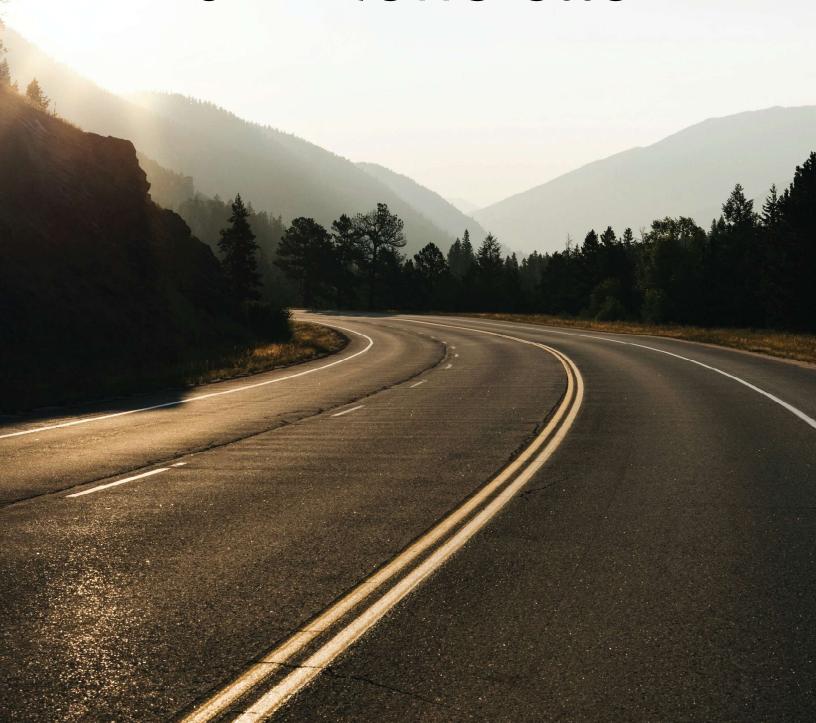


# Fourth Quarter 2024 Newsletter







Abraham Chiappetta
Columbus
Shop Manager



**Lindsay Hess**Cedar Rapids

Driver Manager



Nevaeh Trimble-Roszell

Cedar Rapids

Customer Support Specialist



Scott Comer Cedar Rapids Driver Manager



Jordan Morrison

Cedar Rapids

2nd Shift Trailer Mechanic

## **DOT** Inspections

Contact HR to receive your store voucher!

These drivers successfully passed a D.O.T. Inspection and earned \$25 or more toward merchandise in the West Side Company Store. Congratulations!

October	O	ber	cto	1
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Dennis Jensen Sandra Keith Phillip Crawford Robert Christ Bill Workman Johnny Long Jasmine Cross Selena Rapp Amadou Diallo

#### November

Dana Truby Steve Thompson Todd Pollett Carlee Williams David Mullen Joe Smith Kenneth Jordan Jay Liphford Joseph Gunter Mark Pounds

#### December

Tony Hobbs Noel Wagoner Alex Adams-Luther Donald Lawson Bryan Rutledge

## Drivers of the Month October





#### Marque Collier - ILA

Marque has become a very dependable, solid driver! He is handling the Ford Automotive Lane to Shipshewana daily for us, and now goes out of his way to run it non-stop. He gets back to the yard and asks for additional short runs for added revenue for him as well as the ILA division. Marque agrees to come in earlier or later for whatever is needed. The month of October he showed us extra effort, dependability, perfect attendance and a positive attitude!

#### Mamadou Ba - OHH

Mamadou has only been here for a little over a year, but has shown great motivation! From day 1, Mamadou was a go-getter. He caught on quickly and made it his mission to be on time for all of his loads. He adapts well to last minute changes, shows patience when loads are not ready, and even takes on extra loads when asked!



#### Andrew Allen - MIH

Andrew has been with us since August of 2023. He started running for our MIX division at first until we found him a home daily slot. Andrew usually runs out Mason to Mack Lane, but has proven to be flexible on several occasions. Most recently, when his home daily position was down, he went OTR to help support new business from NAL. Andrew is a huge asset to our business!

#### Bryan Rutledge - NF

Bryan is the Driver of the Month in October for his overall commitment to safety. Earlier this month a motorist was following behind Bryan on his way to Colorado. She was so impressed by his driving in the windy weather, that after following him for 2+ hours, she called into the office to let us know that she hoped she could follow behind him for as long as possible.





# Drivers of the Month December

#### Crystalyn Williams - ILA

Crystalyn runs in our general freight hub division. She is on time daily, does not miss work, does not complain, and always has a positive word. No matter what the need, she simply says yes with a smile on her face the entire time. Crystalyn never appears in any safety reports, scans her paperwork daily, and the time it takes to dispatch her is minimal. We love to have her around!



#### Draigo Boone - OHH

Draigo is a great asset to our West Side team! He is very punctual and has great communication in every situation. He comes in with a great attitude every day and has received compliments from many of West Side's daily customers.

#### Tina Mejia - MIH

Tina has been with West Side since 2021. During her time here she has won Driver of the Year, participated in countless driving events and helped coach and train new hires. Tina is constantly proving she is a team player. The most recent account of this would be giving up her home daily lane to run an OTR position for us out of the Canton terminal. We could not ask for a more skilled and reliable driver than her!





#### Tony Hobbs - NF

Tony was scheduled to be home for Thanksgiving and had a load that we could not recover that had a delivery date for the day after Thanksgiving. Being the dedicated driver Tony is, he sacrificed his holiday home time and delivered the load on time. Tony is a very reliable and hardworking driver for West Side and we truly appreciate everything he does for us!

# Drivers of the Month December



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Glenwood selected Crystalyn as the December Driver of the Month as well as November! She is on time daily, doesn't miss work, never complains and always has a positive word. No matter what the need is, she simply says yes with a smile onb her face the entire time. She doesn't appear in any safety reports, scans her paperwork on time and the time it takes to dispatch her is minimal. We love to have her as part of the West Side family.

#### Greg Zalac - OHH

Greg has been with West Side for eight years, and since he has been with us he has always been great at communication. Greg has serviced the 6AM delivery into Romulus, MI for Whirlpool for years. He rarely misses work and is on time daily with his deliveries. Greg has been a great asset to the team!



#### Reginald James - MIX

In the almost 6 years that Reginald has been with us, he has never refused a load. He has been a key factor in the success of the Dedicated Operations, whether it be in Michigan or helping launch new business out of the state. Reginald is truly a driver we would gladly hire again and again. He always comes to work with a smile on his face, and always states "West Side is the best side."

#### Paul Luecke - REG

Paul consistantly goes above and beyond every day. He will jump from one truck to another and do shuttle spins to keep moving. He hustles every day and maximizes his driving time. Paul cancelled his PTO day to drive a company vehicle to rescue a fellow driver who was in Indiana when she was not able to drive. Paul stated "This is what you do for your fellow truckers. Gifts are much less important than helping someone." Paul is an amazing West Side family member and a great human being!



## WINTER SAFETY



A HIDDEN AND THEREFORE POTENTIALLY
THE MOST DANGEROUS WINTER DRIVING HAZARD?

BLACK ICE A HIDDEN AND THEREFORE POTENTIALLY



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SIGNS?

- 1. WATCH FOR LITTLE OR NO TIRE SPRAY FROM OTHER VEHICLES
- 2. AIR TEMPERATURE, ROAD TEMPERATURE REPORTS AT OR **BELOW FREEZING**
- 3. ICE ON WINDOWS AND MIRRORS
- 4. BLACK ICE FORMATION IS MORE PREVALENT DUSK THROUGH EARLY
- 5. HIGHEST RISK LOCATIONS: BRIDGES, OVERPASSES, SNOW BLOWING ACROSS ROAD SURFACE (ICE FORMS FIRST ON BRIDGES ÀND OVERPASSES



ICY ROAD CONDITIONS CAN OCCUR EVEN WHEN VISIBILITY IS GOOD. "BLACK ICE" IS DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE ON THE ROAD SURFACE, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT. WHEN ICE FORMS ON THE FRONT OF YOUR MIRRORS, THERE MAY ALSO BE ICE FORMING ON THE ROADS.





**West Side Transport** 

## KEEP LONGER FOLLOWING DISTANCE

#### **HOW FAR BACK SHOULD WE BE?**

FAR ENOUGH TO AVOID LOSS OF CONTROL, AND CONTACT WITH OTHERS. INCREASE BRAKING DISTANCE FOUR TO TEN TIMES WHAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY ALLOW ON DRY PAVEMENT. SLOW DOWN FOR TURNS AND DO NOT OVER STEER. MAKE SMALL ADJUSTMENTS WHILE DRIVING ON SLIPPERY ROADS.

- •FALLING AND BLOWING SNOW CONTRIBUTE TO BOTH REDUCED VISIBILITY AND TRACTION
  •GIVE YOURSELF MORE TIME (PLAN FOR IT!)

- •REDUCE YOUR SPEED TO ALLOW FOR INCREASED STOPPING DISTANCE
  •ACCELERATE, STEER AND BRAKE SMOOTHLY AND
- CAREFULLY TO MINIMIZE THE CHANCE OF SKIDDING
- 1. WET ROADS =  $\frac{1}{2}$  OF NORMAL TRACTION
- 2. SNOW PACKED ROADS =  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF NORMAL TRACTION
- 3. ICY ROADS = DRASTICALLY REDUCE NORMAL TRACTION



## Safe Driving Miles

These drivers reached important safe driving milestones. Congratulations! Your dedication and hard work does not go unnoticed. Thank you for driving safely.









# WELCOME TO THE NEW DEDICATED FACILITY





- MARKED TRACTOR AND TRAILER PARKING TO SUPPORT 150+ PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.
- ONSITE MAINTENANCE FACILITY.
- BONDED FTZ (FOREIGN TRADE ZONE)
- THE LOCATION IS PART OF A
   48-ACRE COMPLEX WITH A 1
   MILLION SQUARE FOOT
   WAREHOUSING FACILITY AND
   A TIER 1 AUTOMOTIVE
   SUPPLIER

\*\*ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN BEFORE ENTERING
THE BUILDING DUE TO FTZ GUIDELINES,
INCLUDING THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND SHOP\*\*

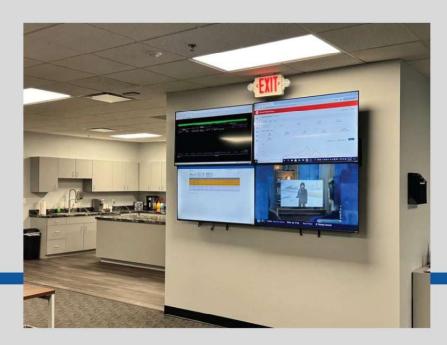
## TRUCK & TRAILER ENTRANCE 8249 HAGGERTY RD. CANTON, MI 48187



DRIVERS MUST CALL INTO
DISPATCH
TO GET PAST THE TRUCK &
TRAILER GATE
319-390-4466 EXT: 520







## Games

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## **Birthdays**

#### Happy Birthday to all of these West Side Employees! We hope you have a special day.

Alex Adams William Baldwin Brian Balfour Valecia Barber Tia Boggess Johnny Booker Richard Boyle Daina Brewer Daniel Brock Marqui Browner Ronald Burkey Abraham Chiappetta Cecil Clark Veronica Crawford

Dirk Cutrer Ronnie Davis Keith Decker Saliou Diallo **Andrew Dobbins** Miguel Elizondo Kendall Ford Zachary Gosik Sam Hancox David Horton **Brittany Ivins** Tray Jones Ron Joseph Andre Kincannon

Kendra Klooster Chuck Krogstad Donald Lankford Craig Laramore Stacie Lobue **Bryan Lowery** Anthony Lucy William Lynch Sherrie McClendon Garet McGuire John McMullan Janey Oberfoell Quinn Obrien **Iason Pavelchik** 

Christopher Peart Jordyn Reinert Monique Robinson Thomas Ropelewski Robin Snead Chad Steele Frank Thompson Mike Tucker Kristie Tumilson George Turecek Makilah Wallace Kathryn Weatherby

## **Anniversaries**

Happy Anniversary West Side Employees! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to the team.

#### One Year

Michael Weuve Thomas Kolat Tristan Osborn

#### Two Years

Joseph Ostavitz Kristie Walter Alex Adams Darren Dawson Les Duncan Daniel Gomez Mark Grismer Timothy Reed **Christopher Wooding** 

Andrea Johnson Daniel Knockel Amanda Kirk Nelson Santiago-Munoz

Three Years

#### **Four Years**

Ryan Armstrong William Canty William Elliott George Mahiya Paul Mcgee Corina Robida Jeffrey Spurgeon

#### **Five Years**

John Danner Clifford Jackson Wayne Taylor

#### Six Years

Ryan Albert

#### **Seven Years**

Carolyn Lowe

#### **Eight Years**

Timothy Kammer Kendra Klooster

#### **Nine Years**

Eric Brady

#### **Twelve Years**

Thomas Ropelewski

#### **Fourteen Years**

**Edward Bailey** 

#### Seventeen Years

**Iames Lovell** 

#### **Twenty-Eight Years**

Vanna Sous

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Andrew Allen
Derek Andersonwilni
Lisa Barette
Micah Bell
Whitecell Bey
Fofana Boubacar
Daryl Bowers
Kevin Carter
Timothy Castanien
Clifford Deamer
Michael Demons

Androw Allon

Robert Devney
Ronald Duncan
William Fisk
Thomas Genska
Jonathan Hackworth
Erika Hammer
Tony Hobbs
Dennis Hockingberry
Salim Issa
Brittany Jensen
Norman Johnson
Michael Kaefring
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Frederick Kelly
David Kenney
Dylan Lee
Jean Mccray
Bobbie Jo Morgan
Andrew Mularky
Danny Mullins
Nicole Osler
Jalene Payton
Toni Phillips
Mark Pounds
Richard Rebb

Johnny Reimers
Lewis Richardson
Nelsondy Sagaille
Aaron Sampson
Jeffrey Spurgeon
Kevin Starr
Arrington Stone
Derek Tester
Richard Umberger
Brandon Vian
Kristie Walter
Kenneth Yarbrough

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## One Year

Dominique Bell
Rodney Carter
Cecil Clark
Norman Daniels
Damaje Forrest
Justin Mcintosh
Amanuel Mebrie
Shana Powell
Dorien Reed
Jamie Sowders
Amber Suthers
Keith Walker
Crystalyn Williams

#### **Two Years**

Dennis Jensen Aaron Sampson Bonnie Wilson

#### **Three Years**

Steve Cloke Alex Johnson Ronald Julks Ryan Martinez Austin Raubs Daniel Snyder

#### **Four Years**

Teofilo Laboy Luckus Lopez Ronald Mortimer Eugene Norgart Taylor Peyton Tony Vujakovich

#### **Five Years**

Clifford Deamer Gary German Bobbie Jo Morgan Chris Sines

#### **Eight Years**

Eriton Zeneli

Dedra Bush Gregory Zalac

#### **Eleven Years**

Charles Kelly

#### **Twelve Years**

Charles McManis

#### **Thirteen Years**

Alan Schaver

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William Cunningham
Norman Daniels
Lavell Davenport
Darren Dawson
Jeffrey Dickerson
Nicole Dietze
Thornton Dixon
Dale Doogan
Douglas Driver
David Fleming
Johnny Hopper

Reginald James
Frank Jankowski
Terrill Johnson
Aaron Jones
Johnny Long
Charles McBride
Dave McNichols
Jaime Mendoza
Austin Raubs
Dave Reuhland
Linda Reuhland

Jermaine Richard
Deb Richardson
Amber Roush
Joe Smith
Arthur Spence
Keith Tucker
Kelley White
Don Willis
Bill Workman

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#### Two Years

Valecia Barber Gregory Lang Jalene Payton Amber Roush Misael Velazquez

#### **Three Years**

Daina Brewer Michael Kaefring Kayla Ralston

#### **Four Years**

Christy Bilbrey Robert Mansell

#### **Five Years**

Lawrence Ball Marque Collier Phillip Crawford Herman Mast

#### Six Years

Yumek Carter

#### **Seven Years**

Andy Sepulveda

#### **Nine Years**

Kenneth Warren

#### **Eleven Years**

William McCraney

#### **Thirteen Years**

Jason Pavelchik

#### Thirty-Eight Years

Deb Richardson