

# Big B Times

May 2020

**Welcome** LaRae Bassett #520 and Mike Cromwell #518P. Glad to have you both as a part of the Big B Crew.



## June:

1<sup>st</sup> Tracy Eklund  
4<sup>th</sup> Noah Bradley  
8<sup>th</sup> Ken Gawith  
15<sup>th</sup> Rolando Leon  
17<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Berry  
20<sup>th</sup> Don Asmus  
22<sup>th</sup> John Guerrero  
29<sup>th</sup> Shawna Phillips

## Company Anniversaries:

9 yrs. John Sheckler  
9 yrs. Stacey Schmidt  
9 yrs. Terry Smith  
7 yrs. Marcus Craig  
4 yrs. John Guerrero  
2 yrs. Mike Mix  
1 yr. James Yoder

## April & May

### No Violation Inspections:

Brain Hogan 4/13/20 NC

### Violation Inspections:

James Rini 3/12/20 NC

*Lane restriction violation*

Ryan Harris 4/16/20 MN

*Snow/ice accumulation causing unsafe condition*

Larry Van Hosen 4/28/20 OK

*Flat tire trl. pass. side inside dual (\$250 civil assessment)*

### No Violation Winner

Brian Hogan is our no violation winner. Please stop in the office to pick your prize.

## CSA Score (last month)

Unsafe 45 (44) HOS 51 (51)

Crash 92 (77) ⚠️ Vehicle 59 (53)

ISS 60 (60) ⚠️ OPTIONAL ⚠️



## Idle Times.....

During the month of April the company driver with the least amount of idle time was Ed Maupin #224 at 5.3%. The company driver with the most idle time was Larry VanHoesen at 56.6% idle time. The fleet average for idle time including Owner/Operators was 35%

<10% Idle time

Lance Wersonic 6.2%

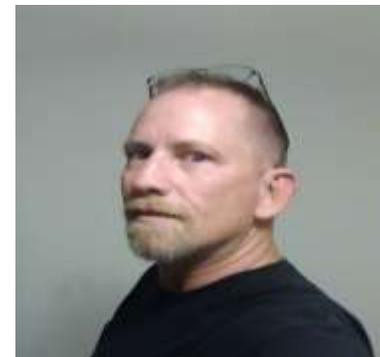
Earon Lawson 6.7%

LeRoy Raatz 7.0%

Doug Range 7.1%

James Yoder 8.3%

The driver with the highest MPG is Doug Range at 8.02 MPG .



## All About Me.....

Richard Jessup has been working as the warehouse manager in Newton, KS since July 2015. Rich says he really enjoys what he does and is excited to continue building the business. He has recently added a 3<sup>rd</sup> warehouse on in Newton and is already beginning to fill it up. Rich has a degree in Business Administration and is currently working towards an Atmosphere degree. He enjoys drag racing, grilling and watching the Chiefs in his spare time. Integrity is an important quality to him and hopes that he is known for his. He says some of the best advice he has ever been given is “if you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all”. When he retires, he plans to do a lot of travelling and wants to be a day trader for stocks. He visited Disney in Florida as a child and wants to go again someday as well as go to New Zealand. Rich is a very smart, funny and reliable guy and we are happy to have him on our team and hope for many more years together.

**Condolences** to David Hughes and his family on the passing of his brother in law, Johdeil Mercado on April 18<sup>th</sup> here in Salina. Our prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

**Condolences** to the Bradley’s on the passing of Doreen Bradley May 11<sup>th</sup>. Doreen was the mother of Doug, Joe and Mark, the grandmother of Jamie and Jesse and the Great Grandmother of Noah Bradley. She is now enjoying the eternal Peace, Joy and Love of Heaven.



## ***Congratulations Graduates***

**-Owen Bradley**, son of Jamie and Darcy Bradley, will graduate from Ell Saline High School and is heading to Salina Area Vo-Tech to obtain a degree in Diesel Mechanics.

**-Annika Free**, daughter of Curt and Jody Free, will graduate from Salina Central High School and will be heading off to Baker College to obtain a degree in nursing.

**-Lilly Tyner**, daughter of Mike Tyner, will be graduating from Odessa High School in Odessa, TX.

**-Seth Eklund**, son of Tracy and Chad Eklund will graduate from Southeast of Saline High School and will be attending Kansas State University in Manhattan.

**-Alexis Trottier**, daughter of Mark and Erin Trottier is graduating from Tracy High School. She will be attending St Cloud University for radiology technology.

**-Maycie Walker**, daughter of Jill Walker is graduating from Grant County High School and will be attending Pikeville College to study Studio Art.

## **CRASH CSA SCORE SKYROCKETING**

*Did you notice that our Crash CSA score jumped from 77 to 92. That is the worst score we have ever had. Please be careful out there. Remember Driving defensively means preventing accidents by anticipating hazardous situations and adjusting your behavior to compensate.*

## ***“Good News”.... Way to go Alex Parker!! A big Thank you to you.***

We received the excellent complement below from Steve Dunning at Meadowlark Elementary in Andover, KS

“Wanted you to know that the supervisor unloading the trailer yesterday called me and was very complimentary of your driver and his ability to back into a difficult spot.”

## ***Health Insurance Open Enrollment***

June 1<sup>st</sup> is the one and only time of year that anybody can sign up for our health insurance for any reason. You can start a policy for yourself or add family members to your already existing policy. If you would like to make **ANY** additions to your policy, we **MUST** have the form completed and sent to Blue Cross **BEFORE** June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to make any changes or have questions please get a hold of Brooke at (800) 348-1955 Ext 102 or Wade at (316) 283-1060 Ext 810.

## ***Roadside Inspections must be turned in within 24 hours***

Did you know that according to the regulations, if you receive a roadside or scale house inspection you are required to send the report to us within 24 hours? Now that most drivers are using LoadDocs, using that to send it in within 24 hours satisfies the regulation. Although we would still like you to turn in the hard copy with your envelope when you get in.

## ***Hazard Pay/Pay Averaging***

Beginning with the May 8<sup>th</sup> payroll, all full-time company employees will be receiving \$25 per day “Hazard” pay for working while the Corona Virus situation is still going on. In addition to this, Company Drivers will be guaranteed to earn their average wage each week. We are able to provide these benefits as a result of an SBA PPP loan we received. These benefits will continue through the June 19<sup>th</sup> payroll. By that time, we are hoping that things will be back closer to normal. Although owner operators could not be included in our loan, they are able to obtain their own SBA PPP loan. If you have questions please contact Jamie.

## ***Fuelbook App***

If you haven’t gotten the “Fuelbook” app for your phone yet, you should. This app is especially useful for owner operators. This app will not only tell you the price of fuel at all truck stops, it will actually tell you the DISCOUNTED price of fuel at all stops. That means you can see the discounted DBTI price at Pilot/Flying J. In order to use it, simply download the app from the app or play store and insert our code 8660 during setup. If you have any questions, contact Jamie.

