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The Grand Elk Railroad (GDLK) recently saw some unique action. The Kalamazoo SWAT team leader visited the GDLK yard and asked General Manager Chadd Thimesch if they’d ever done any training for hostile situations involving railcars and locomotives. It’s not something the GDLK had done before. The SWAT team normally trains with Amtrak, but due to time constraints, they asked the GDLK if they’d be willing to host a training event for the team.

“I was surprised when they came to us and asked us to be involved. I thought, ‘OK, we’ve never done anything like this before, but sure,’” said Thimesch. “They came on the property and performed some exercises. They brought their MRAP truck and went through several different scenarios simulating hostile situations.”

One scenario was that a team member got fired, got on a locomotive, took another team member hostage and drove the locomotive away before parking. Another scenario simulated bank robbers hiding in the yard trying to escape. Other scenarios involved hostage situations in boxcars and the proper way to enter them.

The training went well, and they plan to do it again next year. The SWAT team is looking forward to gaining more experience around locomotives and railcars. None of the GDLK Team participated in the exercise this year, but next year they’ll likely be a part.

“Looking ahead to next year, they asked if we wanted to participate in any of the situations, and we’ve already had a couple volunteers. So, I’m sure we’ll have a few team members join in the activities and play a role next time,” Thimesch said.

BLUE RIDGE SOUTHERN TEAM MEMBER GIVES GIFT OF LIFE

by Tracie VanBecelaere
Managing Editor

What began in 2016 as an effort to help the family of a fellow team member has turned into an international life-saving mission for Blue Ridge Southern (BLU) Roadmaster Brock Parham.

In February of 2016, BLU Trainmaster Nathan Higgins’ son, Jackson, was diagnosed with a rare and serious condition known as aplastic anemia, a condition that occurs when a person’s body stops producing enough new blood cells and leaves the person susceptible to infection and fatigue. In March of 2016, the BLU TS&IC coordinated a blood drive and bone marrow donation registry through the American Red Cross and the Be the Match organization in an attempt to make a difference in Jackson’s life as well as others.

As a result of the bone marrow registry, Brock was recently identified as a stem cell/bone marrow donor through the Be the Match organization.

“I didn’t recognize the number on my cell and about didn’t answer the call,” said Brock. “They asked if I was still willing to participate in the program and be a donor and I said yes.”

Brock had to undergo three sets of interviews, a health assessment, one with a caseworker, and one that detailed the process to be sure that Brock understood what he would have to do in order to complete the donation.

“They constantly reminded me that I could quit at any time if I wasn’t comfortable with continuing,” said Brock.

Once Brock agreed to the donation, he had to start filgrastim injections which helped his body build excess amounts of stem cells for a donation. A package containing the items needed for the injections was delivered to the Blue Ridge depot to ensure that someone would be there to receive it as the contents had to be refrigerated.

A week prior to the donation Brock began going to a local urgent care facility that had agreed to give the shots to Brock.

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The nurse, Toya, told us to call her Big Mama,” Brock said. “She was quite a character and made the process a lot more enjoyable. I had to get the shot and then sit around for 15 minutes afterward just to be sure I didn’t have an allergic reaction to anything.”

This process was very painful as the bones in the body that are producing the stem cells are working overtime to produce the extra cells.

“It made me feel really achy, like I had the flu,” said Brock. “I could feel every bone in my body, especially my upper leg and hip because those are the bones that produce the most blood. It took about three days after the whole process for the acheing to stop."

Brock’s three kids were really interested in the process and each one of them, Hannah, 18, Triston, 20, and Waylon, 11, went to the clinic with him on different days. His wife Tina wanted to get the chance to meet Big Mama so she went with Brock on the last day he received the shot.

“Cain (Green, BLU general manager) was very supportive. He said to do whatever I needed in order to make the donation. He was one of the guys who helped organize the blood drive and Be The Match registry back in 2016 so he was aware of how important it was,” said Brock.

On June 12, the day that Brock gave his donation, he had to go to the cancer center in Greenville, South Carolina, which is 70 miles from their home. Brock was given his final injection of the filgrastim and then hooked up to the machine that extracted the stem cells and plasma from the blood. The process began at 8:30 a.m. and was completed at 3:58 p.m., but Brock was still hooked to the machine until 4:45 p.m.

Brock said, “There was a courier standing by and as soon as they had everything ready, they put it on ice in a cooler and handed it to the courier.”

Brock completed a successful donation of more than 9.54 million stem cells; the anonymous recipient, who has acute myeloid leukemia, only needed a donation of 4 million. There is only a 24-hour window for the donation to remain viable, so Brock’s donation was flown directly to Germany, where the recipient lives, for transfusion.

“I would definitely do it again,” said Brock. “I was told my match was a 32-year-old with acute myeloid leukemia, I just thought, ‘What if that was me, how would I feel if my only chance at life were in the hands of a complete stranger?’ I’m a faith-based man and I figured that there was a reason that I was the match and that the Lord would see me through it all.”

Brock hopes to meet his match and according to the international regulations regarding donations, Brock can contact him anonymously through the organization for a two-year period and after that time frame he would have the opportunity to meet with him face-to-face if both parties agree to it.

“I’m working on writing something right now to send to the caseworker to give him,” said Brock. “Something just to let him know I’m thinking of him and praying things go well.”

“I didn’t do it to get attention, I did it because it’s the right thing to do,” he added. “The first thing that they always look at is family, but when that doesn’t work out they have to go to the registry. Be The Match said that out of all the people registered, 50% actually say yes when they are asked to donate. When that’s your last hope, those odds are rough. I would encourage everyone that can to look at signing up and becoming a donor, it’s that important.”

The April 2016 Watco Dispatch that highlighted Jackson Higgins and the event that started this can be found at https://watcocompanies.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/04-April-Web-2016.pdf.

As a follow up to Jackson’s condition, his dad Nathan said, “Even though the circumstances were devastating with our son being sick, without the blood drive/bone marrow event the Blue Ridge Southern held in 2016, this miracle would not be happening. We are so proud that Brock was selfless enough to let his cheek be swabbed that day and agree to help someone if they needed him. He is a true hero.”

He added, “Jackson just turned 13 years old and is heading to Early College at HCC this fall. We are blessed to say he is doing great! While he still goes to the NIH for yearly bone marrow biopsies and to our local clinic for monthly blood checks, he lives a completely normal teenage life. He loves hiking and riding his dirt bike. While it’s hard as parents to let him live on a more adventurous side because of his history, it also feels great to let him make up for time lost while he was in the hospital. His red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets may never be what are considered “normal” levels, but he is stable and has no restrictions. We are grateful for those stable counts and live each day to the fullest. His diagnosis changed our life and is still changing our life today. While we despise the word relapse and find it impossible to say aloud, we know it will always be a possibility in his life. If anyone takes away anything from our story, I hope that it is the importance of donating blood and registering at Be The Match. Blood donations saved his life and in the future his life may depend on a bone marrow match. Please register at https://bethematch.org/ and take the time to donate blood when you can. It’s truly the easiest way to become a hero.”

The Cincinnati Terminal Team recently celebrated their five year injury-free anniversary with a cook-out. Team members at the location are: Amanda Evers, Chad Settles, Ellen Demaree, James (Rusty) Smith, Jeff Mitchell, Jeremiah Jackson, John Wimberg, Luis Leonard, Matthew Crisswell, Matthew Hembree, Michael Moore, Randy Pindell, Robert Sohmer, Rodney Hamilton, Shawn Delaney, Sidney Alfrey, Travis Louden, and Martin Mayes.
Watco Supply Chain Services serves final mile for Staples Office Supplies

By Tracie VanBecelaere
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In December of 2017, Watco’s Supply Chain Services (WSCS) began providing next-day delivery services for Staples in Rochester, New York. Staples is a nationwide ecommerce business focused on many products that help a business meet its objectives. Since then, WSCS has expanded its Staples count to 14 locations in cities from New York to California.

WSCS provides a link between the Staples fulfillment center and the Staples end customer. WSCS Team Members unload, sort, scan, and stage trailers of Staples freight. WSCS facility managers then coordinate contracted resources to scan, load, and deliver Staples product in Staples branded uniforms. Delivery contractors will also have the opportunity to have their delivery vehicles branded with the Staples logo in the next month. The Staples customer is primarily commercial, though they have a growing web presence resulting in an increased number of deliveries to residential addresses.

The WSCS Team exclusively utilizes a network of independent contractors to deliver Staples product, each of which go through a rigorous screening process prior to being offered a contract. They primarily use sprinter vans, small box trucks, and 24’ straight trucks to deliver the packages. A typical day involves delivering 140 packages weighing 4,000 lbs., to 40 unique customers. Currently, WSCS is delivering 35,000 packages a day, and completed almost 900,000 deliveries in the month of May with an impressive 94.6% on-time service rate. There are currently over 100 unique businesses contracted with WSCS for the delivery of Staples product, and expansion is expected to continue across the Staples supply chain network.

"Watco has been a great partner in helping Staples improve service while reducing the expenses related to our final mile deliveries. We are particularly pleased with the effort and dedication of Jason Clute, DeAnne Burdick, and the rest of the Watco final mile team," said Derek Silvia, Staples vice president of transportation.

A variety of vans and trucks of different sizes are used to get the Staples products delivered to customers throughout the area by contracted drivers who have the option of branding their vehicles with the Staples logo.

Neodesha Team Member cited for water rescue

By Tracie VanBecelaere
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On May 22, the waters of the Verdigris River rose to dangerous levels, swept a man in his vehicle off the road, and carried him downstream. Neodesha (KS) Mechanical Services Team Member Grant Robinson was one of the volunteer firefighters called out to assist in the rescue.

The elderly man had been reported missing by his family and the Neodesha Fire Department and two volunteers, which included Robinson, were assigned to assist. A search of the area located 88 year-old Robert Harriman 1/2 mile downstream from where he was last seen.

"Originally, we thought that it was a recovery mission," said Robinson. "Someone from the area came in with a drone and flew it over the vehicle in the river. Once the drone was brought in, the man saw it and waved his arm out the window. His family was ecstatic when they heard that he was able to respond."

"We participated in several rescues over that time period with all the flooding we had," said Robinson. "But that one was by far the most dramatic and life-threatening one that we had."

The City of Neodesha held a ceremony on June 26, to award the responders with certificates of commendation for their actions. The ceremony was attended by Harriman and his daughter and grandchildren.

Harriman’s teary-eyed granddaughter told the group who rescued her grandfather, "We wouldn’t have our grandfather if it wasn’t for what you did. Thank you."
Hawesville Terminal hosts Hancock County Industrial Foundation meeting and tour

By Tracie VanBecelaere
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Watco Team Members at the Hawesville Terminal in Hawesville, Kentucky, recently hosted the Hancock County Industrial Foundation (HCIF) Board of Directors at their facility. The HCIF conducted their meeting and then Dave Riggs, commercial manager, and Mitchell Christenson, terminal manager, gave a presentation about Watco and the terminal which, was followed with a tour of the facility for the attendees.

Riggs said, "This was a great way to showcase our company and show appreciation to local business leaders who helped us establish Hawesville as a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ)."

FTZ status can reduce costs from customs duties, taxes and tariffs, improve global market competitiveness, and minimize bureaucratic regulations. Customers can bring in products to the 58-acre terminal and store them until the products need to be distributed. At that time, they will then be responsible for any of taxes or fees that go along with the distribution process.

Christenson stated, "It was also important for the directors to see the facility and understand the capabilities so that they can use the site to help in recruiting businesses to the area and with the future growth of the community."

Michael Baker, HCIF director, said, "On behalf of our board of directors, it was a great visit. It was very informative and we were very impressed with the diversity and capability of your facility, your people, and your company."

He added, "We look forward to an even stronger partnership as we work together for the future growth and success of Watco in Hancock County."

Johnny Roberts, Hancock County Judge Executive, said, "We appreciate what you all do and Watco is an important part of our community!"

Commodities handled at the location include aluminum, steel, paper, petcoke, super sacks, and aluminum fluoride. The facility includes 16 railcar spots and 208,000 sq. ft. of warehouse space.

Services offered at the facility include trucking, rail, barge, and warehousing, which includes inventory services.

The facility plays an integral role in the supply chain of the local aluminum smelter and aluminum processors including one with state-of-the-art automotive capabilities.

Louisiana Southern Railroad Team builds hydration station

By Tracie VanBecelaere
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One of the most important safety rules for team members working outside in the heat of the summer to follow is to stay hydrated. Team members on the Louisiana Southern Railroad (LAS) can testify how important this is in a place where high temperatures, combined with the humidity, can create deadly conditions if you’re not cautious.

Bobby Baker, LAS Team Safety and Improvement Committee leader at the Minden, La., location, came up with the idea of creating a hydration/cooling station for the team. The station provides shade, drinks, and fans to help keep the team members safe as the temperatures climb.

"I thought it would be a good idea to have something out here for the team members instead of them having to go inside to cool off," said Baker. "Going in and out from the cool to the heat all day can create health issues, so I thought if they had a spot to cool off that would provide some relief for them, it would help to keep them safer during the summer."

Baker took his idea to his trainmaster, Brett Norris, who said that it was a great idea, and then it was presented to the general manager Blake Smith. Smith thought the idea was such a good one that he recruited another team member and the two built the shelter that is located on the lead at the Minden yard. A prefabricated shelter was placed at the depot to provide relief for team members working at that location.

Norris said, "We have a lot of team members using the stations. There is absolutely no shade in that area so the shelter provides a shaded area where team members can go to cool off and get a drink."

The next step will be finding a way to get electricity to the station to run misting fans to keep the team even cooler.

What can be done to help prevent a heat related illness? One thing is to take frequent breaks and drink plenty of water before the signs of heat illness begin manifesting. While sports drinks can be helpful, it's important to drink more water, a 4-1 ratio works well.

The most important thing is knowing yourself and your team members. More often, its another team member who will notice is someone is having trouble long before they realize it themselves. Signs of heat exhaustion include confusion, dark-colored urine (a sign of dehydration), dizziness, fainting, fatigue, headaches, and nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. If you do notice that a team mate seems to be under duress, say something immediately so that he or she can get help.

Thanks to the actions of Baker, and his efforts in preventing heat related illness on the LAS, they just might be able to say they are the coolest railroad in the South.
Watco’s Burley, Idaho Warehouse and the Eastern Idaho Railroad (EIRR) are solving two local businesses’ needs with one new move. WestRock, formerly Kapstone, produces cardboard packaging. The production process results in cardboard waste that can be sold as recyclable material. Hamilton Manufacturing produces a variety of products, but they use recycled cardboard as an ingredient in their insulation and erosion control products.

Given the two businesses proximity, it made sense for WestRock to sell its waste cardboard to Hamilton, and the Watco Team was able to put together a solution that worked in the best interest of both Customers.

“Hamilton Manufacturing reached out to us to see if we had some sort of transloading option for this recycled, shredded cardboard, and if we had trucking capability to bring it over to them,” said Commercial Manager Luke Bellamy. “We told them about the Burley Warehouse, which can hold seven railcars and has plenty of storage space. They really liked that option and it’s worked out well for everyone.”

WestRock was already an EIRR Customer, and receives boxcars loaded with paper rolls at their plant. During the cardboard production process, some inevitably gets damaged or doesn’t meet their specifications. Some of that material can be run back through production, but since there’s a large market for high quality recycled cardboard, often, WestRock will shred and bale the waste.

Since there are already empty boxcars on-site, they’ll load the bales before the EIRR returns to pull the cars. The Burley Warehouse is on the way back to interchange, so they’ll make a brief stop there for the warehouse team to unload them. This effectively allows Watco and WestRock to get two loaded trips per car for each interchange cycle with our Class I carrier, Union Pacific.

Hamilton previously had a rail spur, but it fell into disrepair over the years. That’s what makes the Burley Warehouse an integral part of the move. Hamilton needed to receive the recycled cardboard by truck. At the warehouse, the bales, which look like large hay bales and weigh about 160 pounds each, are unloaded by forklift and either stored in the warehouse or cross-docked directly to waiting trucks.

“The Customers are both happy. It’s easier for WestRock to load this excess product onto rail because of where the shredder is in their plant. It comes right out of the shredder and can go directly into the railcar. Given the current circumstances, it’s much easier for Hamilton to receive the product by truck,” Bellamy said.

Hamilton uses the cardboard in the insulation they produce, but it’s primarily used in their erosion control products. If you’ve ever seen a blue-green liquid sprayed on side of a highway or someone’s yard, that was hydroseeding. It’s a mixture of water, fertilizer, grass seed, and finely-shredded cardboard. The cardboard acts the same way that straw does, if you’ve ever seen a yard or roadside covered with it. It protects and holds in moisture, promoting quick plant growth.

The Watco Team was able to quickly put together a new solution that accommodated both Customers’ needs, utilizing existing infrastructure. WestRock found a local Customer for one of its waste products, and Hamilton Manufacturing is able to source a necessary ingredient from a nearby business, resulting in cost savings for the company.

“It’s a pretty efficient little move,” said Bellamy. “It’s really nice that we’re able to get two Customers hooked up, and we’re using the EIRR and the Burley Warehouse to do it. It’s the perfect storm for all of us.”

### TSA provides training to BLU Team, Customer, and first responders

By Jay Benedict
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Twice a year, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is required to do inspections of the railroads. One is a basic phone call to verify that the number the railroad has on file is a working 24-hour contact number, and the second inspection, is a site visit to verify all the information in the railroad’s TSA manual is correct and matches their records.

“Our inspector for our area, Justin Abraham, and I have a very good relationship. He’s always prompt to call back when I have a security question. So, I asked him if they’d mind doing a presentation when they came to do the routine check,” said Blue Ridge Southern Railroad (BLU) General Manager Cain Green. “We tell these guys, ‘If you see something, say something,’ but what are we actually looking for?”

Abraham told Green about a presentation the TSA has prepared for the transportation industry that answers that exact question. When Abraham came to perform his inspection, he brought one the TSA’s airport explosive experts with him.

“There was a lot of hands-on items for the team to actually see and touch. They were inert, they weren’t active, but it showed them exactly what to look for in the field,” Green said.

The training benefited more than the BLU Team. Green cleared it with Abraham, and invited local first responders and several folks from the BLU’s largest Customer, Evergreen Packaging.

“We work very closely with Evergreen. They have their own first responder team on-site and a switching crew and I asked to include them as well. He said, ‘Great. The more the merrier,’” Green said.

Nearly 30 people attended the training.

“It was a great experience. We touched a lot of areas and people in the community,” Green said.

“It got everyone in our area on the same page. If something ever happened and we did see something, we know the proper protocols. We know...”
Watco New Yorker enjoys maritime operations

By Jay Benedict
Digital Communication and Social Media Specialist

Paul Suarino has spent most of his life in New York City. Born and raised on Long Island, the transportation industry interested him from a young age. Seeing all the ships passing by and thinking about how all the containers made it to their destinations was intriguing, intriguing enough to attend the State University of New York Maritime College in the Bronx, N.Y.

“Living in New York, I was always interested seeing all the marine terminals and how all those containers were moved. Where they come from, how they’re moved, and where they went was always interesting to me, and I was curious about the logistics behind it,” said Paul.

At SUNY Maritime College, he was pulled into the operations side of terminals. After starting his transportation career with Ports America in Baltimore, Maryland, he joined Kinder Morgan where he managed their Port Newark and Camden, New Jersey, operations. In August 2017, Paul joined Watco as the general manager of the startup Maritime Transfer Stations (MTS) Watco operates for Waste Management around New York City, which at startup were in Elizabeth, New Jersey, the Hamilton Avenue facility in Brooklyn, New York, and Brooklyn Southwest Terminal. Operations kicked off in September 2017.

“I didn’t move too far, just a couple blocks over,” Paul laughed. “It’s a fairly large operation with Waste Management and the City of New York. So, I came onboard to start and run the MTS facilities.”

The new startups of the MTS terminals are what drew Paul to Watco. The opportunity to run an operation from startup was tempting. He helped develop everything from standard operating procedures to payroll scheduling, new hires, and training.

“It was the opportunity to develop an entirely new operation for Watco, so that was intriguing to me,” Paul said. “Also, speaking to people that were working for Watco. I knew a few people that had worked for Kinder Morgan and were working for Watco. Everybody was bragging about how good of a company it was and everybody enjoyed working for them, so that was also very intriguing to me.”

The startups went well, and now, two years later, Paul became an Assistant Vice President of Operations in mid-June.

“I was nervous at first, but I feel good now. It’s a different role with a different aspect of management, which is intriguing. Working with other managers to develop the culture and to help business grow is a fun challenge,” Paul said.

Paul’s first step in his new role is learning the other operations he’ll support. That’s six new facilities he’s working to get acquainted with. Fortunately, they’re all nearby in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Paul says providing support to the terminal managers he works with is the primary responsibility of his new role. He’s learning more about the financial, commercial, safety, and other resources Watco offers. He’s also working with the prior AVP to get up to speed on the ongoing projects at his new terminals.

“As I get past the learning portion of it, I’ll just continue to help my terminals’ managers be successful. To better their operations, better their culture, and make it a little bit easier on them,” Paul said. “They’re on the ground. They know their business and what they need. I’ll try to assist them any way I can and maybe connect them with a resource they weren’t aware of.”

Outside of work, Paul and his wife Samantha are busy raising their nine-month-old son, Vincent. That takes up the majority of their time currently, but when they have the chance they like to get outdoors to hike, fish, and snowboard. Whether it’s in the mountains, on the beach, or just in the backyard kicking a soccer ball around, if they can get some free time, they’re outside.

“It’s been a fun two years. Obviously, it’s been challenging with the brand new startup. The marine side is something that Watco’s growing into, so it’s been exciting jumping into it with them. The management above me has been extremely helpful and empowered me to make decisions. It’s been a breath of fresh air working for this company, and I see myself here for the long haul. I’m looking forward to this next challenge,” Paul said.

Members added to Father’s Day celebration

By Tracie VanBecelaere
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This past Father’s Day was a big one for Grand Rivers Terminal Manager Nathan Tobey. Nathan had the pleasure of celebrating the day with four more new family members. Nathan and his wife Anna finalized the adoption of four children in March, and although they weren’t new to the family, they are now officially Tobeyes. By their choice, each of the kids took on a new name during the adoption process.

Kendall is the oldest new Tobey and has been with the family the longest. He has been living with them since February of 2014. He was a refugee from Guatemala and was facing deportation and unable to speak English. He’s now a legal resident and looking forward to citizenship in the U.S. He is attending college at Boyce College, taking English speaking classes only, with an aspiration to join the Army this year following the summer break.

Next in line is Juan, 13, then, Rachel, 12, and Joshua, 10, all three have lived with the family since 2017. The three kids are siblings and the Nathan and Anna felt that it was important to keep the kids together, something that doesn’t always happen when the kids enter the foster care system.

The Judge presiding over the Tobey adoptions is pictured with (l-r): Kendall J. Tobey, 21; Juan Tobey 13; Rachel E. Tobey, 12, Nathan Tobey, Joshua Tobey, 10, Anna Tobey, Sofia Tobey, 10 (Nathan & Anna’s biological daughter). Not pictured Ramiro G Hernandez Jr., 16, who was out of state at the time but is now back with them full-time.

The Tobeyes belong to a small church that has partnered with a Christian therapeutic foster care organization in Kentucky called Sunrise Children Services. They are one of four families in their church that has partnered with this group and together they have been able to adopt (or are pending adoption of) 11 children and provide what is called respite (shorter term care) for numerous others.

Military Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who purchased a Watco flag shirt for our military fundraiser. We sold 1,148 shirts and raised a little over $6,000!

We are still taking applications for the care packages we will be sending overseas to our troops. If you have a family member, close friend, or know of a Customer that is in active duty overseas that you would like to receive a care package, please contact Cassie Bicknell at the All Aboard Foundation at cbicknell@watcocompanies.com.
Congratulations to the following Team Members celebrating anniversaries this month


2 Years: Mason Adcock, Joshua Ahrens, Andrew Alvarez, Robert Arney, Bradley Bachr, Shawn Calonder, Desmond Calvillo, Jonathan Carillo, Anna Chatmon, Christopher Cline, Jared Costello, Ricky Davis, Erick Diouf, Joseph Donanuma, Justin Felts, Adrian Ferrer, Daniel Flynn, Jeremy Golightley, Eddy Graham, Djonte Hare, Cody Harmon, Robert Hemingway, Debbie James, Michael Johnson, Susan Karpyak, Brandon Kennedy, Aaron Klosterman, Travis Lowder, Caleb Marita, Demetrice Martin, Jacob McCaforty, Tracy McVicker, Richard Messick, Shannon Moore, Jacqueline Nelson, Derek Newell, Haley Nixon, Laura Peterson, Timothy Pillosworth, Alan Pitts, Nathan Powell, Dagen Reel, J Reyes, Adam Robillard, Benjamin Saenz, Matthew Schmitt, Philip Smalley, Trevor Stennett, Joshua Strickland, Sylvester Strong, Patrick Swann, Desmond Taylor, Eli Terrel, Steven Thompson, Jesus Trevino, Suanne Washington, Brian White, Corrinna Williams

3 Years: Pedro Barron, Justin Brammell, Wesley Branham, Steven Brant, Michele Briones, Trenton Brock, Dwight Buckholt, Matthew Budda, Brandon Burlew, Elvis Chavez Vega, Sean Chorcan, Kolby DeBerry, John Escobar, Carl Foster, Aaron Freeland, Michael Funk, Charles Hamilton, Scotty Higginbotham, Thomas Holmes, Jeffrey Infinger, James Kelly, Charles Lee, Dustin McClanahan, Alton McCoy, Herbert McKinney, Cameron McKinstrey, Wellington Murdock, Keith Myles, Keith Pittman, Hunter Richardson, Zachary Ross, Brien Runyon, Charles Snyder, Joshua Tarwater, Jordan Taylor, Alan West, Stephen Wilson, Sarah Wingard

4 Years: Justin Avey, Gregory Barnett, Jerson Barrios, Cody Bell, Zachary Bickley, Alicia Caldwell, Deena Christopher, Christopher Crumpton, David Dougherty, John Gates, Cameron Gonzales, Brad Hamlin, Jon Harden, Gene Hernandez, Mickenath Howard, Jared Hurst, Gabriel Jamison, Gerald Kattner, Noa Lucero, Edward McGuire, Jordan Mclamb, Heriberto Mendoza, Kaileb Rose, Myra Shumate, Christopher Smith, Andrew Trevett, Morgan Westhoff

5 Years: Justin Ayala, Baret Burtridge, George Cabrera, James Carnes, Joshua Clifton, Kevin Cloward, Chantz Conlin, Robert Curtis, Darol Farris, Michael Fields, Raul Gonzalez, Cameron Hawkins, Todd Krydinsky, Jeffrey Linville, Vanecll Lucas, Brittany Mays, Casey Mills, Carlton Moody, Thomas Nicholson, Brock Parham, Lynda Patterson, Shannan Penrod, Angel Pequeno, Rajendra Ramesh, Kevin Waite, James Welch, David Woody

6 Years: Brenda Antle, Christopher Bauder, Alan Beggs, Jeffrey Blaylock, Luis Del Rosario, Jason Feathers, John Gronberg, Yeibi Gutierrez, Thomas Hans, Nathan Holmes, Kevin Kaczmarek, Jacob Kleckner, Jacob Lipinski, David McCloud, Ruben Powell, William Richardson, Cody Rickman, Dane Rowe, Toni Scroggins, Dimitri Sepulvado, Bryan Waldon, David Wastak, Drew White, Billy Williams, Tyler Wilson

7 Years: Dustin Bain, Jean Dor, Kenneth Flanders, Thomas Glover, Lucinda Grimes, Henry Howard, Ronnique Johnson, Wayne Matthews, Joycey Lee, May, Michael Mccallister, Jessica Mitchell, Michael Newton, Jeffrey Pacheco, David Pelashki, Ronald Perkins, Ryan Roos, Charles Schilling, Andra Stouffer, Charles Teeters, Joe Via

8 Years: Joe Araujo, Bryan Barney, John Brown, Reginald Burks, Edward Diemert, Jonathan Duncan, Thomas Hayes, Douglas Hicks, Casey Irvan, Jacob McCullough, Ronald Miller, Travis Phillips, Freddie Rainey, Melissa Rains, Jose Rodriguez, Leon Stegee, Stacy Swinford, Darren Taylor

9 Years: Gary Alms, Joseph Bristow, Brian Cosby, Joe Fells, Matthew Hutcheson, Patrick Kinney, Crystal Lancaster, Stefan Loeb, Andrew Mitchell, Matthew Morrison, Robert Smith, Tammy Springer

10 Years: Joseph Babineaux, Ryan Corder, Matthew Jackson, Amanda Pequin, Sherrell Ramey, Horacio Silva, Gary Wagenseller

11 Years: Susan Blake, Garrett Bolyard, Carla Ewing, Ty Fuller, Timothy O'Shell

12 Years: Tandi Colibit, Bobby McFadden, Michael Milligan, Vincentaylor, Travis Thope, Jeremiah Williams, Jeffery Yon

13 Years: Francis Benally, Martin Gutierrez, Kyle Jeschke, Matt Lewis, Steve Medrano, Jennifer Muckala, Cesar Oglesby, Dianna Peak, Kenneth Tober, Jeremy Tyler, Robert Waldheuser, Charles Young

14 Years: Antonenogenes Barajas, Sammy Belmer, Carl Fanello, Mitchell Hood, Cornelius Jones, Colby Jordan, Michael Redden, Bridget Smith, Toby Wampler

15 Years: Laura Bolt, Bradley Bowden, Doug Story

16 Years: Beau Embrey, Royce Price

17 Years: Don Rudd, Douglas Tank

18 Years: Donn Duling, Jeffrey Schroeder, Lois Ziesenis

19 Years: Audencio Cocteco, Martin White

20 Years: Derek Damesworth, Robert Haisher, Steven Landis

21 Years: Scott Rudolph, Hector Saenz, James TayLor

22 Years: Joseph Bennett, Gregory Johnson, Bart Lawrence, Patrick Ottwell, James Pock

24 Years: Bryan Brooks, Carlton Ehchols, James Riley

25 Years: Gisele Brown, Harold Cornelius, Raymond Gray

26 Years: Tona Townzen

27 Years: Joseph Leport, Chad Staldford

28 Years: Jeffrey Adams, Richard Mansfield

30 Years: Donald Dowlin, Timothy Sanchez

31 Years: Edward Hockenberry, Eugene Hologinko

33 Years: David Bierman

34 Years: Daniel Ebarb, Calvin Everson, Stephen Thornton, Stewart Uhl, Jeff VanBuren

36 Years: Mark Blazer

39 Years: Steven Groth, Stephen Reames

40 Years: Chris Flanagan

41 Years: Emmie Haggarty, Gary Perry

42 Years: James Johnson
Above is a sneak peak at the newest additions going into service for the Watco Australia GrainCorp moves. The locomotives are rolling off the production line in the United States while an ocean going vessel delivering the first wagon to Brisbane was recently unloaded and the wagon was transloaded onto truck for delivery to rail. Start-up of service is scheduled to begin in the fourth quarter.

Neodesha Mechanical Team celebrates summer

The Neodesha (KS) Mechanical Team recently held their annual summer picnic and this year the event included a fishing derby for the entire family.

The shops vendor, The Thompson Brothers, catered the meal with help from Team Safety and Improvement Committee members Danny Roberson, captain; Axel Herra, paint; Justin Brammell, mechanical; and Grant Robin- son, mechanical; Mike Winebrenner, valve; and Gunnar Meisner, inspection.

Winners in the fishing derby were:

**Adult's Category**
- Cody Hedges, mechanical repairman - Largest Fish - 35.8 lb. flat head
- Justin Brammell, mechanical repairman - Smallest Fish with a small catfish
- James Calhoun, QA manager - Oddest Catch with a large Gar

**Kid's Category**
- Bentley Allison (son of Mike Winebrenner, valve repairman, won the largest fish in the kids' category with a 4.5 lb. channel cat

Shop Manager, Dion Wilkens, said, "We'd like to send out a huge thank you to the Neodesha shop team members for all their hard work and dedication to our Customers over the last year."

Justin Brammel, Cody Hedges, and James Calhoun show off their prize winning catches from the Neodesha fishing derby.

Bentley Allison, winner of the kids division of the Neodesha fishing derby shows off his catch with the help of his dad Mike Winebrenner, valve repairman.