

NUTS & BOLTS

BUILDING DEDICATION

BETTY & BUDDY LEDWELL WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER



On November 27, 2018, Texarkana College (TC) took a big step toward stronger vocational workforce focus and more community engagement in the Texarkana area. The local community college, using mostly in-house production, built a new industrial workforce building designed to nurture the future careers of students and already-employed industrial workers.

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BUILDING DEDICATION

LEDWELL LEGACY CONT.

TC opened the building Tuesday, November 20, and named it the 'Betty & Buddy Ledwell Workforce Training Center'. The facility is equipped with loads of technical supplies to help train aspiring trade workers. A large portion of the community showed up in support of the unveiling.

This center is hoping to support the expected economic growth here in Texarkana and to help be a catalyst of it. A growing workforce means a growing rate of employment, and Texarkana College is predicting to certify more students in this type of program over the next few semesters than ever before. Maybe it's for this reason that the center decided to use a local story to design the building. Mr. Buddy Ledwell is paid homage to in the new building atrium entrance, showing how he founded and grew a manufacturing company here in town. Texarkana College represented this via his first engineering drawings and the story of how Ledwell began in 1946 with Buddy and his father, LW Ledwell. The goal of the workforce program is to establish a good sense of work ethic in anyone who enters the doors and for anyone finishing up, to have a rich array of skills in their field.

According to TC, the program currently has more than 670 workforce students – near 100 of them enrolled in Industrial Maintenance or Construction Technology. They are expecting growth in program participation, especially since their classes are held during the day and evenings to provide an opportunity for schooling in any situation. The goal is to promote enthusiasm and prosperity for this type of skill.



Entrance of building.



Scan with your smartphone to view the Building Dedication video.



Official ribbon cutting.



Image courtesy of Texarkana College.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

ARK-LA-TEX 100 CLUB



Hooks VFD.

Texarkana is home to many valued organizations all dedicated to helping better the lives of those in our community. One of those exceptional organizations is the Ark-La-Tex 100 Club, a non-profit organization founded by Gail and Ed Eichler. This group works diligently to support the local firefighters and law enforcement officers of Bowie and Miller counties. The end goal is to create a fund for dependents of those who die serving this community and to provide the necessary equipment to save lives.



Jay Farris manning Traegar grill.

The organization held their annual Pull for Heroes Sporting Clay tournament on March 2, 2019 – an event that many of our Ledwell employees were a part of. In fact, many of our employees are volunteer firemen in the area. This event's benefits and donations went entirely towards the above-mentioned cause - the event raised over \$35,000!

This year, there were over 60 participants. The teams did an outstanding job bringing community and family fun to a very serious cause. This year's team winner was Texarkana Mack, with a score of 384, and the highest individual score went to Danny Clark for marking 88 points!



Focused on the shot at station one.



Lonestar Truck Team, including one of our own, Tyler Cowling (far right).



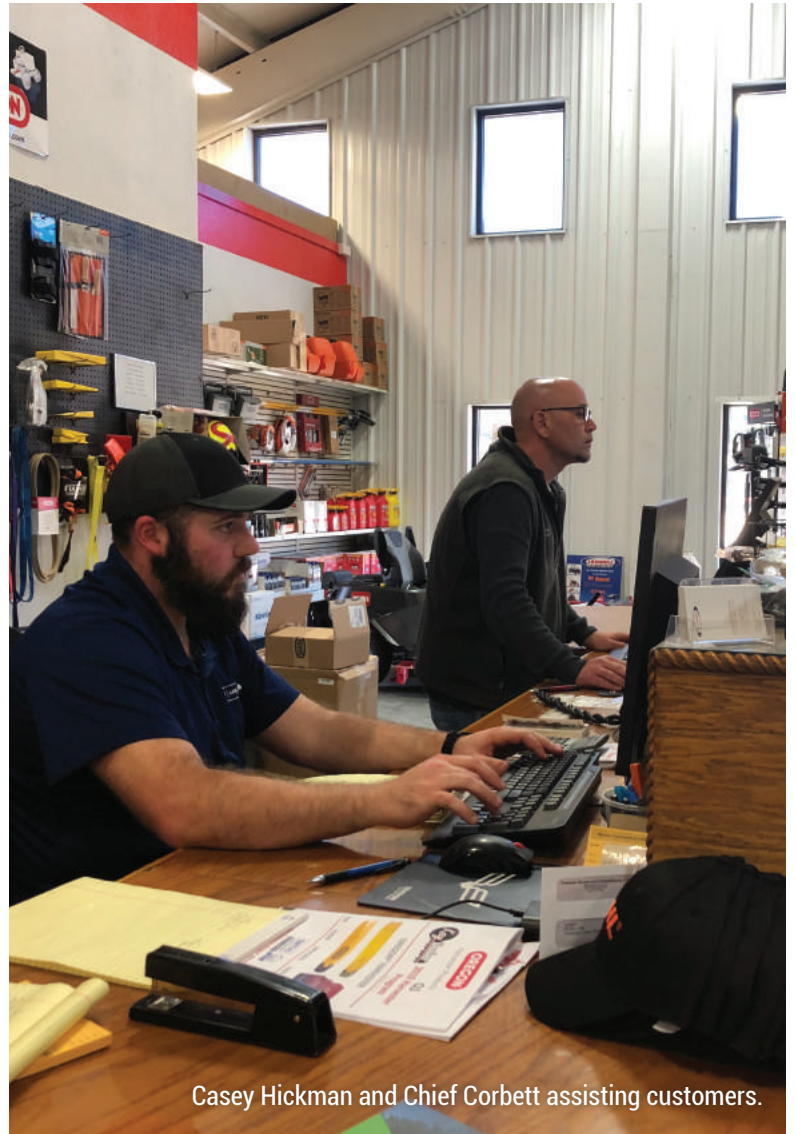
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

LEDWELL MACHINERY

Ledwell Machinery is celebrating their 10th anniversary this year! The team observed this huge accomplishment in March during their annual open house. The guys served burgers to all those who came and got a chance to show their appreciation for the community. There was a turnout of around two-hundred people, and they couldn't have been more excited to share the special occasion with every single attendee. For as long as Ledwell Machinery has been around, they've always put the needs of their customers first.

Ledwell and Son has been a Bobcat dealer since 1966, but the opportunity to incorporate more outdoor equipment helped launch Ledwell Machinery. Now, at their own location at 910 E Loop Dr in Texarkana, Texas, their inventory has expanded far beyond its origins. Only offering Bobcat and Toro when they first opened their doors, you now can find almost a dozen different product lines. Textron Off Road series, Traeger Grills, Stihl, and Fire Disc Cookers are just a few of the brands sold here.

Additionally, Ledwell Machinery offers service on most makes and models of equipment we carry, no matter where you bought it. They offer 14-point inspections on all lawn mowers and so much more to keep your equipment going. Give Ledwell Machinery a call at 888-533-9355 or stop by and get your equipment for your next outdoor adventure!



Casey Hickman and Chief Corbett assisting customers.



Dennis Cleveland, Brian Bethea and Lee Cecil ready to serve burgers.

LEDWELL MACHINERY CONT.



Steve Fant with Stihl representative.



2009



Big Bob.



2014



Jackie Meredith grilling burgers for customers.



2019

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

TONY MURPHY

Tony Murphy has been here for 14 years, working in Ledwell's Maintenance Department. He is a very reliable employee and gets the job done, no matter the difficulty and always with a smile. If you ask him how he's doing, he always replies with "blessed by the best, trying not to be stressed by the rest!" He is a very hardworking employee with a positive can-do attitude. He tries to fit everyone in and always maintains an efficient schedule so that everyone gets their jobs done.



Repairing air compressor.

IN THE SHOP QUALITY CONTROL



Ledwell's Maintenance Team handles all our fixer-upper jobs. Shop machinery malfunction, interior design, building construction, HVAC - You name it, they can improve it. They keep our place a well-oiled machine, and look great doing it!

His most memorable and favorite job here at Ledwell was building a house for a local non-profit, that provides homes from children in need, Watersprings Ranch. He enjoys helping people. He has been doing maintenance and other carpentry type work for a large portion of his life and loves what he does. He has tackled each of his jobs with the intent of making someone else's day a little brighter.

Tony's loves spending his spare time with his wife, Gracie, 3 children, and 4 grandkids in addition to preaching at Redeeming Ministries Church. We are very lucky to have Tony as a part of our Ledwell team. Thanks Tony!



Making work orders to assign repair jobs.

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS



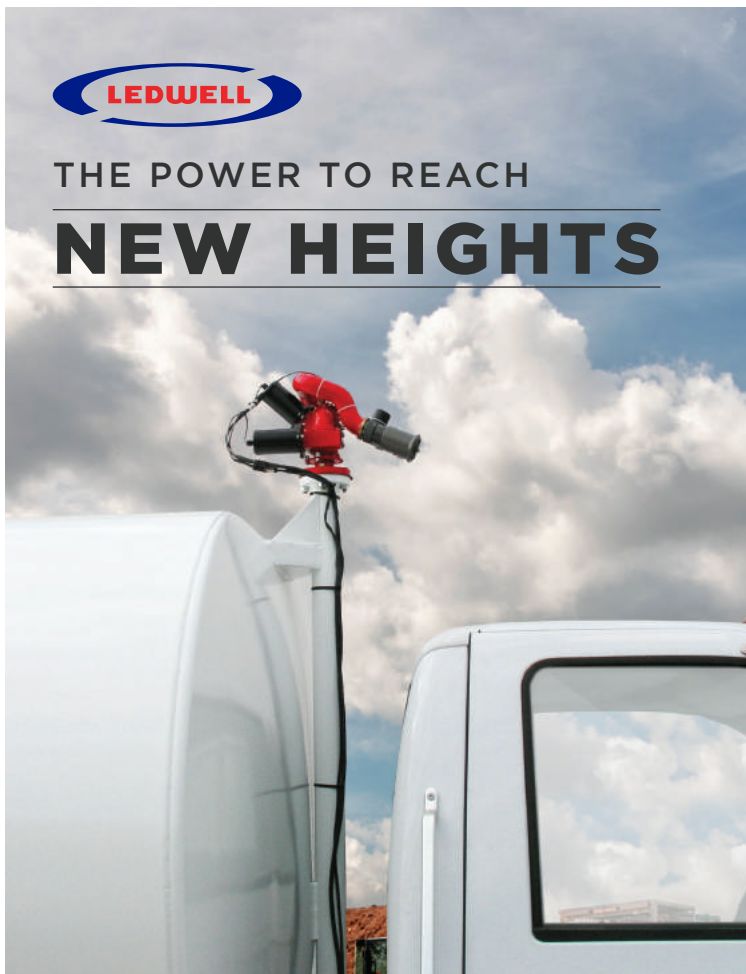
Dale Kidd preparing for show to begin.



We've had a blast attending all our 2019 shows thus far! We really appreciate all of you who stopped by the booth to talk, give us feedback, ask about our equipment, and especially give us orders! It's exciting to get to see so many of our old customers and new customers in one place. Here are a few highlights from this year's rounds.



Art Lasanta showing attendees Ledwell.



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STOCK EQUIPMENT

STOCK: Sometimes you need equipment and you don't have time to wait. Ledwell typically has a range of different stock equipment, ready to roll! If you need a water truck or a dump now, we can help. Some of our current stock includes 2019-year models, while other stock equipment are older year models.

PARTS: Ledwell parts are made almost entirely in-house! Our parts are kept on-site in our shipping warehouse, where we can make sure they get to you as soon as possible! We offer parts compatible with all the equipment sold here at Ledwell. You can find these online, or via phone.

Ledwell Water Truck

Model: LW2000WT | F.O.B. Texarkana, TX



2000 Gallon Water

One Longitudinal & One Traverse Baffle
Interior blasted and coated with Lifelast Tank Liner
Two front, Two rear and One side spray

2009 International 4300

IHC MaxForce DT Diesel Engine 225 HP Non-DEF
Eaton Fuller 6 Spd. Model FS5406N Transmission
Air Brakes

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