

NUITS AND BOLTS

A NEWS UPDATE FROM LEDWELL

Fall 2014

DUST CONTROL WATER VAC



Meet Ledwell's newest truck, the Dust Control Water Vac. The Dust Control Water Vac is a 100 barrel vacuum tank plus water tank. It has a vacuum pump to retrieve liquid into the tank and a PTO driven Berkely 4" x 3" water pump to spray the water back out. This particular truck has two front spray heads, two rear spray heads, one side spray nozzle, and remote water cannon for dust suppression. Your Dust Control Water Vac can be customized to fit your needs with your choice of tank size, number of spray heads, and color. In extreme cold, the water in the tank is separated from the discharge system so you can haul water and spray it without freezing issues. The DCWV should be the next truck for your fleet!

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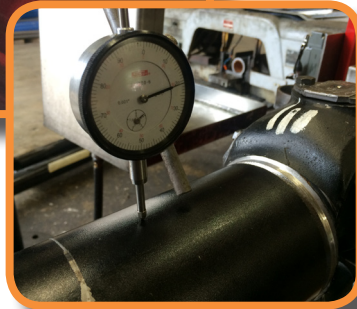
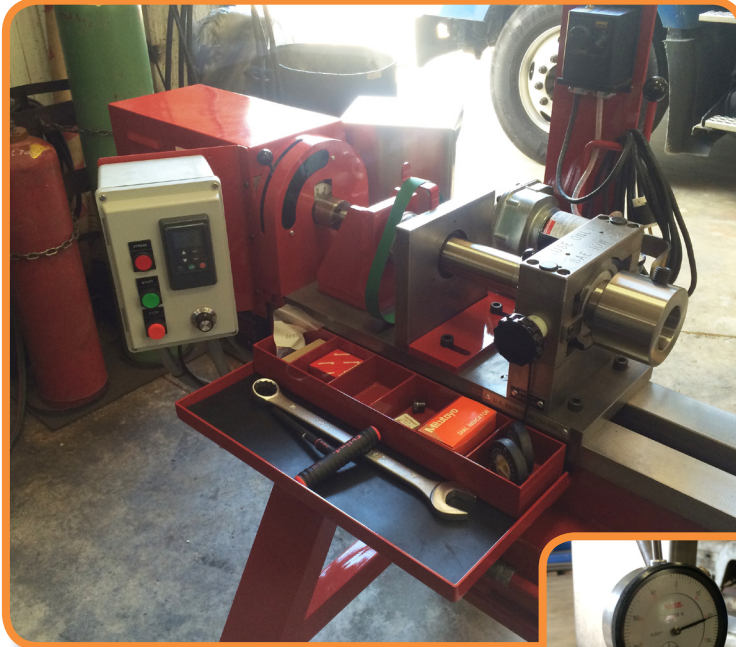
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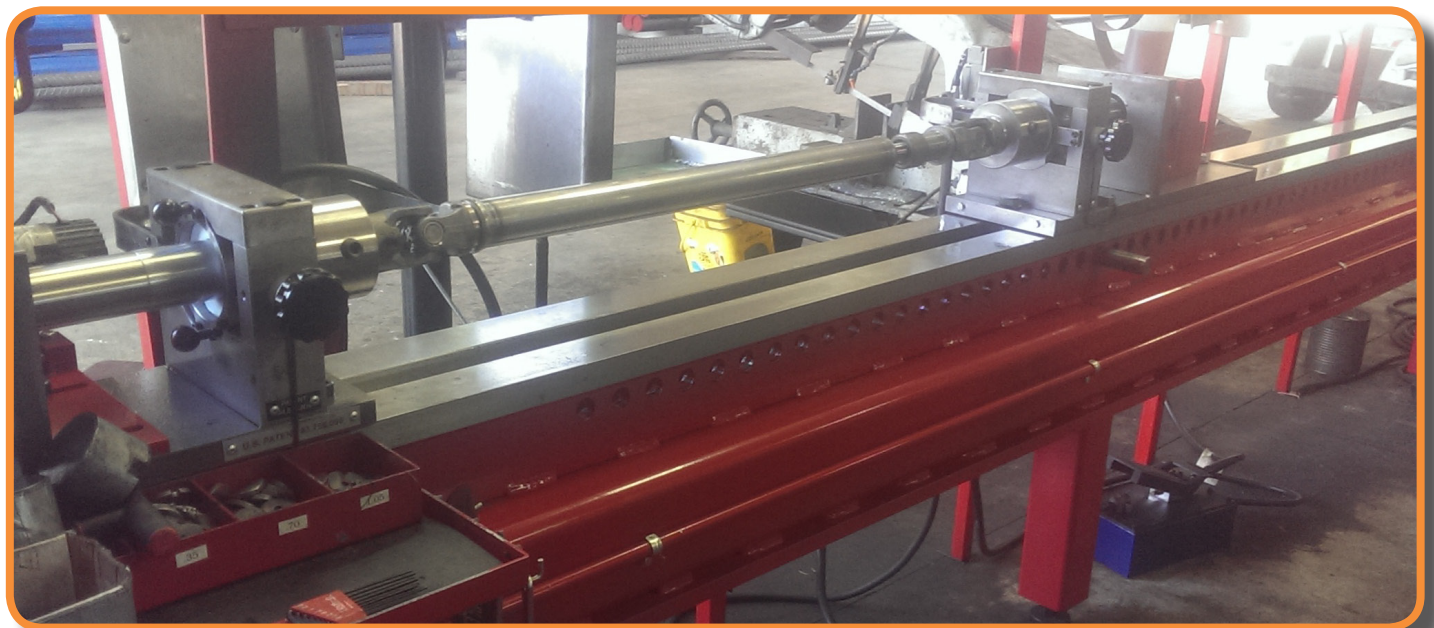
FROM THE SHOP

Machine Shop

The newest machine at Ledwell is the Axisline Shaftmaster located in the Machine Shop. This machine makes building drive lines more efficient. The Axisline Shaftmaster can accommodate drive lines up to about 20 feet long with multiple sections and allows multiple tasks to be completed without having to remove the drive line and adjust the machine.



With several features that reduce the manual labor, this machine is twice as productive than the original drive line machine. Loading and balancing are done in a fraction of the time it used to take. We are able to load the drive line into the machine by pushing the core of the drive line into the outer cylinder. A digital level tells specifically where the drive line needs to be leveled and how far off from level the drive line might be.



THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE

Harvest Texarkana

Harvest Texarkana Regional Food Bank, Inc.'s vision is to create a hunger free community. Ledwell supports this goal.



**HARVEST
TEXARKANA**
Regional Food Bank, Inc.

In 1989, a group of concerned citizens saw the growing problem of hunger in our community and began collecting excess, but unserved restaurant food, and delivering it to area shelters and soup kitchens. That effort by a small group of dedicated volunteers has grown into the only full service food bank in a 10 county area in southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas.

In 2012, Harvest Texarkana distributed over 2.5 million pounds of food to the 10 counties it serves in Texas and Arkansas. Most of the distributed food was surplus food donated by restaurants and supermarkets that would have gone to waste.



Harvest Texarkana's Delivery Truck

“Ledwell has been a long-time friend and hands-on supporter of Harvest Regional Food Bank. Whether it's participating in fundraising events to support our mission, giving guidance on warehousing and operating issues, or providing assistance with a special project, Ledwell has always been there to provide help where it's most needed.”

~ Camille Parker, Executive Director at Harvest Texarkana Regional Food Bank, Inc.

Visit www.harvesttexarkana.org for more information or to make a donation. During this giving season any type of donation can help the fight against hunger.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Dennis Hughes

Dennis started at Ledwell in 1977 at the age of 17. He worked half a day while still in school. The Bobcat Shop and Maintenance Shop, where company vehicles were serviced and roof-top air conditioners were installed for customers, is where Dennis began his career. In the summer he would go to the Ledwell farm and work in the hayfield.



After a few years, Ledwell incorporated the Bobcat parts into the main warehouse, where Dennis worked at the parts counter until 1985. At that time his dad needed help at his diesel mechanic shop. Mr. Ledwell, being the family man that he was, thought that Dennis should help his dad so that is what he did. "I've had the great privilege

of working with a lot of wonderful people who taught me a lot, not just about parts and beds and trailers, but about life in general. Mr. Ledwell always set the bar high, and I appreciated his unique humor-laced perspective on life."

In 1987 Dennis' dad semi-retired and Dennis was rehired at Ledwell to be a fresh set of eyes to ensure that every product Ledwell produced was up to the standard and quality that would represent the company well. Dennis remains in Quality Control today and says,

"The favorite part of my job is the feeling of satisfaction I get when a job is completed. I like the fact that I get to observe the entire process from work order to completion. We strive for customer satisfaction with the final product, and it always gives me a sense of pride when they are happy happy."

Working at Ledwell for so many years Dennis has many stories to share, but one of his favorites is an experience with Mr. Ledwell and one of Texarkana's shopping destinations. "One day Mr. Ledwell pulled up to me in his car and said, 'Son, do you know how to drive an automatic?' I replied, 'Yes sir.' Mr. Ledwell pointed to his car and said 'Take this car.' and then pointed to a road truck and said, 'Follow that truck,' which he proceeded to get into. He drove to a construction site to drop it off. I picked him up and we





went back to the shop. That construction site is known today as Central Mall. It impressed me as a young man that Ledwell had a part in something that was so exciting for that time.”

“I have always been proud to say that I am a Ledwell man,” Dennis says. After spending 37 years at Ledwell he feels that when a person enjoys his job, it never really seems like a job. Dennis hopes that the young men at Ledwell today appreciate the opportunity of working here because they will have a great career and have just as many interesting stories and experiences as he does.

When Dennis is not at Ledwell, he is spending time with his wife of 36 years, Jackie and their son, Jesse and new daughter-in-law, Alison. He also enjoys taking his 6 year old niece, Taylor to the chicken yard and to feed the horses. Dennis likes weekends spent with family, reading, riding his tractor, working in the garden and eating homemade ice cream.

AROUND THE WORLD

Central America

Ledwell manufactures all of its equipment and most of the parts here in the United States. While the majority of our customers are located in the U.S., many of Ledwell’s international customers are located in Central America.

Central America has a population of about 165 million people with 39.1% living in rural areas.

The agriculture industry has a large presence in the area creating a demand for feed equipment. One of Ledwell’s most popular pieces of equipment for our customers in Central America is our Feed Trailer. Ledwell offers a variety of custom equipment to haul feed. Both aluminum and steel Auger Feed Trailers are the favorites for our neighbors to the south, according to Art Lasanta, Ledwell International Sales.

Two refurbished feed trailers, recently delivered to Cargill De Nicaragua. American Made. Used Worldwide.



Cargill De Nicaragua Refurbished Feed Trailers

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

40 Years

Ricky Green

35 Years

Johnny Goll

30 Years

Burt Hill

25 Years

Kevin Lansford
Roger Adcock
Eddie Cokeley
Mike Thomas
Kenney Cecil

20 Years

Jerry Snider
Shannon Crews
Ramos Roman
Wendell Durham
Arturo Rodriguez
Brad Stringer

15 Years

Kyle Edwards
James Rubly
Jimmy Mayton
Renee Antillon
Raul Garcia
Everett Stockton
Larry Blake
Raymundo Estrada
Clifton Mitchell
Chuck Kift

10 Years

Todd Offield
Santiago Simon
Josh Farmer
Jason Nichols
James Beard
Danny Green

Mike Bolch
Sergio Resendiz
Jason Vaughan
Shannon Bradford
Antonio Olalde
Danny Heflin

Dennis Cleveland
Leslie McElwee
Barry Latham
Dennis Lolie
Guadalupe Segura

**Thank you for your hard work
and dedication!**

PRODUCTS YOU COULD USE

Highlights From Our Inventory



CHASSIS
INVENTORY

Ford

F-550
F-650
F-750

Freightliner

M2106
114SD

Kenworth

T470

International

4300
ProStar

Peterbilt

337
348



USED INVENTORY



2011 Ledwell 26' Hybrid Rollback



2009 IHC 4300 + NEW Ledwell 2000WT



2006 Ledwell 40' ADC LoPro Trailer



2006 Freightliner Columbia



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LEDWELL TRIVIA

1. What year did Buddy Ledwell build his first shop on Waco St.?
2. How many product categories does Ledwell feature?
3. How large is Ledwell's manufacturing site?

**Find the answers to Ledwell Trivia
at www.ledwell.com**

**First 5 people to email the correct
answers to sales@ledwell.com will
win Ledwell swag!**

2015 SHOWS

IPPE

Atlanta, GA
January 27-29

The ARA Rental Show

New Orleans, LA
February 22-25