

Big B Times

January 2021

Welcome Tyler Hutson, Newton Mechanic, Michael McWilliams, Newton trainee, Charles Boyer 512P, Brian McVicker, Newton Trainee, Russ Hamm Newton mechanic, James McCarter #501P and David Richardson, Newton mechanic. Glad to have you all as a part of the Big B Crew.

Colorado Tolls.....

Please do NOT use the Colorado Tolls on E470 to go around Denver. They are very expensive. Please use I70 to I25 North or South, it's the same distance, same time, but LESS money.



Missed January Birthday:

8th Mike McDermott

February:

8th Mark Bradley

10th Xavier Yoder

23rd Justin Gunderson

24th Paul Jenniges

24th Nick McLaughlin

25th Todd Gunderson

27th Doug Gorecki

Company Anniversaries:

28 yrs. Mark Bradley

17 yrs. Drew Widmark

10 yrs. Tony Morris

6 yrs. Nathan Cole

4 yrs. Travis Thomas

3 yrs. Bruce Glaser

2 yrs. Carl Anderson

1 yr. Anthony Helzer

December & January

No Violation Inspections

Paul Miller 12/26/21 OK

Violation Inspections

Corey Opel 12/17/21 TX

Failure to obey traffic control device / By-pass scale house.

Idle Times.....

December

Least idle – Lynn Sowell 6%

Most idle – Dusty Prindle 59.9%

Fleet Avg – 35.7%

<10% Idle time

7.5% Eric Howerton

8% Steve Hansen

9.7% Ed Maupin

The company driver with the highest MPG was Lynn Sowell at 8.39 MPG's.

Condolences to Drew and Shannon Widmark on the passing of Drew's mother Renee Widmark on December 28th. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

CSA Score (last month)

Unsafe 10 (11) HOS 49 (46)

Crash 26 (32) Vehicle 62 (60)

ISS 39 (38) PASS (PASS)

No Violation Winner

This months no-violation winner is Paul Miller. Thank you Paul for the clean inspection. Please stop into the office to choose your prize.

All About Me.....

Mike and Vicki McDermott are team drivers for our Newton Terminal. They enjoy riding their Harley as often as they can and digging around in the flower garden. They're both big New England Patriots fans and also enjoy watching M.A.S.H and listening to rock music. Their friends would describe them as good hearted people and say that they've never met a stranger. They've been to most states across the US except for North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii and they hope to get to use their passports to go on a vacation to Aruba someday soon. They believe having patience and common sense are pretty important qualities to have in life. Some of their favorite places to eat are Cracker Barrel and Mexican restaurants. They also just recently bought a home. Congrats on the new house you two!!! We're happy to have you both as a part of our team here at DBTI!

Condolences to Kent

Dickerson on the passing of his wife Tina Dickerson on December 21st. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Top Netradyne Camera Scores for December

RANK	Driver Name	Score	Min.s
1	Gary Foxhoven	1015	7346
2	Sean Dougherty	1012	11257
3	Carl Anderson	1011	9527
4	James Miller	1008	11950
5	Karl Gandy	1002	6818
6	Christopher Mitchell	1000	11912
7	Lee Allison	999	670
8	Stephen Leshovsky	997	11614
9	Drew Simpson	996	3826
10	Russel Berkland	992	6332

Tax Info

By now everybody should have received your 2021 tax info from DBTI. If you have not received it, please contact Jamie Bradley in the Salina office.



Performance Bonuses out Soon

Keep an eye out for the performance bonuses for the second half of 2021. We are expecting to have them calculated and added to pay checks next week.

Retirement Statements

As crazy as 2021 was, it was a pretty good year for our retirement plan investments. Overall our investments earned just a hair under 14% for the year. All employees who are a part of the retirement plan will be receiving their annual statements soon.

Inspections in the Cold

Please continue to do quality pre-trip and post-trip inspections on your trucks and trailers. We know it is not much fun having to get out in the cold weather of winter, but it is VERY important to do quality inspections. Good inspections can keep you from breaking down on the road... Or worse.

New Cab Cards

The 2022 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 3/1/22. You can help the office staff out by bringing your permit book into the office and asking to have it updated.

COVID

We have several drivers who are still battling the effects of COVID. Regardless of your stance on the vaccine, it is still a good idea to practice good hygiene by washing your hands/using hand sanitizer and avoiding others when you are sick. We recently were able to get a hold of a bunch of new (and better) hand sanitizer. Stop in to the office to pick up a new bottle if you like.

Vaccine

You have probably already heard, the US Supreme Court recently struck down the OSHA vaccine mandate. For all those who did not want to get the vaccine, this is good news because DBTI does exceed the 100 worker limit. There is still a possibility that OSHA could write a standard regulation to require a vaccine, although that would require them to follow the formal rule making process which includes a public comment period. This is possible, but unlikely.

Honor Roll Trainee

Congratulations to Gerald Gunderson for achieving a 4.0 GPA and making it onto the Presidents Honor Roll of Salina Area Technical College. Gerald got his CDL through Salina Tech and is currently working through our "Final Step" training program. Job well done Gerald!

Truck Drivers gets 110 years

By now I am guessing most of you have heard about the truck driver that was convicted to 110 years in prison following a deadly accident in Colorado. IF, you heard about this, you probably also heard that Colorado's governor reduced the sentence to 10 years. But still.... 10 years??? To be honest, I DON'T know all the fact of the case, but if this was nothing more than a mistake, this seems harsh. Seeing this should make us all stop and think a bit. Through our MANY hours of orientation training and quarterly training we try to give our drivers the knowledge and skills they need to be successful and safe on the road, but please always remember... As a driver you ALWAYS make the final call whether you are safe to drive. Stay safe out there!

