impartial Selection Committee, comprised of distinguished members of the community. The Selection Committee may request information concerning the financial circumstances of applicants and use this information in the award of scholarships. Also, note that because UA scholarships do not automatically renew each year, receiving an award in one year does not guarantee you an award in future years.

In addition, six scholarships will be given to "Second Chance" awardees. Those selected will be students whose academic achievement is not the best in their region, but who demonstrate that they want another chance at an education to advance their potential for higher-paying employment. We would like to thank everyone for supporting the Fund and look forward to awarding our next round of scholarships to our deserving UA students.



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# STEWARD SCHOOL 2023

Steward School is an annual event that has become a beloved tradition for our members and their families. This educational gathering provides an opportunity for Local 798 members and sister local union members to learn new skills, expand their knowledge, and network with other professionals in the pipeline industry. In addition to the valuable educational aspects of Steward School, the event also offers a sense of fellowship and community that is treasured by all who attend. The event allows union members to connect, share experiences, and build lasting relationships. Steward School offers something for everyone, from educational sessions and classes to recreational activities and entertainment, ensuring attendees leave with new knowledge, cherished memories, and a strengthened sense of community. Finally, Steward School wouldn't be possible without the participation and dedication of the union members who attend the event year after year. Their commitment to education, fellowship, family, and fun makes this tradition such a success. So, a big thanks to all the members who have attended Steward School over the years and continue to make it an essential and memorable event for everyone involved.

















# STEWARD SCHOOL 2023 INSIDE GUARDS

Thank you to all the Inside Guards who volunteered their time during Steward School to ensure the week went smoothly. These members are often responsible for ensuring the safety and security of the event attendees, as well as managing crowd control and providing directions to those in need. The dedication and commitment of the Inside Guards to Local 798 and the attendees of Steward School contribute significantly to making the event safe and successful each year.



Martin A. Ankenbruck  
Greg Baird  
Bryce Beaty  
Curtis Bergeron  
Joseph Bigley  
Samuel M. Brause  
Tracy Brown  
Orion E. Bush  
Brandon Conner  
Myran D. Copley  
Cassidy Croley  
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Gerald Davis  
Derrick Dennis  
Michael Drake  
Timothy Drake  
Oliver Frazier  
TJ Garrett  
Taylor Gintz  
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Paden Harper  
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Chuck Seale  
Austin Severson  
Casey Smith  
Mike Smith  
Brent Stai  
Jason Steed  
Chad Townsend  
Ryan Wiggins  
John Yates  
Mykhailo O. (Misha) Zabrodin  
Ralph Zoller



# THANK YOU

On behalf of Pipeliners Local 798, Pipeliners Voluntary Fund, Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund, Local 798 Training Center, and the Ladies of 798, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to all vendors, sponsors, and donors for their participation and contributions to the success of Steward School. Your support and partnership have been invaluable, and we are grateful for your commitment to making Steward School a resounding success each year.

A special thank you to our year-round vendors dedicated to providing our members with high-quality products and services. Your willingness to go above and beyond in supporting of Local 798 and the Training Center makes all the difference. We look forward to continuing our relationship in the future.



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## 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](mailto:information@local798.org) or mail it to Pipeliners Local 798, Attn: Blue Light, PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147. Please submit photos by August 11, 2023.

# Short & Personal

## THANK YOU

**Rodney and Jeniece Talbott** thank Local 798 and all members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The assistance was greatly appreciated after the loss of their granddaughter.

**William and Jeanne Hemze** thank all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. They are overwhelmed by the generosity. "Physical therapy is going well. Without the casts, he can start putting weight on his legs in a couple of months. Thank you again."

**Bobby and Robin Meachum** would like to thank Todd Hartle, Curtis Mason, Carroll Tuggle, and all the Brothers and Sisters of 798 for the help received from the Voluntary Fund after Bobby's hip replacement. "Thanks to all who donate and help our families when in need."

**Beverly Maddox** thanks her Brothers and Sisters who so graciously contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help she received after total knee replacement surgery. Special thanks to Brother George Ellis. "This gift is so greatly appreciated! God bless you all."

**Joseph Lomax** thanks all his Brothers and Sisters and his union for helping him during his hardship. "God bless you all, and may God be with us in the future to have more jobs to show that we are professionals who help each other during hard times. Thank you very much for everybody's blessings and love."

**Russ and Carol Wierema** thank the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Justin Baur, Abe Mueller, and Justin Head. "The help from the fund is greatly appreciated."

**Tracy and Mandy Lester** extend their gratitude to all that donate to the Voluntary Fund for the support received following the loss of Tracy's mom. "We really appreciated all the calls, texts, and prayers."

**Scotty and Jackie Jackson** would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters of 798, and with heartfelt gratitude, thank all of you who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Donnie Lindsey and Jerry Dale Crabtree. "You have given us a blessing and have helped cover medical expenses for my wife."

**Glenny R. Maneritch and Family** extend their deepest gratitude to Local Union 798 and all the Brothers and Sisters who have contributed to the Voluntary Fund. "It is because of all of you that my family and I can rest a little easier and help pay for multiple hospital stays. I am blessed to be alive and deeply touched by all those who wrote letters. Thank you, and God bless you all."

**Dan Pruitt** thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund and for the assistance he received after having knee surgery. Special thanks to Zach Scott and Todd Hartle.

**Jessie Steed** thanks all Voluntary Fund contributors and his Uncle Larry (Fuller) for submitting him for consideration to receive help during his time of need.

**Powell Nicholson** thanks everyone in 798 who donates to the Voluntary Fund. The storm destroyed his rig and trailer. Additionally, the roof of his house, shop barn, and shed were damaged. "In these times, I'm glad to be a part of this local. So, thank you, guys and girls, and a special thank you to Black and Danny for financially getting us to this point."

**Nancy Hyde** says thanks and many blessings to Local 798 members who give to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Bruce Weeks and Welder member Shane Hyde.

**Jacob Hill** thanks everyone for all the calls and texts. "It means a lot to have great and special friends like you all. God bless you all."

**Jerry Ryan** thanks everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. The help received after his knee surgery was greatly appreciated. As always, he is a proud member of Local 798.

**Cody Raleigh** thanks everyone who contributes to the 798 Voluntary Fund for the help he received. A special thanks to Jerry Wilkinson, Todd Hartle, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace. "Thank you for the calls, thoughts, and prayers through this difficult time."

**Larry and Gretchen Sportsman** thank the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund for the generous donation they received in their time of need. It was very much appreciated. Special thanks to Brother Bill Laffoon, who initiated the request, and to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace for their approval.

**Robert Riley** thanks all the Brothers and Sisters who give to the Voluntary Fund. The check he received helped a lot. He feels so blessed to have met such wise and honorable men throughout his life. "We were a family; one problem was all. The Brothers were always there to help. We were a team! God bless all."

**Chris and Rhonda Lancaster** thank those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received after Chris's hospitalization for COVID pneumonia. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace.

**Willie Thames** thanks the Voluntary Fund for the assistance he received during his recent stay in the hospital with COVID and eye surgery. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix. "God bless the Local 798 members and their families."

**Bruce and Karen Hearne** appreciate the generosity of the 798 members following the tragic loss of their four-year-old grandson, Gideon, and the severe injury of their daughter, Rachel. "Special thanks to Nick Broussard and George Bumila for bringing us to the attention of 798 and also for continually checking in with us to see how we are doing."

## RETIREMENTS

**Otis W. Coffelt**, Helper, Rattan, OK

**James E. Criswell**, Helper, Hot Springs, AR

**Patrick Cunningham**, Welder, Leesburg, OH

**Jimmy L. Davis, Jr.**, Welder, Tusculmbia, AL

**Brad Devore**, Helper, Ward, AR

**Carroll D. Hale**, Helper, Lake Village, AR

**James B. Harris**, Helper, Benwood, WV



**William T. Hazell**, Welder, Mount Calm, TX

**Bobby L. Hufstedler**, Helper, Milan, TN

**Timothy S. Jackson**, Welder, Lake Charles, LA

**Gregory S. Jones**, Helper, Harrison, AR

**Charles A. Ledbetter**, Helper, Minerva, OH

**Michael E. Martin**, Welder, Scott, AR

**William T. Overstreet**, Helper, Lutts, TN

**Tim A. Skidmore**, Welder, Gallipolis, OH

**Lacy R. Whitehead**, Spacer, Bullard, TX

## IN MEMORIAM

**William R. Craig**, 83-year-old Retired Spacer of Pascagoula, MS, passed away June 26, 2020.

**Johnny R. Childers**, 84-year-old Retired Welder of Avinger, TX, passed away October 22, 2021.

**Jesse L. Ayers**, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Summersville, WV, passed away February 3, 2023.

**Tommy L. Fenley**, 81-year-old Retired Welder of Erick, OK, passed away February 20, 2023.

**Robert A. Sharp**, 76-year-old Retired Welder of Fletcher, OH, passed away February 25, 2023.

**Charlie W. Parker**, 81-year-old Retired Welder of McLeod, TX, passed away March 3, 2023.

**Jody L. Rogers**, 62-year-old Welder of Muskogee, OK, passed away March 24, 2023.

**Richard J. Graham**, 65-year-old Retired Welder of Magnolia, MS, passed away March 26, 2023.

**Robert W. Cone**, 68-year-old Retired Helper of Iraan, TX, passed away April 3, 2023.

**Arthur R. Jones**, 88-year-old Retired Helper of Holdenville, OK, passed away April 17, 2023.

## SWAP & SELL

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

**2021 Palomino Travel Trailer:** 2021 Palomino travel trailer with washer and dryer, two slides, 31' bumper pull. Used for three weeks. Asking \$25,000. Contact David Doyle at 337-263-8812.

**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.

**Welding Truck Bed:** 3500 Dodge Ram truck bed. Fits Dodge Ram 4-door Limited truck. Contact Todd at 817-455-1003 for more information.



**Wayne Holden in Shreveport, LA**

## Meeting Notice September 8, 2023

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 8, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m. CST.

### 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 8, 2023.

### Hotel Accommodations

To make reservations at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, please call 918-307-2600. The discounted rate starts at \$109/night.

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**Navy & White Summer Cap**  
Item # 101-G  
\$5.00

**Navy Summer Cap**  
Item # 101-A  
\$5.00

**Gray/Black Mesh Cap  
w/ Leather Patch**  
Item # 108  
\$15.00

**Bone Cotton Twill  
"Union Yes" Cap**  
Item # 101-F  
\$5.00

**Tan/Navy Summer  
Cap**  
Item # 101-B  
\$5.00

**Blue Polo Shirt**  
Item # 210  
(M, L, XL, XLT, 2XL, 2XLT, 3XL, 4XL)  
\$41.00