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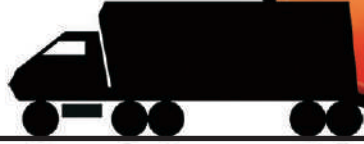
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2022 Walcott Truckers Jamboree Heats Up The Summer!



Dan Brubaker's 1996 Peterbilt 379 – Low Life won 1st place Show Truck at the 2022 Walcott Truckers Jamboree. Turn to pages 14 & 15 for story and more photos. - Photo by Dan Pollock -

Keen Transport Offers Heavy Haul Training To CDL Holders



By Steve Pollock

CARLISLE, PA... Many drivers like the challenge of oversize and heavy haul loads. Each load is unique, and the pay is higher than usual. The problem has traditionally been that most heavy haul companies require previous heavy haul experience, which is why Keen Transport of Carlisle, Pennsylvania is now hiring good, conscientious drivers with 2 years of CDL experience and will train them to do heavy haul

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Keen Transport was founded in 1968 by Harold Keen and sold by the Keen family in 2012. Harold Keen established a unique business model for the continued on page 26

Elite Diesel Service - Knowledge – Quality – Innovation



By Steve Pollock

CHEYENNE, WY... Elite Diesel Service owner Troy Lake was a certified Master Mechanic and worked for Caterpillar for 22 years before going into business for himself. Troy and his wife Holly operated a snowmobile and hunting lodge in Dubois, Wyoming for a while and it was here that Troy began providing Mobile

Diesel Engine Service from the back of his 1995 Chevy Silverado pick-up truck. The couple opened Elite Diesel Service in Dubois, Wyoming in 2000. The company made moves to Elko, Nevada, then to Windsor, Colorado, before settling in their new location at Cheyenne, Wyoming in March of 2022.

Elite Diesel Service is all about diesel engines for semis

and heavy equipment. They offer service, diagnostics, and rebuilding for all semi-engines including CAT, Cummins, Detroit, PACCAR, and Volvo. They are an OEM and aftermarket parts supplier as well as stocking turbos for all makes of truck engines from overhauls to overhauls and everything in between, new engine builds for continued on page 23

Keep On Dancing



Audrey Ann Pollock
1938-2022

by Steve Pollock

My Mom Audrey Ann Pollock died on August 4th just three months short of her 84th birthday. Mom was a dynamo. Everything she did in life was approached head-on and with great energy. Her single greatest passion, however, was dance. She took dance lessons as a little girl and in her senior year of high school she had the opportunity to tour throughout the USA performing with a troupe of acrobats and dancers called The Lucky Girls.

Audrey's touring career

ended when she married my Dad, Strickler W. Pollock and they started a family. Within a year or two, Mom found an outlet for her dancing skills by starting Audrey Ann's School of Dance in Sharon, Pennsylvania, which eventually became Dance Center Studios with studios in Sharon, Mercer, and Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. In her 50+ years of running the dance studios, Mom taught jazz, tap, acrobat, and ballet to thousands of young girls (and a number of boys, too!). Ironically her own 3 sons



never took to dancing, but all 3 of her granddaughters and 3 great-granddaughters have or are presently taking dance lessons in her studios. Audrey sold her dance studios in 2016 after 57 years of teaching and being a mentor and inspiration to the young dancers. (DCS enters its 63rd year of operation this fall).

A Dance Recital is held each summer for parents, grandparents, friends, and other family members to see their young dancers perform. One of the things my Mom always told the dancers before each and every recital was, "Whatever happens when you are on stage - you keep smiling and keep dancing!" Meaning, if your shoe flies off or you split your pants, you keep on dancing.

For all of her dance studio years, Mom instructed the students herself and could

do handsprings well into her 70s. Somehow in the early 1970s, she found enough time to help my Dad found the Slippery Rock News Shopper (later to become Tri-County News) and Movin' Out. After the death of my Dad, Mom took up a new hobby, photography. She enjoyed taking still photos of objects and spent hours editing them in Photoshop. She also excelled at nature and landscape photography. She joined a local camera club and won so many awards, that I began to wonder if she was still welcome as a member there!

Yes, my Mom was a dynamo and now she is gone. She had a life well lived, filled with people well loved.

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BY PAM POLLOCK

I Belong Among The Wildflowers

Tom Petty nailed it on the head – I DO belong among the wildflowers. I belong somewhere I am free. My heart is so joyful when I am meandering down paths in the woods or traipsing through meadows of wildflowers.

I love to rise before the sun on weekday mornings while others are either still asleep in their beds or on their way to work the early daylight shift. I hurriedly tie the shoelaces on my hiking boots and rush out the door. I feel spine-tingling thrills when I crest a hill as I traverse down a country road that really isn't made for two lanes of traffic and I spy the sun making it's triumphant ascension to the tippy top of the sky. I sigh with relief when I pull into the parking lot and there's no other cars there.

I lug my big old camera along on my flights of fancy. The Wildflower Prairie at a local nature preserve was in full bloom the last week of July and the first week of August. The Prairie (yes, Western Pennsylvania actually has a rare prairie!) was saturated with Blazing Stars, which are colorful, tall purple flowers; Daisies; Early Goldenrod; Yarrow; Smooth Ox-eye; Poke Milkweed; Marigolds; Coneflowers; and Tall Sunflowers. Delicate cobwebs dangled from stems and flowers looking like jewelry from another era.

Bunnies scampered across the dewy grass and songbirds greeted me with the sweetest tunes. Bees were buzzy around the pollinating flowers and butterflies performed a ballet as they gracefully floated from one Blazing Star bloom to the next. One of the mornings, the Prairie was covered in a thick fog and took on a mysterious and mythical appearance.

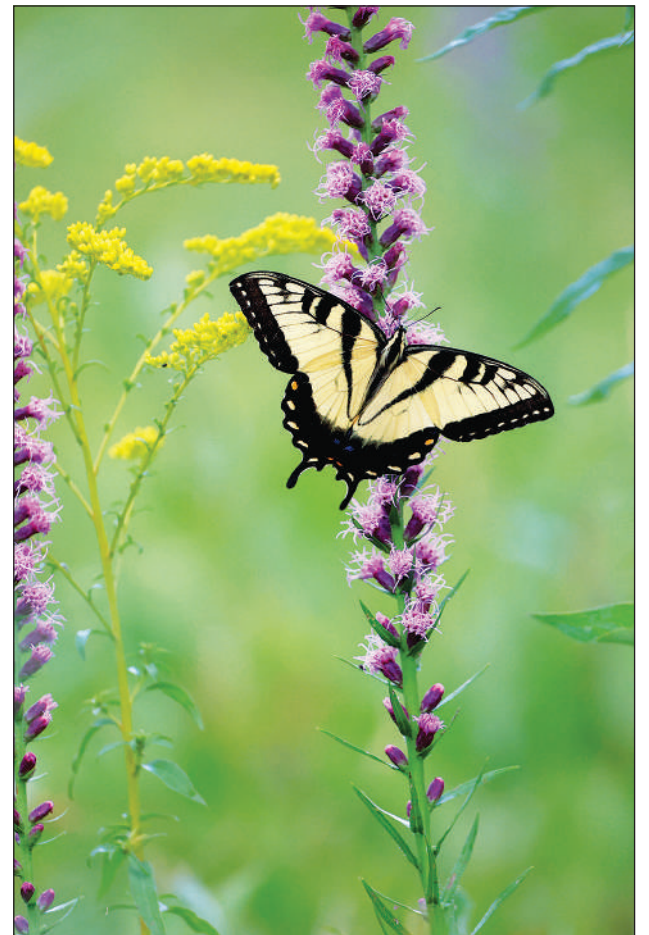
Some mornings I go down to the local lake and hike along the water's edge in search of Bald Eagles, and Great Blue Herons and Green Herons.

Other times I walk through the woods and a Mama Deer and her young fawns or a flock of female turkeys and their poults will warily cast their eyes on this strange creature who has dared to enter their lair. And I do indeed look strange, a short, chubby little old Grandma attired in zip-off pants and a Grateful Dead t-shirt. I have my trusty camera around my neck with the lens that practically goes to my knees. Let's be honest, I am huffing and puffing as I stroll through the trees. I stumble over fallen logs and get caught in the briars. My glasses fog up as the sun bursts out and the humidity and heat hit me square in the face.

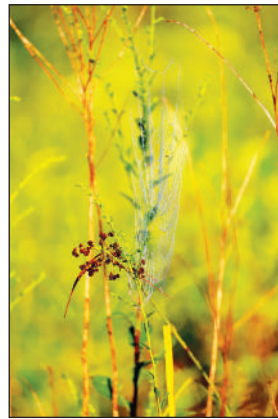
But I'm happy. I'm happy and tranquil because my soul and my spirit feel free. I'm blooming where I am planted.



The Prairie at Jennings on a foggy summer morn. The Blazing Stars were in full bloom.



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supported transportation operations in Germany by safely delivering armored personnel carriers, ammunition and general supplies. She earned the Army Achievement Medal for her time in Germany. She was then stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as part of the 839th Transportation Company where she received the Driver of the Year Award at the retirement ceremony of the unit.

After her military service, McDonough continued her transportation career by working as a professional truck driver. She worked at Tri-State Motor Transit Company, out of Joplin, Missouri, and was one of the first women drivers to work for companies such as Hershey Chocolate in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and Mountain Valley Spring Water Company in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

In December 2011, McDonough was welcomed to the Hittman Transport Services team and has been proudly supporting the radioactive and nuclear field with Hittman ever since. When asked what she enjoys most about her profession, McDonough said she loves getting to travel and meet new people. She also really enjoys that she gets to transport specialized freight.

With decades of driving continued on page 11

Washington, DC... The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) is pleased to announce that this year's International Driver Excellence Award (IDEA) recipient is professional driver Ruth McDonough. She is a specialized commercial motor vehicle driver responsible for hauling radioactive and nuclear loads with Hittman Transport Services. During her 10-year tenure at Hittman, McDonough has traveled more than a million safe and incident-free miles. Furthermore, she has been driving large vehicles—in the military and as a commercial motor vehicle driver—for more than 40 years and approximately 4 million miles, all incident free.

when I found out I won this award," said McDonough. "I had tears in my eyes."

McDonough's trucking career began in 1979 when she enlisted in the U.S. Army. She received basic training and truck-driving training at Fort Dix in New Jersey as one of only a few women in her class. Upon completion of training, McDonough was assigned to the 181st Transportation Battalion 51st Transportation Company in Mannheim, Germany, which is a movement control unit that provides tailored and adaptive transportation, expeditionary logistical capabilities for transportation, movement control and distribution in support of U.S. European Command. McDonough

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It took months of planning and waiting, but the parts are finally out of the box, and

our engineers, along with a Taylor-certified engineer, have been working feverishly to complete this arduous task in less than a week.

Anyone who has been to the shop for tuning or diagnostics issues has likely seen this beast. In tandem with our custom fifth wheel latching mechanism (which has affectionately been named the Giraffe), it is an in-

dispensable piece of equipment to our shop, which is usually run all day, every day.

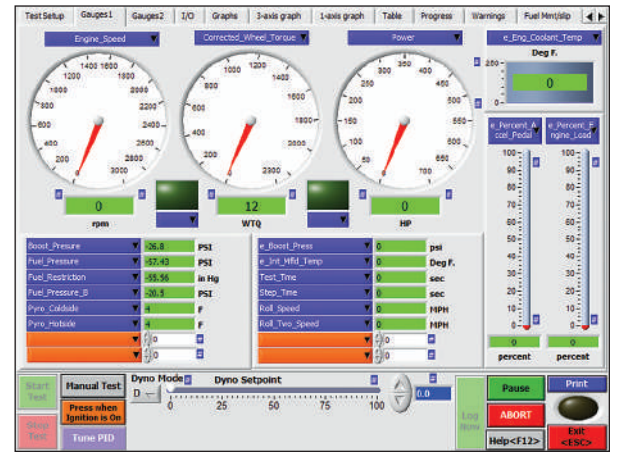
The previous generation of this dyno has served us well and allowed us to measure everything from torque and horsepower ratings to pyro temperatures, boost numbers, and fuel pressures/restrictions. Unfortunately, it started showing its age once the newer generations of trucks began to

emerge. With new trucks came new ECMS, more sensors, and far different protocols that our dyno could not communicate with without a lot of modification. The new dyno retains all the abilities of the old design but adds the ability to speak to all new trucks and adds the potential for automation. What this will mean going forward is that we can set tests to follow particular sets of parameters.

These specific tests mean we will have much more control over the engine, and all tests will be exactly the same. We will now be able to test and produce tunes with pinpoint accuracy. This could take the shape of more efficient power, higher fuel mileage, aftertreatment efficiency, or maybe even a mix depending on your application or where you're running. One of the main differences that catch the eye is the scale. The older system was designed over a decade ago, and the quantum leap in engineering shows. Instead of a massive black control box with a maze of wiring and connections that need to be cemented into the ground to stand up, we now only require three small boxes that mount to the wall that are controlled wirelessly with a handheld tablet. Further hardware changes have been made by installing updated gate valves to help with the response time of the water flowing to the in-ground torque converters, which will help add even more accuracy to our results. Overall the updates to this system will help us create even better tunes and allow us to serve our customers consistently for another decade and beyond.

Since writing this article, all updates have been completed, and we are always taking your calls. Be one of the first to try out our new setup and see the results for yourself. See you soon!

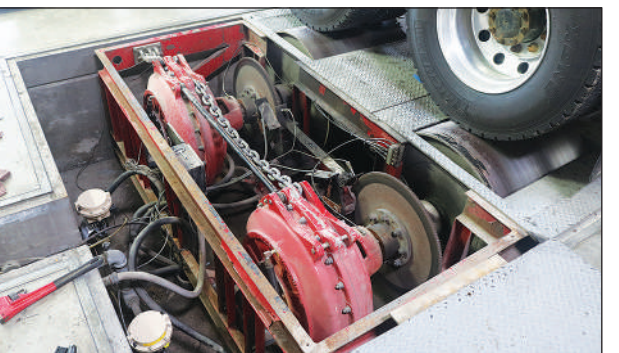
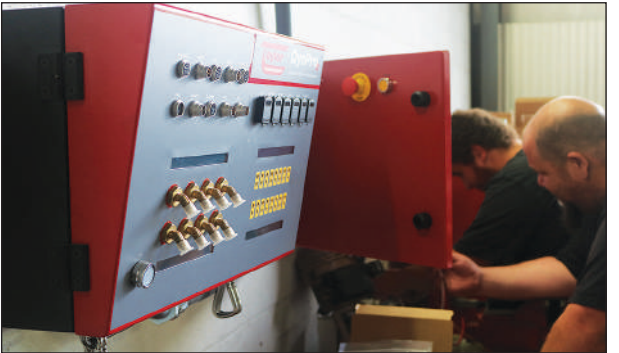
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We cut a rug dancing at my wedding on October 16, 2009.

Grandma Audrey giving an impromptu ballet lesson to my daughter Mackenna (her first great-grandchild) on Christmas Day 2014.

Grandma Audrey taught thousands of young dancers during her 57 year career of owning 3 dance studios, including me and my cousin Zoe.

by Autumn Kellogg

The dawn broke a little less bright today as the world lost an absolute star.

My Grandma Audrey was an absolute force of a woman. A larger-than-life character—much taller than her 5-foot stature. She commanded respect from everyone, everywhere she went with her posture, cadence, eye contact and ideas.

She was a savvy business woman who founded her own successful dance studio after a semiprofessional career as a dancer and stage performer.

She had an endless thirst for knowledge—her home looks like a Barnes and Noble store

and the titles are as myriad as one. As a child it reminded me of the library from “Beauty and the Beast” and I would pretend I was Belle in her office and reading rooms.

She was an avid adventurer—traveling the country—often alone. She showed me that solitude has its own merits. She was a widow on her own for 15 years and I was so inspired by her fortitude and bravery. She often confronted trespassers on her property despite being alone.

Her home is always filled with music—sometimes it creeps outside too via outdoor speakers. Grandma loved being outdoors—cross country

skiing, gardening, hiking, and practicing her photography. She never resigned to aging and developed new hobbies no matter her age. Whatever she set her mind to she was wildly successful—photography competitions, op-eds to newspapers, quitting smoking after 50 years of the habit, mastering dance and gymnastic moves.

She did headstands well into her 70s and hung upside down from a trapeze also. Every day she did muscle building workouts and classical ballet barre stretches.

She loved to gather her family in her home—she hosted dinner or cook outs for every single possible holiday.

She taught me that age is irrelevant, to never stop questioning the world, to have an open mind, to explore, to never stop moving my body, to gather my family around me, to protect my health, to always have music



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Western Star Introduces All-New 57X



PORTLAND, OR... – Western Star recently introduced the latest addition to its X-Series, the all-new Western Star 57X. The on-highway truck joins the new Western Star 47X and 49X to complete a lineup purpose-built for toughness, productivity and efficiency.

“With the addition of the 57X, Western Star’s new X-Series now rises to the next level,” said David Carson, senior vice president, sales and marketing, Daimler Truck North America (DTNA). “While the 47X and 49X serve the vocational customer, the 57X was conceived, designed and engineered specifically for owner-operators and small fleets looking for a truck that provides the safety, efficiency, durability and prestige that only Western Star can deliver.”

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The new 57X is equipped with industry-leading safety and connectivity features designed to protect the driver, pedestrians and other

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the best-in-class Detroit Assurance 5.0 safety system with Active Brake Assist 5, an always-on system that fuses camera and radar technology to detect moving obstacles in front of the truck and can deploy full braking. With Detroit Assurance also comes Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC to 0 mph), which keeps the truck at a safe distance and provides a more confident driving experience. Detroit Assurance 5.0 also offers optional Active Lane Assist (ALA), which includes Lane Keep Assist, Auto Stop, Lane Departure Protection and Steer Assist. Steer Assist can help reduce fatigue on the road and makes maneuvering in yards far easier. Additionally, 57X debuts Active Side Guard Assist (ASGA), an industry-first technology designed to mitigate blind side issues during right-hand turns.

Standard Detroit Connect offers a comprehensive and innovative suite of connectivity systems that provide real-time, actionable insights into vehicle performance and empowers better decision-making, resulting in less downtime and a better bottom line for owners.

All new for Western Star trucks, a digital dash display features a configurable instrument cluster to provide an experience similar to today’s luxury cars. The larger screens display entertainment options such as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto (which can be accessed with a smartphone), as well as vehicle information from Detroit Assurance. Integrated steering wheel controls let drivers control most entertainment and information functions without taking their hands off the wheel.

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The new 57X fully embraces the brand’s distinctive styling and a heritage of rugged reliability. Drivers can relax knowing that they are riding on DTNA technology proven over millions of highway miles.

Four cab options are available to suit any application, including Day Cab, 60-inch Mid Roof, 72-inch Mid Roof or 72-inch Stratosphere. All deliver maximum comfort with leather seating and, on sleeper models, an optional enhanced driver’s lounge with table and Murphy bed provide for better rest and downtime. An easy to operate, best-in-class HVAC system, improved insulation, and a larger windshield contribute to a more comfortable driver experience.

An all-LED exterior lighting package gives the 57X a distinctive look on the road while also providing greater road illumination for safer driving and Dual-Stage Intelligent LED headlights with sensors quickly melt ice or clear condensation. Interior LED lighting offers better performance and longevity.

Numerous customization and bright finish options are available to tailor the truck to the owner or driver’s needs.

Production is planned to begin in early Q1 2023 at DTNA’s Cleveland (N.C.) Truck Manufacturing Plant.

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Marty Ellis & OOIDA Tour Trailer Are On The Move!



We caught up to Marty Ellis at the recent Walcott Truckers Jamboree held at the Iowa 80 Truckstop in Walcott, Iowa. As always, we enjoyed our visit with Marty. He has been a Professional Truck Driver for many years. Marty is a very knowledgeable, friendly man who takes the time to explain the benefits of OOIDA to professional truck drivers. You will see Marty driving the "Spirit" Western Star tractor and the OOIDA Tour Trailer traveling the country.

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Standard Logistics Doubles in Size Over Last Year, With Strong Focus on Drivers and Customers

Dallas, TX... Standard Logistics, a leading fleet and logistics provider and a Standard Industries company, has doubled the size of its business in the last twelve months, now utilizing over 300 drivers across 17 locations. Amid current global supply chain challenges, Standard Logistics is providing customers with stability and flexibility through reliable, versatile logistics solutions, all while building an inclusive, community-centric culture for its drivers.

Standard Logistics focuses heavily on the driver experience with an employee-driven culture that has led to some of the lowest turnover in the industry. In addition to engaging contractors, the company hires and retains drivers as full-time employees and maintains a strong commitment to employee safety, quality of life, inclusion and career advancement. With a roster of full-time employees, Standard Logistics is able to leverage solutions like relay networks to improve wellbeing for drivers, who traditionally face demanding and stressful working conditions.

"Our growth over the past year has proven not only that our logistics and transportation services are in high demand, but also that our focus on our drivers and company culture are what set us apart," said Volker Bargenda, President

of Standard Logistics. "Our people are our greatest asset, and our future success will be fueled by the power of our united, centralized fleet as we continue to invest in our capabilities as a full scale logistics provider."

Previously known as Hawk Logistics, Standard Logistics has been the partner of choice for GAF, a Standard Industries company and North America's largest roofing and waterproofing manufacturer. It was also recognized as Home Depot's 2021 Carrier of the Year in the medium-size flatbed category. With continued expansion and investment, Standard Logistics is now able to make its solutions available to additional shippers.

"We've had a long, successful partnership with Standard Logistics and their significant growth in the last year can be attributed to their rich investment in their drivers and their commitment to customer service," said Randy Bargfrede, Chief Operations Officer of GAF. "As they enter this next phase of growth, we are looking forward to continuing our collaboration to drive greater efficiencies for our business and customers."

To learn more about Standard Logistics' services and career opportunities, visit www.standardls.com.

About Standard Logistics Standard Logistics, a Stan-

dard Industries Company, maintains a versatile fleet of vehicles and partners with reliable carriers to provide long and short haul services coast to coast. Headquartered in Dallas, TX with 17 hubs and counting across the country, Standard Logistics' commitment to customer satisfaction, driver safety, diversity and innovation powers its best-in-class logistics operation. For more information, visit www.standardls.com

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Ruth McDonough with Hittman Transport Services is CVSA's 2022 International Driver Excellence Award Winner

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of driving experience and millions of crash-free miles driven safely on the road, McDonough has amassed valuable knowledge for ensuring she is safe on our roadways. "I always keep my eyes moving and look ahead as far as I can," said McDonough. "I check the ramps for incoming vehicles, I check around my vehicle, I check my mirrors. With open-bed freight, you check your mirrors a lot."

"I also like to look through the back windows and mirrors of the vehicles in front of me," she added. "You can observe a lot by looking inside the vehicles around you, such as the driver's head bobbing, indicating that they might be sleepy or fatigued."

When asked how she has managed to have so many incident-free miles for so long, she attributed prayer, the Lord and the gift of being very observant for her success.

In addition to her stellar safe-driving history, McDonough is also an active member of her church community and has traveled to Mexico, China, Tibet and the Ukraine on mission trips to help communities in need.

When she's not on the road for work, McDonough likes to spend her time supporting her sister's nursery and gardening business in Florida. She also enjoys

traveling for fun, like her recent trip to Yellowstone Park in Montana, attending church as much as she can and singing with her church congregation and solo with her father playing the piano.

"I'd like to thank the Lord; my parents Ray and Lois McDonough; my sister and brother-in-law Beverly and Doug McCain; and Tim and Julie Scott, my best friends and prayer warriors," said McDonough. "I'd also like to thank my platoon sergeant in Germany, SFC Drost. He led tough tractor-trailer drills

and maneuvers, including parallel blindside parking while wearing a gas mask. I believe his training early on shaped me as a driver to this day."

McDonough added, "And, of course, I'd like to thank Tammy Summers for nominating me for this awesome award and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance for selecting me to receive the award."

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Fyda Freightliner Columbus' New Facility Opened August 8th



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Columbus, OH... After much anticipation, Fyda Freightliner Columbus opened its doors to customers at its new location in West Jefferson, Ohio on August 8th. The dealership will now be located on 88 acres off I-70 at 2700 NE Plain City Georgesville Road, just a few miles west of its current location.

"We have been planning for and working toward this day for quite some time," said Gary Tiffan, general manager of Fyda's Columbus and Zanesville operations. "We are extremely excited about being able to serve our customers at our new location."

He continued, "Having everyone working together in one building will help us provide a more seamless and convenient experience for our customers."

In its current location, Fyda Freightliner Colum-

bus has five buildings that house truck sales, parts & service teams, a body shop, detailing service, its vehicle finance partner Highway Commercial Services, and its corporate employees.

The new 180,000-sq. ft. facility provides more service and body shop bays, larger parts inventory, more parking options and expanded capabilities and amenities such as gated parking, trailer parking, detailing services, walking paths, a four-acre pond stocked with several types of fish, a dog park and more.

"We will continue to offer 24/7 parts and service, as well as regular hours for body shop and detailing services when the new dealership opens. And we are still looking to fill several open positions for this relocation," Tiffan said.

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Michael started his professional driving career with Smith Transport in April 1996 after being referred to the company by his mentor, Bob Raley.

Michael has had many roles over the last 26 years and was specifically chosen to create and establish a dedicated lane for a service sensitive customer and was immediately recognized for his professionalism and dedication to both safety and service. Michael is still the lead driver on this account many years later. Barry Smith, Founder of Smith Transport commented that "We are honored to celebrate Michael's achievements, he is the 'Top Gun' in all he does".

Michael is also a member of the distinguished Tommy Smith Golden Eagle Three Million Safe Mile Club, one of only 5 Smith Transport drivers to reach this accomplishment. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and member of our Defenders of Freedom team.

President Todd Smith commented "Michael is a true example of all that a professional driver should strive to be from his flawless 26+ year safety record to his 100% on-time service record, Michael is a true leader in our fleet of over 850 drivers."

Michael resides in Cumberland, MD with his wife, Kim who was also recently promoted to Vice President of Lending at Chessie Federal Credit Union, Cumberland Maryland.



Pictured above: Michael and Kim Fields (4th and 5th from the left) with some of the Smith Transport staff.

Pictured at the left: Barry Smith, Founder of Smith Transport and Michael and Kim Fields.

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ry Turner, 2006 Peterbilt 379 WT: 2003-1998 Bobtail Conventional : WINNER - Terry Littlefield, 2001 Kenworth W900L
 WT: 1997 & Older Bobtail Conventional: 1st-Justin Congdon, 1974 Kenworth A model; 2nd-Kenneth Liddle, 1985 Peterbilt 359; 3rd-aiko Graveran, 1995 Freightliner FLD 120
 WT: 2022-2017 Combination: 1st-Richard Rukstalis, 2018 Kenworth T680 & 2013 Great Dane - Snoopy; 2nd-Tim Alambar, 2019 Peterbilt 389 & 2023 Timpte hopper - Night Train; 3rd-Dylan McCrabb, 2022 Peterbilt 389 & 2023 Wilson
 WT: 2016-2008 Combination: 1st-Eddie Telles, 2015 Peterbilt 389 & 2023 Great Dane - Couples Therapy; 2nd-Nicholas Strehlow, 2014 Peterbilt 389 & 2020 Wilson hopper, It's Always Something; 3rd-Dru Dickey, 2012 Peterbilt 389 & 2022 Wilson livestock trailer - Steady Hustle
 WT: 2007 & older Combination: 1st Michael & Jackie Wallace, 2007 Freightliner Coronado & 2014 Great Dane - Semper Fi; 2nd-Daniel & Phyllis Snow, 1996 Freightliner Classic XL & 2019 Utility - The Goose; 3rd-Kendall Weaver, 1996 Kenworth W900L & 2022 XL Specialized trailer
 Show Class: 1st Dan Brubaker, 1996 Peterbilt 379 - Low Life; 2nd-Conrad Shada, 2020 Peterbilt 389 - Class of the Past; 3rd-Kate Whiting, 1973 Kenworth W900A - Cherry Pie
 Custom Paint - Bobtail: 1st Dan Brubaker, 1996 Peterbilt 379 - Low Life; 2nd-Conrad Shada, 2020 Peterbilt 389 - Class of the Past; 3rd-Ron Brubaker, 2020 Peterbilt 389 - Night Moves
 2022 Peterbilt 389 & 2023 Wilson; 3rd-Tim Alambar, 2019 Peterbilt 389 & 2023 Timpte hopper - Night Train
 Custom Graphics - Bobtail: 1st-ames Nalin, 2022 Freightliner Cascadia - American Patriot; 2nd-Eva Knelsen, 2021 Kenworth W900L - Roll of the Dice Custom Graphics - Combination: 1st-Jonathan Alley, 2017 International Lonestar & 2019 Great Dane - Wicked Sensation; 2nd-Michael & Jackie Wallace, 2007 Freightliner Coronado & 2014 Great Dane - Semper Fi; 3rd-Buzzie Harris, 2021 Peterbilt 567 & 2022 Tanker
 Polish & Detail - Bobtail: 1st-Conrad Shada, 2020 Peterbilt 389 - Class of the Past; 2nd-Dan Brubaker, 1996 Peterbilt 379 - Low Life; 3rd-Kate Whiting, 1973 Kenworth W900A - Cherry Pie
 Polish & Detail - Combination: 1st-Daniel & Phyllis Snow, 1996 Freightliner Classic XL & 2019 Utility - The Goose; 2nd-Wesley Ward, 2004 Peterbilt 379 & 2014 MAC Flatbed - Prayerbilt; 3rd-Luke Oligschlaeger, 2020 Kenworth W900 & 2020 Great Dane
 Interior - OEM Sleeper - Bobtail: 1st-Kelly Richardson, 2022 Peterbilt 389 - Jokes on You; 2nd-Scott Anderson, 1985 Peterbilt 359; 3rd-Dawson Taylor, 2020 Freightliner Cascadia - Roll of the Dice Interior - OEM Sleeper - Combination: 1st-Kendall Weaver, 1996 Kenworth W900L & 2022 XL Specialized trailer; 2nd-Chad Miller, 2000 Kenworth W900L & 2020 Great Dane - Regan; 3rd-Dylan McCrabb, 2022 Peterbilt 389 & 2023 Wilson Interior - OEM Conversion Sleeper: 1st-Dan Brubaker, 1996 Peterbilt 379 - Low Life; 2nd-Ron Brubaker, 1993 Peterbilt 379 - One of a Kind; 3rd-Marcel Pontbriand, 1989 Peterbilt 379 & 2015 Great Dane - Cowboy of the Road Interior - Custom Sleeper: 1st-Daniel & Phyllis Snow, 1996 Freightliner Classic XL & 2019 Utility - The Goose; 2nd-Michael & Jackie Wallace, 2007 Freightliner Coronado & 2014 Great Dane - Semper Fi; 3rd -Richard Rukstalis, 2018 Kenworth T680 & 2013 Great Dane - Snoopy
 Lights at Night - Bobtail - Theme: 1st-Eva Knelsen, 2021 Kenworth W900L - Ken Worth Jr; 2nd-Kate Whiting, 1973 Kenworth W900A - Cherry Pie; 3rd-Kenny Graber, 1996 Kenworth W900L - Low Stress
 Lights at Night - Bobtail - Most Unique: 1st Conrad Shada, 2020 Peterbilt 389 - Class of the Past; 2nd-Kelly Richardson, 2022 Peterbilt - Jokes on You; 3rd-Gary Walters, 1995 Kenworth W900L
 Lights at Night - Bobtail - Overall Presentation: 1st-Dan Brubaker, 1996 Peterbilt 379 - Low Life; 2nd-Everett Ford, 2018 Peterbilt 389; 3rd-Dawson Taylor, 2020 Freightliner Cascadia - Roll of the Dice
 Lights at Night - Combination - Theme: 1st-Daniel & Phyllis Snow, 1996 Freightliner Classic XL & 2019 Utility - The Goose; 2nd-Michael & Jackie Wallace, 2007 Freightliner Coronado & 2014 Great Dane - Semper Fi; 3rd-Marcel Pontbriand, 1989 Peterbilt 379 & 2015 Great Dane - Cowboy of the Road
 Lights at Night - Combination - Most Unique: 1st-Douglas Prier, Dyersville, IA - 2022 Kenworth W900L; 2nd-Nichlaus Strehlow, 2014 Peterbilt & 2020 Wilson Hopper - It's Always Something; 3rd-Marcel Pontbriand, 1989 Peterbilt 379 & 2015 Great Dane - Cowboy of the Road
 Lights at Night - Combination - Overall Presentation: 1st-Michael & Jackie Wallace, Ashville, AL - 2007 Freightliner Coronado & 2014 Great Dane - Semper Fi; 2nd-Logan Shaw, 2022 Kenworth W900 & 2022 Wilson; 3rd-Tim Alambar, 2019 Peterbilt 389 & 2023 Timpte hopper - Night Train
 Best Overall Theme: Marcel Pontbriand, 1989 Peterbilt 379 & 2015 Great Dane - Cowboy of the Road
 Trucker's Choice: Marcel Pontbriand, 1989 Peterbilt 379 & 2015 Great Dane - Cowboy of the Road

2022 Walcott Truckers Jamboree Super Truck Beauty Contest Winners

WT: Cabover: 1st-Dylan Badders, 1994 Freightliner - Cliff; 2nd-Matt Schlegler, 1993 Kenworth K100E - Not Daddy's Money
 WT: Company Truck - Bobtail: 1st Eva Knelsen, Ingersoll, 2021 Kenworth W900L - Ken Worth Jr; 2nd-Kelly Richardson, 2022 Peterbilt - Jokes on You; 3rd-Everett

Ford, 2018 Peterbilt 389
 WT: Company Truck - Combination: 1st-Marcel Pontbriand, 1989 Peterbilt 379 & 2015 Great Dane - Cowboy of the Road; 2nd-Buzzie Harris, Galena, IL - 2021 Peterbilt 567 & 2022 Tanker; 3rd-Lyman Fisher, 2015 Peterbilt 389 & 2017 Eby Bull Rack - Bad Decisions

Rat Rod: WINNER: Tim Feidt, 1980 Mack Army Truck
 WT: 2022-2019 Bobtail Conventional: 1st-Kurtlin Thuet, 2019 Peterbilt 567 - Noggie; 2nd-ean Roe, 2021 Kenworth T680 - Mrs. Paradise on Earth; 3rd-Ron Brubaker, 2020 Peterbilt 389 - Night Moves
 WT: 2018-2012 Bobtail Con-

ventional: 1st-Bret Chastain, 2017 Volvo VNL 730 - Voodoo Ranger; 2nd T - e r r y Young, Jr., 2015 Peterbilt 389 - Truly Blessed; 3rd-Sean Kinney, 2017 Peterbilt 389 - Purple Crush
 WT: 2011-2004 Bobtail Conventional: 1st-Christina Busto, 2008 Freightliner Century - Baby Blue; 2nd-Jer-

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ATA Truck Tonnage Index Increased 2.7% in June

Washington, DC... American Trucking Associations' advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index increased 2.7% in June after rising 0.3% in May. In June, the index equaled 120.1 (2015=100) versus 116.9 in May.

"June's jump tells me a couple of things: first, the transition in the freight market from spot back to contract continues. ATA's tonnage index is dominated by contract freight, so while the spot market has slowed as freight softens, contract carriers are backfilling those losses with loads from shippers reducing spot market exposure," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. "Essentially, the market is transitioning back to pre-pandemic shares of contract versus spot market."

"Second, and perhaps equally important, while economic growth is expected to be soft overall in the second quarter, the goods-economy wasn't as bad as feared," he said.

May's increase was revised down from our June 21 press release.

Compared with June 2021, the SA index increased 7.9%, which was the tenth straight year-over-year gain and the largest since June 2018. In May, the index was up 3.5% from a year earlier. During the third quarter, the index rose 1.1% from the previous quarter and 4.6% from the same quarter in 2021.

The not seasonally adjusted index, which represents the change in tonnage actually hauled by fleets before any seasonal adjustment, equaled 124.5 in June, 4.2% above the May level (119.5). In calculating the index, 100 represents 2015. ATA's For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index is dominated by contract freight as opposed to spot market freight.

Trucking serves as a barometer of the U.S. economy, representing 72.5% of tonnage carried by all modes of domestic freight transportation, including manufactured and retail goods. Trucks hauled 10.23 billion tons of freight in 2020. Motor carriers collected \$732.3 billion, or 80.4% of total revenue earned by all transport modes.

ATA calculates the tonnage index based on surveys from its membership and has been doing so since the 1970s. This is a preliminary figure and subject to change in the final report issued around the 5th day of each month. The report includes month-to-month and year-over-year results, relevant economic comparisons, and key financial indicators.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces All 50 States, DC and Puerto Rico Have Submitted Plans for National Electric Vehicle Charging Network

WASHINGTON—In keeping with President Biden's commitment to build out a national network of 500,000 electric vehicle (EV) chargers by 2030, the U.S. Department of Transportation and Energy has announced all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have submitted EV infrastructure deployment plans as required under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program established and funded by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These plans are required to unlock the first round of the \$5 billion of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law formula funding available over 5 years to help states accelerate the important work of building out the national EV charging network and making electric vehicle charging accessible to all Americans. The on-time submission of every single plan demonstrates the widespread commitment from states to build out EV charging infrastructure to

help accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles, create good jobs, and combat the climate crisis.

"We appreciate the thought and time that states have put into these EV infrastructure plans, which will help create a national charging network where finding a charge is as easy as locating a gas station," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "We will continue to work closely with all fifty states, D.C. and Puerto Rico to ensure EV chargers across the country are convenient, affordable, reliable and accessible for all Americans."

The news follows the announcement earlier this year of nearly \$5 billion that will be made available to states over the next five years under the NEVI Formula Program along with a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on proposed minimum standards and requirements to ensure the national EV charging network is user-friendly, reliable, and accessible to all

Americans. To access these new funds and to help ensure a convenient and equitable charging experience for all users, each state was required to submit an EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan to the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation that describes how the state intends to use its share of NEVI Formula Program funds consistent with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance.

With all state EV deployment plans now submitted, the Joint Office and FHWA will review the plans and continue to work with states, with the goal of approving state plans by September 30. Once each state plan is approved, state departments of transportation will be able to deploy EV charging infrastructure through the use of NEVI Formula Program funds.

The NEVI Formula Program and state deployment plans are a foundational component of a convenient, affordable,

reliable, and equitable charging network. While these plans will focus on building out the backbone of a national network along highways, the \$2.5 billion competitive grant program for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure will further build out the national network by making investments in community charging.

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes \$7.5 billion for EV charging, along with over \$7 billion to support critical minerals supply chain necessary to support domestic EV battery manufacturing.

The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation will continue to provide direct technical assistance and support to states during the implementation of the NEVI Formula Program. For more information on the Joint Office, please visit DriveElectric.gov. For more information on President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and investments in electric vehicles, please visit FHWA's web site.

FHWA Announces Final Rule to Reduce Roadway Fatalities in Dark Conditions

WASHINGTON, DC... The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced a final rule that will improve safety for all road users by ensuring that pavement markings are made more visible in dark or low light conditions.

Under the final rule, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) will provide a new minimum standard for pavement marking "retroreflectivity" effective September 6, 2022. Retroreflective material reflects light more effectively back to the observer, making pavement markings that include them brighter and more easily seen in dark conditions. The rule is also expected to help reduce crashes by enhancing the ability of advanced driver assistance and autonomous vehicle technologies to identify pavement markings more readily.

The MUTCD, the national standard for traffic control devices used on all streets, highways, bikeways, and private roads open to public travel, currently requires that pavement markings be visible at night and that all markings on interstate highways be retroreflective but does not require a minimum level. By creating one, FHWA believes state and local transportation agencies can reduce the number of severe crashes that happen in dark, unlighted conditions and result in an annual nighttime fatality rate that is roughly three times the daytime fatality rate.

The final rule also requires state and local agencies or officials to implement a method within four years for maintaining pavement marking retroreflectivity at or above minimum levels. Pavement marking improvements are also eligible for up to 100 percent Federal-aid funding.

Today's rule is the latest action taken by FHWA to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Roadway Safety Strategy unveiled earlier this year. A comprehensive update of the entire MUTCD is also required under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and work on that update, in the form of the 11th Edition of the MUTCD, is currently underway by FHWA and required to be completed by May 2023. The Retroreflective Pavement Markings final rule announced today (Revision 3 to the 2009 Edition of the MUTCD) will be included in the 11th Edition.

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WALCOTT, IA... On Friday, July 15th, shortly after 2:00 pm Tobias Owen's life got a whole lot better when he was presented the keys to his new truck! He is the lucky winner of the Grand Prize - a brand new Ford Raptor 4x4 Pickup in CAT Scale's Weigh to Win® Sweepstakes.

Tobias' name was drawn as the CAT Scale Weigh to Win Sweepstakes Grand

Prize Winner and awarded a trip to the Walcott Truckers Jamboree at the Iowa 80 Truckstop in Walcott, Iowa. His wife Shelby accompanied him. Tobias is a driver for Kidd Transport, Rockford, IL. Tobias says, "When I first got the email, I was a bit skeptical. I thought there is no way I'd won. Then I read the email and talked to the people at CAT Scale, then I

knew it was real."

Tobias had been hauling flatbed, but just about the time Weigh to Win Sweepstakes started in February, he started hauling dry van and weighed on CAT Scale a lot. He says, "I entered every ticket number. He will now forever be a forever loyal customer. His brand new Ford Raptor is loaded with all the bells and whistles.

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God Takes Care Of Believers

Suspense is an uneasy feeling about something you want to see happen or something you think will happen.

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The Lord knows the beginning from the end, and He understands. It is like a watchman who knows all of the routes he has to travel and punch the clock. It is like a watchmaker who understands the intricate parts of a watch by which we can keep time.

If you and I get our fingers into the pie, we spoil it. So, it is better to learn how to say even in the hour of suspense, "No my will, Lord, but thine be done." When we pray in this particular fashion, we place it directly upon the Lord and we rest upon His promises.

We know that He knows and rules all things well. He makes no mistakes. Sometimes we think that He does, but our thoughts and His thoughts are different thoughts.

His thoughts are as high as the heaven above the earth, above our thoughts. His ways are higher than our ways. We have a simple plan. If we commit ourselves to Him and depend upon Him, He shall bring it to pass. So cast all of your care upon Him for He cares for you.

ATA Hails Senate Passage of CHIPS Act

Washington, DC... The American Trucking Association praised the United States Senate for passing the CHIPS Act of 2022 to boost domestic semiconductor manufacturing and urged the House of Representatives to quickly follow suit and send the bill to President Biden for signature.

"Semiconductors and computer chips make our economy and industry run – right down to the trucks we drive – and we have seen the consequences of decades of neglecting domestic manufacturing of these critical components," said ATA Executive Vice President for Advocacy Bill Sullivan. "Even in an extremely polarized environment, the Senate vote proves our leaders can still come together in a bipartisan fashion to pass critical legislation."

The CHIPS Act would provide more than \$50 billion in direct and indirect investment domestic chip manufacturing passed the Senate earlier today by a 64-33 vote.

"We urge the House to follow the Senate's lead and pass this important bill so that President Biden can sign it and we can begin the hard work of rebuilding our capacity to manufacture semiconductors here in America – shoring up our national security, shortening supply chains and reducing costs for businesses across the economy," Sullivan said.

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A Likely Story - Five Words Spoken Four Times

By Roger Clark

I was just now reminiscing about my time as a bachelor. You know, the days of burnt toast, dirt-caked clothes, and nothing but dust bunnies and bills in the mailbox. Oh yeah, the good times, right? Headaches caused by smudged glasses, burger bags stuffed under truck seats, and sleepless nights triggered by five cups of supertime coffee.

Wrinkled shirts, drying on the dashboard, road trips going way too long, and diet plans that looked more like preplanned funeral arrangements. The good old days, ya know, when a man was free to create his own fatigue, indigestion, poverty, and ten-dollar haircuts every six months.

FOR BETTER OR FOR

WORSE means the shirts fit, pants are pressed, and my fly isn't open in church. It means I can see clearly, thanks to Susan and Windex, while the coffee machine goes dark right after lunch. She doesn't like it when I snore, cry, cuss, or sleep late, but forgives my indiscretions before they ever leave a mark. Every marriage has secrets, ya know, and for us they still are. It means I sleep well, near her every night, and wake up every morning glad I did.

I've often made decent money, with this often-indecent profession, heavily invested in slot machines, serial brides, internet raffles, and free-pie Wednesdays. The bank account hovered in the hundreds, for years, and my credit rating was in

the single digits.

FOR RICHER OR FOR POORER is real as it gets in marriage. Finances are the number one cause of conflicts in relationships, but thanks to my partner there's nothing to argue about. We started with nothing, and still have most of it left. Well, okay, we're actually doing pretty well now. My wardrobe is handpicked from Nordstrom's dumpster, we have credit at the local food bank, and her car is no longer a tow truck.

Just months after our wedding, in the fall of 2015, I had a heart attack while trucking through Minnesota. My ambulance ride to the hospital was a couple of blocks. My wife had a million-mile drive from Kansas. Starting that day, WE... have

been on a heart healthy, low sodium diet.

IN SICKNESS, AND IN HEALTH means my wife still walks a mile every day, unless she's mad at me. Then she makes me go along, and I like it, because she says I do. She doesn't tell me to eat my vegetables, drink more water, or take my medicine, because she doesn't have to. If I don't, she'll simply beat me to death.

Speaking of death, like other cheery subjects, we vowed never to part, and I'm often amazed that she takes it for granted. Really. There's zero doubt in her mind this is a lifelong commitment. Zero. There's nothing I could do, no matter how illegal, immoral, or fattening, to shake her faith in the covenant of marriage.

TILL DEATH DO US PART, for her, is not some abstract assurance in a wedding verse, but a real-life adventure that ended with hospice care. It's something I can only appreciate, not verbalize. I'll just tell you this. She's been there, done that.

Oh, there's issues, alright. She won't ride a motorcycle, get another dog, or wear capris out in public, but her commitment to marriage is good as it gets. My wife thinks speed limits are real, the WWE is fake, and broccoli is good, but she can recite whole pages of scripture, or tell ya to drop dead in sign language, without ever taking her eyes off the checkbook!



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DALLAS, TX... Drivewyze, the leader in connected truck services and operator of the largest public-private weigh station bypass network in North America, today announced it has partnered with Verizon Connect, a leader in fleet management technology, to provide Verizon Connect Reveal customers with integrated access to Drivewyze weigh station bypass and Drivewyze Safety+ services.

With this integration, Verizon Connect customers can access Drivewyze through the Verizon Connect marketplace, allowing vehicle and driver data to automatically sync to Drivewyze applications. This simplifies the onboarding process and delivers real-time bypass opportunities to Verizon Connect customers while improving the driver experience.

With Drivewyze PreClear weigh station bypass service enabled, Verizon Connect customers can receive bypass opportunities at more than 800 locations in 45 states and provinces. Since no transponders are required, activation of Drivewyze on the Verizon Connect platform can be done quickly, with bypass information displayed on smartphones or tablets.

Once activated, driver and vehicle data from Verizon Connect are automatically synced to Drivewyze and consolidated with additional data points, like safety scores and registration, and transmitted to the weigh station. This information is then calculated against the bypass criteria established by the state or province. If the carrier and vehicle pass the criteria, at one mile out, the driver receives permission to bypass the site on their

mobile device. The better the fleet's safety score, the more bypasses typically granted.

Subscribers to Drivewyze PreClear weigh station bypass can also activate Drivewyze Safety Notifications, a free service that provides safety notifications for high rollover areas, mountain corridors, and low bridges. In addition, fleets can subscribe to Drivewyze Safety+, an extension of Drivewyze Safety Notifications. The service provides fleets and drivers with additional safety notifications and back-office tools for fleets to create their own customized driver alerts, plus offers safety analytics to monitor driver behavior and driver coaching.

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Aerial view of the 2022 Walcott Truckers Jamboree at the Iowa 80 Truckstop in Walcott, Iowa.

Intermodal Slows Decline in Second Quarter

al drivers and the important work they do", says Heather DeBaillie, Vice President of Marketing. "We thoroughly enjoy hosting this event each year and love seeing everyone come together, make new friends and join in the fun. The trucking community is amazing. From truckers to our vendor and sponsor partners to our staff who help execute this event; we are grateful for everyone who makes this big parking lot party possible."

During the three days, guests enjoyed over 150 exhibits; a Super Truck Beauty Contest with 92 registered contestants; a fantastic antique truck display with over 100 vehicles; delicious Iowa pork chop cookout; Trucker Olympics; a Pet Contest and free, live concerts. Concerts were courtesy of Mobil Delvac, Freightliner Trucks and CAT Scale. Both Thursday night and Friday night included fireworks displays, a truck light show and plenty of fun for the whole family!

Iowa 80 Trucking Museum also celebrated the 100th birthday of its 1922 Walter Snow-Fighter. The celebration included birthday cake, refreshments and balloons.

Mark your calendars! Next year's Walcott Truckers Jamboree will be held July 13-15, 2023.

CALVERTON, MD... Total intermodal volumes fell 4.3 percent year-over-year in the second quarter of 2022, according to the Intermodal Association of North America's Intermodal Quarterly report. Domestic shipments held positive ground at 4.0 percent growth, while international containers dropped 8.4 percent and trailers, 25.2 percent.

"Despite this quarter's losses, it was an improved picture relative to the first quarter," said Joni Casey, president and CEO of IANA. "Q2 volumes exceeded Q1 by 7.4 percent."

The seven highest-density trade corridors, which collectively handled more than 60 percent of total volume, were all down in the second quarter. The Midwest-Northwest led the losses with a 20.1 percent decline, followed by the South Central-Southwest at 14.5 percent. The Intra-Southeast, Southeast-Southwest and Midwest-Southwest dropped 7.8, 5.5 and 5.3 percent, respectively. The Northeast-Midwest dipped 3.1 percent, and the Trans-Canada corridor held losses to 2.2 percent.

Total IMC volume rose 1.3 percent year-over-year in Q2, with intermodal traffic down 7.4 percent and highway loads, two-thirds of total IMC volume, up 6.3 percent.

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Pacifico Reflection- Because That's What I Do

By: Mike McGough

It all started with a box of crayons and a piece of butcher paper, when he was a high school junior. He and his family were on vacation in Cape May. They were at dinner at the Filling Station, a restaurant that specialized in fried chicken. Meals were served family-style. You got a bucket of chicken, and it literally came in a bucket, a basket of French fries, a bowl of coleslaw, and pitchers of iced tea or lemonade. It was an all-you-can-eat affair, and his dad and a family friend maxed that proposition out every year.

On one particular visit, he was seated at the end of the table. At the next table, which was very close, a middle-aged couple was enjoying the same fare. He looked over at their table and there was a drawing on the brown butcher paper that this restaurant used as tablecloths. For the children there were boxes of crayons on each table. It gave them something to do while waiting on their food. Apparently, this gentleman needed something to do as he waited. His drawing was the window pattern that this

building featured, with some modifications that made it all the more attractive.

Noticing that it caught the young boy's eye the man said, "Do you recognize that," pointing to the drawing?

"Yes, it's those windows, and you made them better."

"Thank you; that's what I do." He shared that he was a feature architect. He explained that on large projects he deals with one feature or aspect of the total project, which often became the focal point of the entire design. He said most architects tend to engage with the entire projects, but for him the real fulfillment came from directing his talents toward a single element of the project and then making it better. It was all about the improvement process for him.

Sensing he had the younger man's attention the architect said, "Find something you like to do, something for which you have some talent, get good at it, and make it what you do. Don't worry about titles, promotions, and money. Get good, follow your interests, and over time, they'll all take care of them-

selves."

At the time, that conversation, like so many conversations people have throughout life, didn't have any real impact. Over time it did. As that young man entered his post-high school education, that conversation came back to him a time or two. As he entered his professional life, it came back again. But it wasn't until he was in mid-career, that the full impact of that chicken-dinner conversation with the architect/philosopher had its real impact.

He rose to the top of his profession, and he did it in a difficult environment. Times were tough all over, and his line of work was right in the middle of it. He knows he's good at what he does. Truth be told he's great at what he does, but he's the type who downplays his skills and his experience base. He knows the profession from the ground floor up. He's touched all the bases. He can easily offer a 30,000-foot strategic perspective one minute, then drill down and provide tactical insights at the three-foot level the next minute. People value his insights, and he's a valuable

asset to the organization. When he's involved things get better; when he is on the team, it's safe to assume that improvement is on the agenda!

Finding great contentment in what he does, it largely what drives him. Helping to make things better, is what provides his professional drive and powers his personal contentment. He lives the advice that was shared with him more than 35 years earlier, and because he does, he's earned the respect of peers, supervisors, and key stakeholders within his professional field. And perhaps more importantly, at the same time he knows and appreciates a level of personal satisfaction that many people never attain.

It's not hard to imagine that opportunities come to him all the time to change to any number of other professional environments and focus on other aspects associated with his particular field of practice. Some have involved a salary increase, some would sport a flashier title, and some would carry some interesting perks. However, as of yet, nothing has come across his radar screen that would provide the professional and personal satisfaction he's achieved. That said, he's happy, genuinely very happy, doing what he does.

Regardless of your career, profession, line of work, or vocation, know when you're at a great spot, appreciate it for what it is and what it provides. And when someone asks why you're involved in that particular line of work, you can honestly say, "Because that's, what I do!"

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September 23-25 - Truckers 4 Hope Truck Show - Clinton County Fair, 98 Racetrack Road, Mackeyville, PA. 17751. Benefits the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Non-judged Truck Show. Semi-Pulls, Tractor Pulls, 4x4 Pulls. Family friendly. Live Music, Beer Tent, Kids Activities, Vendors, Camping, Light Show and Much More! For more info contact Jason Smith @ 570-660-7281 or email: truckers4hope@gmail.com

September 24 - Convoy For Kids - Morans Lounge, 24215 Westernport Rd. SW, Westernport, MD. This event is open to the community as there will be food and drinks available for purchase from B-Rads pizza. The price for admission is \$5 per person and kids under 10 will get in free of charge. Registration for the Convoy will start at 10 am. Motorcycles-\$20; Diesel trucks-\$20; Semi-\$40(includes a Convoy for Kids shirt) For more info see our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/561170184875382?ref=newsfeed>

September 24 - Victory Road Truck Show - Butler County Farm Show Grounds, 625 Evans City Rd., Butler, PA 16001. For more info call 724-524-1933

September 28 - October 2 - TenFourDC Truck Show - On The National Mall in Washington, DC. Open to Show Trucks, Working Trucks and Antique Trucks! Only truck show on the National Mall in DC! Visit www.TenFourDC.org or find us on Facebook @ TenFour DC

September 30-October 1 - Mayberry Truck Show - New Location: Bottomley Enterprises Terminal, 452 Oak Grove Church Rd., Mount Airy, NC 27030. Benefits children receiving care from the Brenner Children's Hospital. Convoy thru town, Fireworks, Live Music, Food Trucks, Raffles, Prizes, Calendar Spots, Much More! For more info visit www.mayberrytruckshow.com

October 14-15 - 13th Annual LCM Southern Classic Truck Show - Whites Travel Center Raphine, VA For more info visit www.largecarmag.com for phone 717-806-8907

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Love's Travel Stops Opens New Location In Pennsylvania

OKLAHOMA CITY, Pennsylvania, means OK... Love's Travel Stops is now serving customers in Brookville, Pennsylvania, thanks to a travel stop that opened Thursday. The store, located off Interstate 80, Exit 81 (1373 Route 28), adds 130 truck parking spaces and 55 jobs to Jefferson County.

“Opening our seventh location in

giving customers the Highway Hospitality they know they'll get when they stop at Love's," said Greg Love, co-CEO of Love's. "The new travel stop in Brookville will help professional drivers get back on the road safely and quickly while providing plenty of amenities and fresh

- food and drink options." The location is open 24/7 and offers many amenities, including:
- * More than 12,000 square feet.
 - * Wendy's.
 - * 130 truck parking spaces.
 - * 79 car parking spaces.
 - * Seven RV parking spaces.
 - * Nine diesel bays.
 - * Seven showers.
 - * Speedco.
 - * Laundry facilities.
 - * CAT scale.
 - * Bean-to-cup gourmet coffee.
 - * Brand-name snacks.
 - * Fresh Kitchen concept.
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Drivers who come to Keen find a home. A large group of the company's drivers have been with Keen for 15 to 20 years or more. Warren Russell, Manager of Driver Recruitment has 20 years' experience behind the wheel himself, 5 of which were driving for Keen Transport. Warren also has experience in dispatch and operations, giving him great perspective to help new drivers assimilate into the Keen system. Warren said, "Heavy haul and O.D. work is interesting and challenging. Our drivers are invested in each load, which is unique. We operate step decks and detachables up to 13- axles. Most of the time our drivers actually drive the heavy equipment onto and off of the trailers themselves. It is something new every day at Keen. We are looking to hire and lease additional drivers to serve our expanding book of business and if you don't have heavy haul experience, we will train you."

If you would like to talk to Warren (one driver to another) about a career in heavy haul at Keen Transport, give him a call at 888-872-5336.

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the company. Keen serves heavy equipment dealers and manufacturers across the USA. They haul heavy equipment direct from manufacturers to dealers, customers, shipping ports, and sometimes to Keen's yard for storage and delivery.

Some pieces must be partially disassembled for hauling and then reassembled upon delivery. In 2017 Keen was purchased by Norwegian shipping lines Wallenius Wilhelmsen, which allowed Keen to offer customers seamless delivery

worldwide. Keen delivers equipment to ports for loading onto Wallenius Wilhelmsen ships for destinations worldwide. The primary operational area is I-35 from Minnesota to Texas and East. There are local, regional, and long haul loads available.

Keen is hiring company drivers and leasing Independent Contractors throughout their operational area.

Keen has several new initiatives for 2022 that include 30-day vestment in the company's medical plan and the arrival of

23 new model year 2023 Kenworth T880 tractors. Late model Peterbilts make up the rest of the fleet. The 367 models are 3 axle and the 389s are 4 axles. There is a new passenger and pet program in effect, as well as a 401K with 6% company match.

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Working Show Truck Of The Month Brandon Bier



the one his dad drove. He knew that he wanted to become a trucker just like his dad and he's been able to make that dream a reality! Brandon's dad bought this classic 1984 Peterbilt 359 back in 1996, and it sat for quite some time before they restored it, putting new frame rails on in the process. The end results speak for themselves, and this black beauty is the definition of "old school cool!"

The roof was completely cleaned up and an old school polished visor sits over the windshield. A period correct red bug shield sits on the front of the hood, along with a majestic chrome swan. A 425 CAT sits under the hood, and it's paired up with an 18 speed and a set of 3:55 rears. The 265" wheelbase looks longer thanks to painted fuel tanks and custom battery box fronts. Brandon has also added Hogebuilt 1/4 fenders along with a set of straight pipes and a painted rear light bar. The interior is original besides the seats & carpet and features custom pinstripes on the dash.

Make no mistake, this isn't a garage queen that Brandon takes to truck shows on weekends. He works it every day since the restoration, turning heads no matter where he goes! He's just beginning his trucking career, but even though he's only been driving for 2 years, his old school work ethic makes him seem like a 50-year veteran of the highway.

Brandon is still tinkering with this old school 359, working it daily while doing so. Movin' Out & yours truly definitely have a soft spot for classic iron, and we'd like to salute Brandon Bier & his jet-black beauty by choosing them as our September 2022 Working Show Truck of the Month! Keep on truckin' Brandon and keep those wheels turning!

By Robert Conrad young boy, he was always fascinated by big trucks like



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