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Welcome..... No one new?

With freight being slow these last couple of months we have been holding off on hiring. With not enough loads to go around, we knew that bringing new drivers on would only short the drivers we already have. We are seeing some signs that freight is picking up and are hoping to begin hiring again soon.



March:

3rd Sydney Shepard 10th Evan Wilson 13th Jeremy Baze 21st Karin Anderson 22nd Doug Range 22nd Scott Emig 24th Mark Hallman 25th Brad Sherbert 25th Mark Durantino 27th Chuck Nitchals 27th Jason Linn 28th Marcus Hoesli 29th Curt Free

Company Anniversaries: March

30 yrs. Ed Maupin
14 yrs. Wendy Van Winkle
14 yrs. Colette Bogart
12 yrs. Earon Lawson
4 yrs. Landon Larson
4 yrs. Gary Foxhoven
2 yr. Baily Hitchcock
1 yr. Trent Rowley

Jan./Feb. Inspections No Violation Inspections

<u>Alejandro Medina</u> 2/15/21 MT **Violation Inspections** <u>Trent Rowley</u> 2/6/24 MI *Speeding 72/65 MPH *GPS mount w/in sweep of wipers

New Cab Cards

The 2023 truck cab cards have arrived. We will be getting those in the trucks in the coming weeks. Those cab cards MUST be in the trucks by 3/1/24. You can help the office staff out by bringing your permit book into the office and asking to have it updated.

See Something Interesting?

If you see something interesting, reach up and hit the button on your camera. Doing this will send the video to us and allow us to share it with you and others.

SAFETY DEVICES ON WINDSHELD

The revised rule permits dash cameras, GPS devices, and other safety technologies to be mounted <u>up to 8.5 inches below the upper</u> <u>edge</u> of the area swept by the windshield wipers, or <u>up to 7 inches</u> <u>above the lower edge.</u> The device, however, cannot obstruct the driver's view of the road or highway signs or signals.

<u>CSA Score (last month)</u> <u>Unsafe 17 (18) HOS 31 (36)</u> <u>Crash 19 (16) Vehicle 35 (40)</u> <u>ISS 36 (38) PASS (PASS)</u>

No Violation Winner

We put names of all the drivers who got No-Violation Inspections for the last month in a hat and drew out one name. Believe it or not, Alejandro Medina was drawn this month. Alex please stop in to the office to choose your prize.



All About Me..... Lezlie Lombardi came to work at Doug Bradley Trucking in our Newton office as a dispatcher in May 2022. She has worked as a dispatcher since 2001. She likes it at Doug Bradley because it's a good size company with a small-town feel! One of her favorite places to eat is Genova Italian Restaurant in Newton. In the Quad Cities IA/IL she has 3. Hungry Hobo, Ruby's Taco's and Harris Pizza! Lezlie was born in Iowa, and raised in the Quad City's Iowa/Illinois border (on the Mississippi River). She relocated to Wichita for significant other's new job opportunity. No regrets... they love the Wichita area! In her free time, she enjoys the arts, crafting, and local events in and around Wichita. She also loves anytime she gets a chance to spend time with her grandkids! She especially loves her "staycations" with the grandkids every summer! When she retires it has been said they will be moving to Florida, but she is not sure about that. They will move away from the snow and plan to get an RV and go traveling. She enjoys listening to 60's and 70's music, it is easy listening... because it is GROOVY! The one skill she thinks every person should have is to talk less and listen more. As a kid, she really liked going to family reunions in South Dakota because

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of the endless aunts, uncles, and cousins! She loves being part of that crowd! Her favorite childhood memory is meeting her best friend Kathy at the age of 5, to this day they are still best friends. The greatest advice she was given is "practice diplomacy"! Three words that describe her are steadfast. creative, and giving. Although, her friends would say she is loyal, trustworthy, and strong. If you knew Lezlie, you would know she loves to bake. One of the things she has learned during her time in the Wichita area is that all four-wheel drivers in Wichita are not created equally! One of the funnier things that has happened to Lezlie happened during a trip to the car wash. After pulling her car into the wash bay, the automatic car wash wouldn't start so she backed half way out. She opened her door, got out and went to the kiosk. She pushed a button and immediately the wash started. The problem was... her car was in the path of the giant rotating wheel of floppy felt and it was coming quickly. She made a beeline to the car, through the spraying water, while dodging the floppy felt and jumped in the car and got it out of the way just in the nick of time. The car was soaked inside and out, and she looked like a wet rat! The people behind her thought it was hilarious! She's still fearful of automatic car washes to this day!

Words of Wisdom

You earn your paycheck looking out the windshield and you take it home by watching your mirrors. They are both important and you need to keep them both clean. – *Larry VanHoesen*

Tax Info

By now everybody should have received your 2023 tax info from DBTI. If you have not received it, please contact Jamie Bradley in the Salina office.

Retirement Statements

With the change to the new 401(k) plan, investment statements are available online. I believe the administration company will also be sending out emails with a statement of your account. If you have questions, please ask Jamie or Baily.

Top Netradyne Camera Scores for January

RANK	Driver Name	Score	Min.s
1	Gary Foxhoven	1024	5977
2	Timothy Sickler	1012	11511
	Christopher		
3	Mitchell	1009	17786
3	Michael Swanger	1009	6789
5	James Miller	1004	10170
6	Stephen Mills	1000	11769
7	Truman Coffman	997	11703
	Stephen		
8	Leshovsky	996	10849
9	Lee Allison	995	4679
10	Mark Hallman	988	12212
10	Rick Gruhlke	988	10374

🥖 Idle Times.....

January Least idle – Ryan Harris 6.6% Most idle – Joe Brown 75.6% Fleet Avg – 38.3%

<10% Idle time 6.6% Ryan Harris

The driver with the highest MPG was Ryan Harris at 7.6 MPG's.

Pilot/Flying J – NO

I know everybody knows that we want to get our fuel from Love's because everybody has been doing a GREAT job of going there every time possible. But did you know, that if you can't get to Love's we **DO NOT** want to go to Pilot/Flying J? Now that we don't get a discount there, Pilot/Flying J is WAY overpriced. If you can't get to a Love's, please use the Fuelbook app to find the best fuel. If you have questions, please ask Jamie or Noah.



Did you Know

The first truck was invented by Gottlieb Daimler in 1896. That name, Daimler, is still present today in Daimler Trucks North America... the parent company for Freightliner, Western Star and Detroit Diesel among others.

BIRP WINNER



Gerald Gunderson TWICE THE WINNER!