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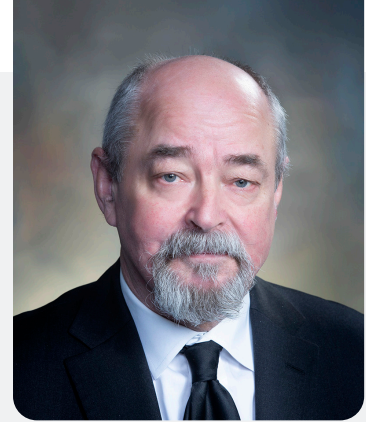
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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Steward School 2025 was another successful event, and I was pleased with the group in attendance. Although smaller than in previous years, it was still a very lively, entertaining, and informative week. Thank you to all the members who attended, the vendors, and all the volunteers who helped to make it fun and memorable. I would also like to thank the office staff of Local 798, PIBF, and the Local 798 Training Center for their efforts in making this look easy. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to the inside guards for freely giving their time to help coordinate everything behind the scenes for the week.

I would like to thank UA Director of Pipeline and Gas Distribution Chad Gilbert, and the UA Pipeline Department Jeremy Moddrell and Mike Mikich as well as all our Sister local unions for their presence and participation. This industry works best when we're all under the structure of the National Pipeline Agreement.

The pipeline boom that you are looking for is coming! The right pieces are finally falling into place. One key piece we still need is permit reform to avoid wasting valuable time and money. The Artificial Intelligence data centers will be built, and they will be powered by electricity, generated by natural gas. These centers number in the thousands across the U.S. and the amount of electric usage is enormous. Many of the site selections for construction will not be tied to the grid. They will be responsible for self-generation on-site. This creates the need for major pipeline expansion. These "taps" won't be small-diameter piping. They will be big inch pipe to feed gas generation, producing electricity. ***Many of our contractors and clients have already been approached for a cost analysis of the site's location.*** Additionally, LNG exports are at an all-time high and continuing to gain momentum. Integrity Maintenance work has been on the uptick for 15 years and we expect that trend to continue. While big inch pipelines in the Northeast have been stagnant, I believe residents and politicians of those regions are feeling the impact of green blockades and higher energy prices. As a result, many pipeline projects that were dead on arrival may soon return. ***Permit reform is the key.*** You can help make this boom a reality by advocating through the Action Network. ***When you see an action, don't leave it up to someone else to get it done. Make an investment in yourself and your industry, and sign those actions! The squeaky wheel gets the grease!***

I've recently made a few changes to the 798 external staff. Please join me in welcoming ***Welder Member Joseph Torres***, who has joined our team as a Business Agent and will train under Charles Yates while also participating in Organizer training. ***Welder Member David Hall*** will also come on board as part of the Organizing Department. These men were already serving the membership as elected officers of 798, as Inside Guard and on the Finance Board, respectively. Their successors will be appointed, according to the 798 Constitution, prior to the regular September Membership Meeting.

Charles Thomas's title will change from Organizer to Business Agent for the Northeast. David Butterworth will continue as a Business Agent, but his duties will now include political outreach, industry advancement, and engagement with our industry partners and Sister locals. ***David has done a tremendous job in this area for numerous years, and I want to acknowledge his talent and successful navigation for the betterment of 798 and its members.***

I look forward to seeing you all in the field as soon as we finalize our schedule. ***As always, I am proud to say, "I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."***

Fraternally,

Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager

FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the time of this writing, Steward School 2025 has just wrapped up. It was another great week of fun and fellowship that went off without a hitch. ***I want to send a big "THANK YOU" to both the Local 798 and PIBF office staff, training center employees, inside guards, officers, vendors, sponsors, members, families, and Ladies of 798 for a fantastic week.*** The weather was perfect, which is always a concern for us here during tornado season. It is quite amazing how much money we are able to raise for scholarships and charities during this great event. Special thanks to Local 798 Office Manager Josalyn Johnson and Local 798 Accounting Manager Tracy Lee. These two work hard all week to see that Steward School is always a resounding success. They are invaluable assets to Danny and me. Thanks, ladies! ***None of this would be possible without the participation and input of Local 798 members and their families. Thank you to all who were able to come and share the week with us.***

We had a Board of Trustees meeting during the first week of April, and ***I'm pleased to say our healthcare is in better shape than at any other time in history. The pension fund and 401(k) accounts continue to perform according to plan as well.*** The work outlook looks pretty good for the rest of this year, and the potential for some good years, starting in 2026, seems to be a very real possibility. Several of the gas company folks we're talking with are worried about manpower from 2026 to around 2030. Right before Steward School, we were able to visit the Price Gregory spread on the LEG Project in Louisiana. It was great to get down there and fill the members in on everything Local 798 has going on. Thanks to Welder Foreman Jeffrey Doyle and Job Steward Shannon Jackson for the hospitality. It says a lot that we've had several large projects in that area over the last few years. We're making gains in Louisiana.

Also, the word is that Precision Pipeline has picked up two spreads of the Warrior Project for ETC in Texas. That is a big win for union labor. Now, we get a chance to go down there and compete side-by-side with contractors who don't believe the men and women working for them deserve healthcare and pension benefits. I think the day is coming when unrepresented workers in Texas band together and stop working for wages that were the standard 20 years ago. ***The moves we are making through organizing in Texas are designed to raise wages for all workers, union or not.*** Once they realize this, we can stop this race to the bottom that has been going on down there for many years.

We will have some regional meetings at some point this year, and we will share that information as soon as plans are finalized. Todd Hartle and I were also able to visit the US Pipeline job in Missouri recently. It was a great visit, and we plan to do many more this year. ***Getting out and visiting jobs gives us an opportunity to answer questions about organizing, apprenticeship, healthcare, pension, and more. It is my favorite part of this job, and I hope to see you out on the right-of-way as this work season gets going.***

I'd like to welcome Joseph Torres to the staff as Business Agent, working under Charlie Yates' direction. I also want to welcome David Hall to our Organizing team. I believe both of these guys will be valuable additions to our staff. As Danny mentioned at the regular April Membership Meeting, Charlie Thomas' role has changed from Organizer to Business Agent. David Butterworth's role has also evolved over the last few years. David is doing a lot of the "top-down" business, which includes political and legislative work, industry events, pipe trades associations, and more. This industry has gone through a lot of significant changes in recent years, and we must be open-minded to adapt to these changes. ***I believe we have the right pieces in place to further our goal of gaining market share throughout our jurisdiction.***

If there is 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!***

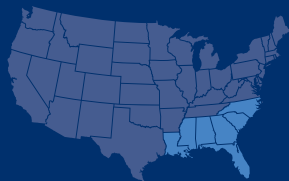
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justin Wallace". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Justin Wallace
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

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JERRY DALE CRABTREE, JR.

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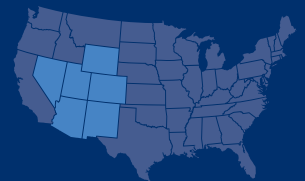
I am writing this report after returning from our 2025 Steward School in Tulsa. It was an excellent opportunity to meet all the new members and their families and have a chance to reconnect with old and dear friends. We had quite a few retirees that made the trip. Having an opportunity to visit face-to-face and learning from their wisdom is one of the best parts of the week for me. I hope that everyone left with a better understanding of our contract and was able to get all their questions answered.

Our Business Manager Danny Hendrix, Financial Secretary-Treasurer Justin Wallace, Office Manager Josalyn Johnson, and many, many others behind the scenes worked for months to ensure the success of our Steward School. They deserve a big "Thank You" for all the long hours and preparation that it took to pull off this amazing event.

Our union leaders and other guest speakers delivered powerful messages to the membership. If you did not attend Steward School, get with someone who did and find out what is needed to continue ensuring the growth of our great local.

The work outlook across all jurisdictions looks very bright for the next few years. Hopefully this is the beginning of bigger and better things to come across the South. Let's continue to amplify our collective voice through the Action Network.

If you want or need to contact me, please call me at 918-991-5341. As always, I look forward to hearing from you. May God bless you and your families with a healthy and prosperous year, and may God bless this great local.



JUSTIN HEAD

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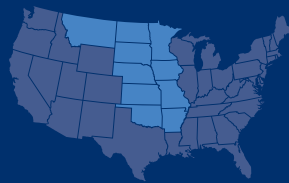
I am writing this report shortly after attending Steward School. It was great to see everyone who could make it this year. For those who couldn't attend, I encourage you to make plans to join us next year. Also, I want to take a moment to welcome and congratulate Joe Torres and David Hall on their new positions.

The work outlook in my area looks very positive right now. I have some good station work that has already begun and some pipeline work that has just fully manned up in Wyoming. Precision has also been awarded 17 miles of 24-inch in Nevada, likely starting early this summer. Some fabrication work that goes along with that scope has yet to be awarded. We are still waiting to hear awards on the ONEOK work coming out of Kansas to Denver, Colorado. The latest I've heard is that we have a couple of fair contractors shortlisted for that work. If our contractors are successful in the bid process, there is a good chance that work will begin this summer. The maintenance work is still ongoing in Arizona, and I anticipate that to be steady as the year goes on. I am also awaiting awards for a couple of good jobs in Nevada that I believe our fair contractors have a good chance of landing.

As a reminder, if you are seeking building trades work in my area or the surrounding area, please contact me instead of calling the local where you are seeking work. I am more than happy to reach out and see if they are accepting bios for travelers.

If there is anything else I can assist you with, please feel free to call anytime.

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TODD HARTLE

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

I am writing this report following my return from Steward School, where I had the privilege of participating in a week of fellowship and informative sessions. Thank you to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and their team for another great Steward School. The Retiree Banquet, which honored 50-year-plus members, featured testimonials about the past, highlighting both the challenges and the triumphs. The members expressed gratitude for persevering, citing their pension and insurance benefits as a major factor. They took pride in being part of Local 798 and acknowledged God's providence in their lives. As these veteran members played a crucial role in building Local 798, it is our collective responsibility to ensure its continued success for future generations. Thank you to the Training Center staff for all the hard work at the Miller Electric Crawfish Boil. I also appreciate the participation of vendors at Steward School and the attendance of UA Director of Pipeline and Gas Distribution Chad Gilbert, Special Representatives for the Pipeline Department Jeremy Moddrell, and Mike Mikich. Furthermore, I express gratitude to everyone who contributed to the Ladies of 798's charitable efforts this year, making the auction a resounding success. I would also like to welcome David Hall and Joe Torres, who were announced as joining the Local 798 staff. David and Joe will undoubtedly be valuable assets to Local 798.

I am proud to highlight the exceptional work of our membership. In my area, we have several jobs where the repair rate is almost nonexistent. Thank you for the safety, quality, and production you have brought to these jobs. With the impending removal of road restrictions in the North, maintenance work is expected to resume shortly. Additionally, we anticipate a substantial amount of pipeline work in Wisconsin for Local 601, which we will help manage. Currently, we have 20 ongoing pre-jobs in my area.

Recently, we attended the UA Pipeline Conference, where Enbridge

Representative Lorraine Little spoke about a lot of growth in the next three years in both the natural gas and the liquid side. TC Energy Representative Jon Draeger also mentioned the substantial workload ahead. We are expecting a significant amount of station work, including three stations on the Tallgrass Project and an additional three on the Bison Project, which involves compressor station upgrades.

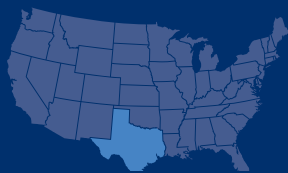
As always, I encourage everyone to engage with the Action Network, which is open to members, family, and friends. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any assistance. May God continue to bless our families, our country, and Local 798.



Associated Pipe Line in Shelton, Nebraska

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JOE GAINES

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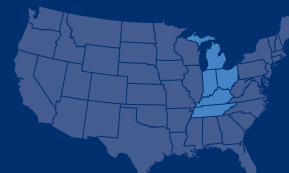
It was great to see so many of you at Steward School 2025. What a great week! The information shared was valuable and served as a strong reminder of the unity and professionalism that make Local 798 stand out.

A special highlight was the Retiree Banquet, a meaningful evening honoring the backbone of our union's legacy. I'd also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Ladies of 798 for a job well done with their charity auction. Your dedication and hard work continue to inspire and support important causes in our communities.

Work in Texas continues to look promising. Precision Pipeline is scheduled to kick off a solid run of work in the third quarter of this year, which should provide good opportunities for our members. Michels' project in Austin is in full swing and, at present, fully manned with quality hands. On the other hand, building trades work remains slow for the time being, but we're keeping a close eye on potential opportunities as we move into the summer.

I'll be traveling across the state over the next month and look forward to seeing many of you on the ROW. As always, stay safe, stay connected, and thank you for representing Local 798 with pride and professionalism.

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.



CHARLES YATES, JR.

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The workload in the Central region has increased since my last report. Job notifications and award letters are coming in at a steady pace, resulting in a significant uptick in pre-jobs. Gas companies are anticipating completed construction dates, and contractors are filling their books with projects. Now is the ideal time to ensure your equipment is in proper working order and your skills are up to date. Review and practice the many welding procedures that could be required to pass a welding test.

It was good to see you all at Steward School. It's always a successful and informative event filled with good food and great fellowship. Of course, none of that happens by accident. Thank you to all the Inside Guards and the entire 798 office staff who make sure every detail is in place to ensure we are a well-oiled machine. Registration seemed to be low this year, with a total just north of 200 members in attendance. The topics discussed during our sessions are meant to ensure our pipeline projects are completed professionally and run smoothly. Your union is only as successful as YOU make it. Participation and attendance are necessary, not just at Steward School, but also at our regular membership meetings.

The organizers are doing a great job and running hard. With this increase in work, it is necessary for our Organizing Department to grow. Congratulations to the newly appointed Organizer Brother David Hall. Also, congratulations to Brother Charlie Thomas for his well-deserved and newly appointed position as Business Agent.

Business Agent Brother David Butterworth's role has evolved into one of political advocacy in the Northeast, where many decisions are made regarding upcoming projects such as permit approvals and permit reform. Brother Butterworth's representation, experience, and passion have earned 798 a seat at the table with industry leaders. His skills are priceless in top-down organizing. He has been a champion for 798, speaking in front of Congress, at township meetings, and project

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hearings, advocating for pipeline projects and ultimately, pipeline jobs.

Finally, I would like to welcome and congratulate Brother Joseph Torres as our newly appointed Business Agent, who will shadow my position until my retirement. Every great business has a plan. Make no mistake, we are a business, and we indeed have a plan to keep our members working and Local 798 thriving. Help your organizers, business agents, and elected officers with your own advocacy efforts. Use the Action Network. Click, join, and sign the featured actions. Provide every client and every contractor with that 798-quality union craftsmanship.

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

In God we trust.



Bryce Beaty for Price Gregory International in Anacoco, Louisiana.
Submitted by Jared Williams.



DAVID BUTTERWORTH

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I am writing this report after returning from our annual Steward School. The positive energy could be felt by all as we look forward to the 2025 work season. I think we can finally say that the winds are beginning to blow at our back as market forces become the driver once again in our industry. The race to build Artificial Intelligence data centers and maintain the current grid system will require a large amount of energy, and natural gas will be there to meet this need.

I have recently been contacted by folks who are concerned about a manpower crunch in 2026 through 2029, and I have not received a call like that since 2018. There has been talk of work picking up, but after hearing this news, I feel like there's legitimacy to back up the talk.

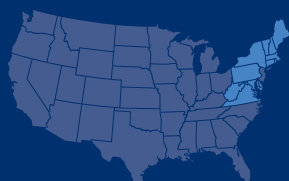
Through our current organizing program and the upcoming apprenticeship program, we are poised to meet these manpower needs and grow our local. I would like to congratulate David Hall and Joseph Torres on their staff appointments. I look forward to working with both of you in the future.

Also, at Steward School, it was announced that Charlie Thomas will be given the title of Northeast Business Agent. Charlie has been handling the day-to-day affairs since the summer of 2023, and he has done a fine job. He is a quick learner and has been trained by the UA Organizing Department. I have zero doubt in his abilities, and I'm thankful he has come on board to help me shoulder the load.

I will continue working on gas company relations, political relations, and building trade relationships. I am currently a member of five trade organizations, two pipe trades, and the Local 798 Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC). With Charlie Thomas handling the day-to-day operations and me focusing on this portion, we can accomplish more and be better equipped to handle whatever the future brings.

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CHARLES THOMAS

CT, DE, MA, ME, MD, NH, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV | 918-313-5987

I am writing this report as I return from Steward School 2025. I would like to start by congratulating Brothers Greg Russell, Gage Schaefer, and Christian Solomona for being elected to serve on the Election Committee. It is a daunting role, tasked with ensuring the integrity of our locals' elections, and I commend these three brothers for stepping up and taking on this responsibility.

I would also like to congratulate David Hall and Joe Torres on their appointments. I have no doubt these men will represent our local with the same passion they have shown serving as elected officers.

This year's Steward School was a monumental one on a personal level. On Thursday, I was able to see my father, Ted Thomas, receive his 50-year plaque and reflect on all the lessons he taught me along the way. It was humbling to see Brother Tommy Robinson receive a 74-year certificate. On Friday, I was officially given the title of Business Agent. I will strive to live up to the lofty standard set before me every day. I have seen it passed down from John Post, Joe Norris, Rick Taylor, and most recently, David Butterworth.

Work in the Northeast has been delayed due to an unusually harsh winter. However, I am optimistic that we will experience a strong late spring work season and maintain that momentum into the summer. We have two major projects that should be ramping up soon. In West Virginia, we have the Morgantown Connector, a Hope Gas project consisting of 30 miles of 16" pipe divided between two spreads, along with the corresponding facility work. In Virginia, we have the second phase of the Virginia Reliability Project, which will cover approximately 25 miles of 24" pipe.

Additionally, there is a significant amount of Integrity Maintenance work, and contractors are still bidding for projects this season. I expect a strong conclusion to 2025, leading to a prosperous 2026.

In closing, I want to thank Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace for the

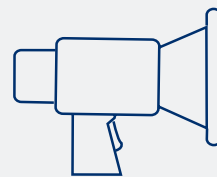
trust they have placed in me. I pledge to serve in this position and this local with honesty, integrity, and consistency. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to reach out to me.



Business Agents David Butterworth and Charles Thomas at the Ravenswood High School job fair in Ravenswood, West Virginia.



Associated Pipe Line in York, Nebraska.
Submitted by Kayla Burt.



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DISPATCH REPORT

JIMMY DICK 918-610-2761

As we move into the second quarter, we are seeing a steady increase in smaller pre-jobs, signaling positive momentum for the remainder of the year. Notably, two carbon capture stations for Tallgrass have recently started up, with work underway across Nebraska and Wyoming. Based on recent conversations with our contractors and gas company representatives, we expect three additional stations to break ground in May. This expansion has already provided job opportunities for many of our members.

However, we continue to face challenges in manning these jobs, especially when it comes to Helpers. Recently, we've had to begin calling off the top of the out-of-work list to fill Helper positions. As always, we will follow our Dispatch policy to ensure every position is properly filled, even if that means calling from the top of the list across all three classifications.

If you begin receiving call blasts regarding open positions and you're unfamiliar with the Dispatch policy, don't hesitate to contact the Dispatch office. We're here to answer any questions you may have about the out-of-work list and how the Dispatch policy works.

The workload is expected to continue growing throughout the year, increasing demand for Welders, Helpers, and Journeymen. The outlook is strong and it's a great position to be in, although it comes with its own set of challenges. Now is the time to make sure you're ready to go to work.

For Welders, we can't stress enough the importance of being prepared for upcoming weld tests. Many projects this year will require it. Helpers should be ready to fully support Welders in the field. If you're new to these practices or just need a refresher, our Local 798 Training Center offers support not only for Welders but also for our Helpers and Journeymen members. If you have questions about training, please contact Farron Hollabaugh at the training center.

Additionally, please take the time to update your out-of-work card. Gas companies are increasingly utilizing the downhill 9045 LH process. Recently, we were unable to dispatch a Welder simply because the required skill wasn't listed on their out-of-work card. Remember, the Dispatch policy clearly states that in order to accept a dispatch, you must have the required skillset listed on your out-of-work card on file with the Dispatch office at least 48 hours in advance. If you need assistance, give us a call.

We recently wrapped up another successful Steward School. It was great to reconnect and fellowship with Brothers and Sisters we hadn't seen in a while. The Thursday night Retiree Banquet was a memorable evening, celebrating our 50-year members and giving them the opportunity to share their stories and experiences since joining Local 798.

The building trades sector remains strong and consistent. If that's where you're currently working, or hope to work more in the future, we're here to support you. Don't hesitate to reach out to the Dispatch office at 918-610-2761 with any questions.

As we head into a busy season, let's all be prepared. The rubber is about to meet the road, wishing everyone a safe, productive, and blessed work season.



ORGANIZING REPORT

CHAD SIMMONS 918-600-4207



Steward School 2025 just wrapped up and what an exciting time it was. It is always a pleasure to welcome those who travel to Tulsa, and if you have not yet attended, I highly encourage you to do so. The week was packed with valuable education, engaging entertainment, and meaningful fellowship. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Local 798 staff, vendors, and sponsors for their hard work and support. Monday started out a little chilly but quickly turned into a beautiful day. The change of golf course for the Pipeliners Charity Golf Tournament was a success, and the Local 798 staff delivered an outstanding experience. The Lincoln Electric barbeque was excellent once again, followed by our two organizing classes. The commitment of our membership to organizing is truly inspiring. We realize that all pipeline Welders and Helpers deserve the wages and benefits that Local 798 has to offer. Whether union or nonunion, all workers perform the same tasks, there should be no disparity in compensation or treatment. So why are they compensated less and treated differently?

On Wednesday morning, after Brother Danny Hendrix opened the session, Brother Charlie Yates, Jr. gave an impressive presentation on the responsibilities of job stewards and welder foremen. Maintaining high standards sets us apart from the competition and ensures the continued success of our craft. The Ladies of 798 wrapped up the evening with their basket auction, raising significant funds for their chosen charities. It is always humbling to witness the overwhelming generosity of our Local 798 members.

The Thursday night Retiree Banquet remains the highlight of the week. It is truly inspiring to watch the 50+ year members receive their plaques and share stories of how Local 798 has positively impacted their lives. Their dedication and service are a reminder to those of us who continue to carry the torch. On Friday, the Miller Electric Crawfish Boil was just what we needed after a long week.

Looking ahead, the work outlook is promising. Natural gas remains the most affordable and reliable energy source available, as emphasized during the UA Pipeline and Gas Distribution Conference in March, where our gas company partners reiterated this message. Brother Hendrix echoed these points during Friday night's membership meeting. Local 798 is strategically positioned to meet the growing demand in the industry, and we are working to expand our membership and market share. Our mission is to continue providing the finest pipeline Welders and Helpers to support America's pursuit of energy independence.

It is important to remember that nonunion Welders are simply trying to make a living in a system that is often stacked against them. They deserve the same wages and benefits that we receive, but their contractors continue to deny them these basic rights in favor of corporate profit. With your support, we can help Welders and Helpers on both sides of the fence receive the fair treatment they deserve. If you know of any Welders or Helpers interested in a better quality of life, please encourage them to contact us or scan the QR Code for more information. Additionally, feel free to reach out to our Organizing Department with any questions or concerns.

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



RENÉE VAUSE
DIRECTOR

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According to the Summary Plan Description for PIBF, under General Eligibility, "You must notify the PIBF office immediately upon any change in your Dependent's status, including but not limited to divorce, legal separation, birth, death, adoption, marriage or attainment of the limiting age." It further states, "You and your Dependents will be responsible for reimbursing PIBF for any overpayments that are made due to the failure of you and your Dependents to advise the PIBF timely of any changes to Dependent status." PIBF performs Dependent Audits on a regular basis, and you must review the information on the mailing and let the PIBF office know of any changes. Additionally, 1095-B forms are mailed annually, and list covered dependents. When this information is received, you must notify the PIBF office of any changes so we can update our records. Census forms are available at www.pibf.org and can be used to update information at any time.

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It is important to compare your EOB to the bill from your provider. The "Member Balance" per your EOB is what you should owe. If the bill from your provider is more than the EOB, you should call the provider for an explanation. Please reach out to the PIBF office if there are inconsistencies and the provider won't assist you. In addition, in most cases, providers will offer a discount (sometimes 10-20%) for payment in full on a bill. Generally, your balance might need to be over a certain amount, say \$100. Don't be afraid to ask for a discount! In some instances, if you ask, the provider might offer a 10% discount for payment in full but don't hesitate to ask for 20%. They may say no, or they may say yes! This is especially valuable for claims you submit to HRA because, upon completion of your HRA reimbursement request and receipt of HRA reimbursement, you will have the funds from HRA to cover the payment to the provider.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

There are several options to locate your or your child's immunization records. You can start by checking with your doctor or clinic where the vaccinations were administered. You can also locate that information by checking with your state's health department, as many states have immunization registries or information systems. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created a link for most participating states at <https://www.cdc.gov/iis/contacts-locate-records/index.html>. Immunization/routine vaccinations are a covered benefit by PIBF if recommended or endorsed and meet the age requirements by the CDC or Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). As a reminder, immunization/routine vaccinations are subject to the deductible and co-insurance.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT, ROSE AND CASSANDRA!



Rose Ross will be retiring in June 2025. Rose joined PIBF in September 2020. Rose is the Scanning Supervisor. Cassandra Lane joined PIBF in June 2021 and retired at the end of March. Cassandra worked in the scanning department. Rose and Cassandra have been an essential part of document flow and preservation. We will miss them both, but we wish them the best in their well-deserved retirement. Congratulations!

ELECTION COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Nominations and an election were held at the April 11, 2025, membership meeting for the Election Committee members to oversee the upcoming **2025 Election of Officers and 2025 Election of UA Convention Delegates for the 2026 UA Convention**. Only three nominations were made. Therefore, all three nominees were elected by acclamation.

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UA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are pleased to announce that the United Association Scholarship Trust Fund is gearing up for the 2025-2026 academic year scholarship awards. Up to 112 scholarships totaling as much as \$502,000 will be awarded this year, including 106 for students pursuing undergraduate studies and up to six for students pursuing graduate studies. Scholarships range from \$4,000 to \$7,500 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 12, 2025.***

Applications may be submitted electronically through <https://uascholarshipfund.communityforce.com/>. Beginning March 7, 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 2025 United Association Scholarship.

Electronic submissions through the online application are encouraged. However, paper applications may also be submitted by mail to UA Scholarship Trust Fund, c/o Office of the UA General Secretary-Treasurer, Three Park Place, Annapolis, MD 21401. Paper applications are now 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 (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 they want another chance at a post-secondary education that will help them excel in the future.

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.

STEWARD SCHOOL 2025

Steward School is a cherished annual tradition for many members and their families. Each year, it welcomes familiar faces and first-time attendees, allowing everyone to learn, grow, and connect. It's a chance to gain valuable insights, build relationships, and be a part of the strong union community that is a leader in the pipeline industry.

Beyond the educational opportunities, Steward School offers opportunities for fellowship and community. It's a time for individuals from different aspects of the pipeline industry to connect, share experiences, and form lasting relationships. With a mix of educational sessions, classes, recreational activities, and entertainment, there's something for everyone, ensuring all leave with valuable insights and memorable moments.

This special gathering wouldn't be the same without the dedicated members who return year after year. Your enthusiasm, commitment to growth, and spirit of camaraderie make Steward School the meaningful event it is. Thank you for being part of this enduring tradition!









Seth Steed is a Welder member of Local 798 and the 2025 Slick Rig winner. He purchased his 2000 Ford F-350 from Sam Sandbothe last year.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the Inside Guards who volunteered their time during Steward School! Your efforts in maintaining a safe and organized environment helped the week go smoothly and did not go unnoticed. From ensuring security to offering assistance and guidance to fellow Brothers and Sisters, your dedication was key to making Steward School 2025 a success. Local 798 is grateful for your commitment and the positive impact you make each year!

Anthony Allen
Curtis Bergeron
Garrett Bergkamp
Brandon Berry
Jonathan Black
Andrew Blakeslee
Wilson Christmas
Abbygayle Cole
Ervin Cole
Ethan Cole
Megan Cole
Kade Corbello
Alec Dalrymple
Gerald Davis
Derrick Dennis
James "Scooter" Folk, Jr.
Joey Gandee, Jr.
Marty Greger

Joby Guidry
Melissa Hall
Paden Harper
John Healy
Leevi Hedges
Ethan Hodgkins
Brandon Houston
Christopher Huber
Brian Keighley
Kirk King
Keith Kongsjord
Tracy Lester
Donnie Lindsey
Black McAnelly
Bradley Mudd
Dave Nellis
Jimmy Noggle
Megan Oliver

Nicholas Ostby
Joshua Pattison
Roberto Pedroza
Greg Russell
Gage Schaefer
Michael Smith
Christian Solomona
Chad Springer
Brent Stai
Seth Steed
Joseph Torres
Chad Townsend
Charles Ueberroth
Anthony Webster
Jimmy "Cowboy" Williams
Sam Wilson
Mitch Woodfin
Mykhailo Zabrodin



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 our heartfelt gratitude to all vendors, sponsors, and donors for their participation and contributions to the success of Steward School. Your dedication to serving our members and contributing to their growth and success is invaluable. Your partnership plays a significant role in strengthening our union community, and we're grateful for your continued commitment.

A special thank you goes 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 Local 798 and the Training Center makes all the difference. We look forward to continuing our relationship in the future.



CONGRATULATIONS



Cindy Martin officially retired from the Local 798 office staff on March 31. She began her journey with Local 798 in January 2008 and has been a valued staff member ever since. Over the years, Cindy contributed significantly, spending many years in the Dispatch Office and later transitioning to the Working Dues and Organizing Department. We wish Cindy all the best in her well-earned retirement. Congratulations, Cindy!

SHORT & PERSONAL

REPORTS

THANK YOU

The Pipeliners Voluntary Fund and Ladies of 798 sincerely thank Mark, Donna, and Teresa Davis for their generous donation to the Scholarship Fund and the Ladies of 798. Their donation was made in memory of Welder member Roy C. (Sonney) Davis.

Chris Olson would like to thank everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. The check he received was much appreciated and will assist in paying medical bills from his most recent surgeries.

Dan and Nancy Pawloski thank all their 798 Brothers and Sisters for their generosity and continued support. "The best time of my life was welding on the pipelines, working with great crews, building lasting friendships, seeing beautiful country, and creating a lifetime of memories. I am forever grateful to all the members of Local 798, along with Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace."

Chad Townsend thanks all his fellow Brother and Sister members for their support after his recent surgery. "A friend loves at all times, but a brother is born for adversity." – Proverbs 17:17. Special thanks to Jimmy Noggle, Todd Hartle, Justin Wallace, and Danny Hendrix.

Mitchell Elliott would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the help following his surgery. Special thanks to Guy Simms. "God bless you all."

Michael Seegers would like to take a moment to thank everyone that contributes to the Voluntary Fund. It was much appreciated during his time of need. "Many blessings to each one of you!"

Shannon Jackson would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. A special thank you to Jimmy Noggle, Tanya Carter, Cody Triplet and all those who sent flowers, called, and texted after the passing of his father.

Charles Easley thanks the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute for the help he received after his hospitalization. God bless you all.

Cindy and David Loyd thank all who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the check they received for cancer treatment. Special thanks to Gary Loyd, Sr.

Donald Lewis thanks the Voluntary Fund for the support during his recent health issues. The fund has been a great help for him and his family. Special thanks to Brother Tim Hartness for his extreme kindness.

Terry (Smitty) Smith would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after his ankle replacement. Special thanks to Joe and Sylina Norris, Charlie Walker, Dylan Cochran, and Trey Coen. He also thanks Sandy Smith and Alaina Bales for helping him through it all.

Lannie and Georgiana Dyer would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help following the recent surgery. Special thanks to Jimmy Sanford and Jerry Tomlinson.

Delisa Allen would like to thank all the friends, family, and coworkers who helped her through a rough time.

Mike Strickland and Family thank the Voluntary Fund for the generous gift received after his wife's knee replacement. "I am honored to be part of 798. May God bless you all." Special thanks to Kipp Flemister, Todd Hartle, and Danny Hendrix.

Jack and Cassie Niklas are thankful for the generous check during a difficult time. "Our son's open-heart surgery went exactly as expected."

The Jackson Family is grateful for the beautiful flowers sent for Verdice Jackson's funeral. They are truly blessed by the outpouring of love after their loss.

F.D. and Donna Usry thank the Voluntary Fund and all who donate for the gift he received during his wife's hospital stay. It was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Alton and Linda Hill, and Justin Wallace.

Carroll Morris and Family appreciate the Local 798 members keeping them in their thoughts during their time of grief.

Roland Cross expresses his gratitude to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after his surgery. "It has been an honor to belong to such a great union. May God bless the local and all its members."

Herschel Jackson thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The help was greatly appreciated after his surgery. Special thanks to Curtis Mason, Todd Hartle, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Billy and Nellie Tyler send special thanks to Justin Hinson, Jimmy Berry, Jeff Doyle, Shannon Jackson, and all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. They appreciate the donation to help replace their roof.

Tracy Brown thanks everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. The help he received was greatly appreciated.

Cloyee Chambliss is honored to receive a scholarship to continue to further her education. "Thank you, and God bless."

The Family of Gayle Sawyer would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who flew or drove to attend his service. "You have no idea how much it meant to our family. To all who donate to the Voluntary Fund, thank you. To the ladies of the hall, thank you for your kindness and patience. I am very grateful. May God bless each and every one of you."

RETIREMENTS

James E. Bradford, Helper, Old Fort, TN

Steven C. Ferguson, Welder, Rush, KY

Allen M. Hartness, Helper, Locust Grove, OK

Robert L. Kiser, Helper, Kalamazoo, MI

IN MEMORIAM

Jeremy S. Duncan, 51-year-old Spacer of Bald Knob, AR, passed away February 8, 2025.

Billie G. Bush, 92-year-old Retired Welder of Hornbeck, LA, passed away February 12, 2025.

Jessie E. Johnston, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Bald Knob, AR, passed away February 16, 2025.

Charles R. Brashears, 90-year-old Retired Welder of Kearney, NE, passed away February 19, 2025.

Jeffery D. Adams, 78-year-old Retired Spacer of Cleveland, OK, passed away February 21, 2025.

Sam Herren, 84-year-old Retired Spacer of West Monroe, LA, passed away February 21, 2025.

Garford D. Warren, 93-year-old Retired Welder of Wyckoff, NJ, passed away February 23, 2025.

Lanny Peavler, 78-year-old Retired Helper of Joplin, MO, passed away February 23, 2025.

Donald R. Lewis, 85-year-old Retired Welder of Pawhuska, OK, passed away February 26, 2025.

William C. Bright, 79-year-old Retired Welder of Searcy, AR, passed away February 28, 2025.

Herbert G. Byley, 90-year-old Retired Welder of Bronson, TX, passed away March 2, 2025.

Damon A. Belk, 29-year-old Helper of Hemphill, TX, passed away March 2, 2025.

Marty D. Caudle, 61-year-old Retired Welder of De Queen, AR, passed away March 3, 2025.

John R. Booher, 85-year-old Retired Helper of Sarver, PA, passed away March 6, 2025.

Jerry T. Burkett, 79-year-old Retired Welder of Hobbs, NM, passed away March 17, 2025.

Richard A. Brown, 67-year-old Retired Spacer of Center, TX, passed away March 21, 2025.

John R. Sawyer, 73-year-old Retired Welder of Powderly, TX, passed away March 26, 2025.

Jimmy A. Bellew, 62-year-old Retired Helper of Boaz, AL, passed away April 2, 2025.

Elvis E. Stilwell, 73-year-old Retired Welder of Bald Knob, AR, passed away April 3, 2025.

John P. Russell, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Clarksville, TX, passed away April 9, 2025.

SWAP & SELL

2012 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD Extended Cab: 160,497 miles. No wrecks. It has leveling kit airbags and it has been deleted. Check engine light that indicates the trailer brakes need attention. Otherwise, it's a perfect running truck. Includes a Lincoln 2000 Classic 300 D welding machine. Leads, hitch, and tools included. 75' ground and 150' lead. Remote lead with two remotes, air hose, and reel. Asking \$32,500. Contact Mayra Cantu at 956-236-1162.

2012 Ford F-350 Welding Rig: Super duty complete welding rig. 142,626 miles. 6.7-liter diesel-deleted, automatic 4WD, XL package with power equipment. 2000 model Lincoln gas welding machine. Asking \$40,000. Contact Morris Fontenot at 281-732-8892 for more information.

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

Red Chevrolet 3500: 147,000 miles. Duramax diesel crew cab with 4WD. Automatic transmission. Welding bed on back hitch for travel trailer. New tires with less than 3,000 miles. Welding machine, SA-200 F-163. Gas burning. Includes tools and extra parts. Ready to work. Asking \$30,000. Contact John Bradford at 731-610-1723.



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