

NUTS AND BOLTS

A NEWS UPDATE FROM LEDWELL

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LOW CENTER OF GRAVITY BULK FEED TRAILER



Ledwell has designed an industry-changing low-profile feed trailer. It lowers the center of gravity by 30", which vastly improves the stability and the ride. The trailer features improved discharge speed to 4,500# per minute. Top and bottom doors are air operated, and it comes with full-functioning wireless remote controls for driver efficiency and safety. Utilizing the Ledwell Oil Cooler, this trailer is able to operate at a much lower temperature (120 degrees). The driver is able to haul 25 tons at 80,000# legal with this trailer and the proper tractor, with more capacity available as state weight limits allow.

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2013 Cascadia Tractor



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Brad Stringer

Brad Stringer is the Foreman of the Fabrication Shop, where code and non-code Vacuum Tanks, Water Tanks and parts are built; and the Ramp Shop, where Ramps and Rollbacks are built.

Brad left his previous job as a pipe welder and joined Ledwell in January 1994. The stability and family-oriented style of the company is what has made him want to stay around for almost 20 years.

He started out working for Ricky Green, Trailer Shop Foreman, building hydratail trailers. "Ledwell had just started building Water Tanks the year before I started, and within a couple of weeks, I was moved to the Fabrication Shop. I have been building something that holds water almost ever since," said Brad. During the slower times throughout the years, Brad has worked in almost every shop on property- from one end of the street to the other, building Rollbacks, Ramps, Box Dumps, Feed Bodies, Hydratails, Water Tanks, and now Vacuum Tanks.

Vacuum Tanks and all of the new things that come with them are Brad's favorite thing to build. He enjoys that there is always something different, that a customer has requested, to build. The most enjoyable part of his job is to hear the customer feedback on how well they like their new unit, whether it be a Vacuum Tank, Water Tank, Ramp, or Rollback.

"We pride ourselves on trying to give the customer what they need to do their job. I'm proud of the craftsmanship and hard work the guys put into each order they build."



Brad Stringer inspecting a coded Vacuum Tank

Brad has been married to his wife, Monica, for 11 years and they have three kids. Their first grandchild was born in July. Outside of work, he enjoys fishing and whatever sport or activity his children are doing at that time.

"Brad is a good guy to work with. He is a family man and gets along with everyone. He is very skilled at his work."

- Chuck Kift, co-worker

INNOVATION

Tsunami Water Truck

6,000 GALLONS!



The newest addition to the Ledwell Water Truck family, and by far the largest, holds 6,000 gallons of water. The power train on the Tsunami is a Kenworth Model 470, with a Tridem axle specification to handle the massive capacity of this 6,000 gallon water tank. The Tri-drive chassis gives this configuration the ability to handle severe off-road conditions, whether it's rough terrain or steeper than normal inclines. Six thousand gallons gives our customers a longer spraying time, or with the double pump system, you can put out twice the amount of water a normal water truck puts out. The result is more time working and less time parked. The Ledwell Tsunami is the solution for large on or off road water needs.



IN THE NEWS

Ledwell Machinery Open House

Ledwell Machinery held an open house in the spring to showcase the new products from Bobcat, Toro, Husqvarna, Stihl, Maruyama, Treager and Yeti. 10% of sales from the event were donated to Watersprings Ranch. Visit www.watersprings.com for more information.



Lauren Smith and Morgan Ledwell Gaddis



Steve Fant and Mark Van Herpen



Chief Corbett, Adam Donner, Morgan Ledwell Gaddis and Justin Smith



Shannon Bradford, Andrew Young, Anthony Yother, Wayne Green and Clifford Harvin



Monica Bruner, Lisa Cecil and Lisa Farris

Railfest Cook-off

Cole Meador recently competed in a BBQ cook-off at Railfest, a local festival put on by Front Street Texarkana. The teams were given one rack of ribs and 7.5 hours to grill. Cole and his team used a Traeger grill which uses wood pellets to cook with convection technology. Even though they didn't win, Team Ledwell Machinery had a ton of fun and they are already making big plans to take first place next year!



Cole Meador (third from right) with friends at the BBQ cook-off

FEATURED PRODUCTS

Fold-Down Sides Dump Truck



The fold-down sides incorporated into the low-profile Dump Body greatly enhance the functionality and multiple use of this bed. Whether it's gravel, landscaping materials or asphalt, this side access for unloading the bed allows for quick, small batch material usage, while retaining the full, bed dump capability with the hoist and tailgate.

Flatbed Attenuator Truck



The Scorpion® attenuator, installed behind the Ledwell 16' Flatbed, helps insure a safer, actively protected jobsite for road and street construction crews. Incorporating aluminum honeycomb cartridge sections and collapsible side rails, the assembly unfolds behind the truck to absorb impacts from cars, truck & SUV's at speeds up to 62 mph that encroach into the worker's safety zone. Coupled with the foldaway Directional Lighting System, the two work together to alert and protect crews and drivers from serious injury. The Ledwell Flatbed also provides easily accessed hauling and storage space with the removable side panels.

LOGISTICALLY SPEAKING

Williams Hauling & Towing

Joshua Williams opened Williams Hauling & Towing in Texarkana, Texas, in the summer of 2009. Williams started working with Ledwell in 2010 after being asked to make a delivery. Three years and hundreds of loads later, Williams Hauling & Towing is an integral part of getting Ledwell's equipment delivered to the customer.

When Josh started his company, he had two tri-axle dump trucks and two belly dumps. He now has 27 Ledwell trucks in his fleet including Rollbacks, Dump Trucks, Water Trucks and Trailers.

"Williams is a great company to work with. They have helped us meet the needs of our ever-expanding customer base across North America," explains Cole Meador, Ledwell Transportation Director.



"When I first met Buddy Ledwell, he told me to make sure that I hold his check for a least week or two so that it would clear the bank... I never knew whether to take him serious or not. Steve Ledwell has been so great to me and my family... I think he could sell ice to an eskimo! On all my trucks I've bought from him, he just tells me to just do it! It will be ok. It will be great. And this whole journey with them has been so much fun. I would like to thank the Ledwell family for everything that they have done for my company and my family. I could not ask for a better company to work for or do business with." – Josh Williams



PRODUCTS YOU COULD USE



2007 Ledwell Bulk Drag Chain Feed Trailer



2004 Kenworth T300 with Ledwell 20' Bulk Feed Body



2007 IHC 4300 with Ledwell 2,000 Water Tank



1998 Ledwell 53' Swan Trailer



1997 Ledwell 48' Hydratail Trailer

USED INVENTORY



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"We really enjoy the relationship with Ledwell and the great products and services that you provide."

- Roger Brown, Puckett Rents

"We have a good relationship with Ledwell. We are satisfied with their products and service, and couldn't think of a better company to represent for our customers' agricultural transport needs."

- Maria Miranda, Wincorp International, Inc.

"You guys are truly unbelievable. This is one of the best examples of great customer service I have seen in a long time. I can't really thank you enough for making this happen."

- Scott Christopher, United Rentals