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## Precision in Motion

### Ohio Logistics Forklift Rodeo Showcases Skill and Safety

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Chris Floyd, Hunter Straub, and Travis Kirkendall

Ohio Logistics recently hosted its first Forklift Rodeo, bringing together certified operators from our various divisions for a morning of skill, safety, and friendly competition. Family and friends cheered as participants tackled maneuverability courses and creative challenges designed to test precision and control.

The competition was held for several reasons; first, it breaks up the routine and gives Associates something exciting to look forward to. Secondly, operators get to showcase and improve their forklift handling skills in a controlled environment. It reinforces safe driving practices while making it enjoyable. Lastly, it's not your typical meeting or training session—it's unique and memorable, hopefully becoming a signature event for our company culture.

Participating in this competitive yet friendly

event included Chris Floyd, Hunter Straub, Travis Kirkendall, and Kevin Anderson from Bowling Green, along with Matt Bracy and Katie Stillion from Ottawa.

Top honors went to Chris Floyd as the overall winner, with Hunter Straub in 2nd place, and Travis Kirkendall in 3rd.

The basketball drop challenge was a crowd favorite, while tight cone courses and trailer unload tasks pushed operators to their limits.

#### What Participants Said

- Katie Stillion: *Loved the competitive challenges and watching everyone have fun.*
- Matt Bracy: *Enjoyed competing against fellow drivers; favorite moment was the basketball drop. Advice for those that compete next time: "Have fun!"*

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#### Interesting Ohio History

William Tecumseh Sherman of Lancaster, OH was a prominent Union general during the American Civil War, known for his strategic brilliance and unconventional approach to warfare. Born in 1820, he gained fame for his "March to the Sea," a campaign that aimed to break the Confederacy's ability to wage war by targeting infrastructure and supply lines. Sherman emphasized total war—not against civilians, but against the South's capacity to sustain its armies. His tactics, were highly effective and contributed significantly to the Union's victory. After the war, he served as Commanding General of the U.S. Army, shaping military policy for years to come.

#### Spotlight October Winners:

**Fostoria #1, Bowling Green, OH & Olive Branch, MS**

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- Chris Floyd: *Appreciated seeing friends and family support. Favorite challenge? "Making basketball in the hoop!" Advice for those that compete next time: "Bring your A-game!"*
- Hunter Straub: *Enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and basketball challenge. Advice for those that compete next time: "Just do it."*
- Travis Kirkendall: *Valued meeting new people and camaraderie. "It's a lot of fun and will test your forklift and safety skills."*
- Kevin Anderson: *Loved the smack talk and friendly competition. Favorite moment? "Seeing all three of my associates in the winner's circle." Advice for the next event: "Better bring your A-game."*

This event was more than a competition; it was a celebration of teamwork and safety excellence. Thank you to all who participated and supported the day. We look forward to making the Forklift Rodeo an annual tradition at Ohio Logistics!



## Interesting Stuff



The Alaskan town of Utqiagvik, home to about 4,600 residents, recorded its final sunset of the year on November 18th and entered "polar night", a stretch of roughly 65 days without direct sunlight.

The next sunrise in Utqiagvik is not expected until January 22, 2026.

## Chili CookOff

### 7th Annual Event



The annual chili cookoff at the Fostoria Bldg. #1 warehouse was supposed to be a friendly competition—but by noon, it looked more like a culinary showdown worthy of a reality show. Competing Associates lined the breakroom tables with Crockpots, each bubbling with mysterious mixtures that ranged from "mild and friendly" to "may require a fire extinguisher."

Luke Schalk arrived with supreme confidence and a chili so rich and robust that coworkers claimed they could smell victory in the air. Liz Lonyo, armed with a wooden spoon and a secret blend of spices, insisted hers contained "the perfect balance of warmth and flavor." Noah Lugibihl, meanwhile, quietly set out his batch with a shy grin, reassuring everyone that it was "only slightly explosive." Nikki Harris, cheerful as ever, brought a wildly creative chili that baffled the judges.

In the end, Luke claimed first place, Liz took second, and Noah earned third—while Nikki swept the People's Choice in unforgettable style.



## Be Safe

### Winter Driving Tips

When winter weather strikes, drivers face out-of-the-ordinary challenges when they get behind the wheel. Snow, slush or icy roads are involved in nearly one in four weather-related vehicle crashes. If you must travel during winter weather, be sure to prepare your car in advance to help you drive more safely. Follow these winter driving safety tips to help you prepare for the elements before you face them on the road.

- As temperatures start to drop, include an ice scraper, snow shovel and sand or road salt in your vehicle.
- Keep your windshield wipers in good condition and your windshield fluid topped off. Make it a practice to keep your gas tank full so you can run your engine and stay warm if you get stuck or stranded. Keeping your gas tank full in extended cold weather can also help minimize the amount of water vapor in your tank, which can freeze when temperatures drop.
- If you plan to travel when inclement weather looms, monitor road and weather conditions by checking local news stations or internet traffic and weather sites.
- Before you leave the driveway or parking lot, take time to clear snow and ice off your car. Drive with your headlights on and be sure to keep them clean to improve visibility. As you get on the road, remember that speed limits are meant for dry roads, not roads covered in snow and ice. Increase your following distance as road conditions and visibility worsen. Be cautious on bridges and overpasses as they are commonly the first areas to become icy.

## Ohio Logistics Sponsors Community Corner At BGSU Football Games



Below is a much appreciated letter we received from Wood Lane Residential Services regarding our support for their community.

*Good afternoon, Chuck.*

*I hope this email finds you doing well. On behalf of the staff and residents at WLRS, I wanted to reach out and extend my gratitude to you and Ohio Logistics for sponsoring the Community Corner at the BGSU football games. Specifically, thank you for highlighting*

*WLRS as the community group of the game on October 18th. We had a great turnout of residents and staff, and everyone enjoyed the beautiful day and the experience. I have attached a few pictures from the game, to show the direct impact of your generosity. We are so appreciative of the dedication and commitment to community that Ohio Logistics provides.*

*Thank you again and have a wonderful week!*  
*Jessica Miller-Blakely, CEO*



## Be Safe Out There

A recent safety incident at a warehousing and transportation facility occurred when a forklift operator struck a partially loaded pallet, causing it to topple and injure an employee staging freight nearby. The investigation determined that the operator's visibility was reduced due to an elevated load and that the pedestrian employee was positioned within an active equipment travel lane. Although injuries were moderate, the event highlighted gaps in traffic control and communication.

Several measures could have prevented the incident. Forklift operators should travel

with loads lowered whenever possible to maintain clear visibility. Pedestrian walkways and equipment-only zones must be clearly marked and consistently enforced. Pre-shift safety briefings should emphasize situational awareness during high-volume periods. When visibility is limited, spotters should be assigned, and all employees should receive refresher training on traffic patterns and right-of-way rules.

Implementing these controls would reduce the likelihood of similar incidents and support a safer, more efficient workplace.

### Test Your Logistics IQ:

1) A form of cooperative relationship among companies in Japan where the companies largely remain legally and economically independent, even though they work closely in various ways, such as sole sourcing and financial backing. A member of a keiretsu generally owns a limited amount of stock in other member companies. A keiretsu generally forms around a bank and a trading company but distribution (supply chain) keiretsus exist, linking companies from raw material suppliers to retailers.



2) A number usually produced to recognize and give authority for a faulty (perhaps) good to be returned to a distribution center or manufacturer. A form generally required with a warranty/return which helps the company identify the original product and the reason for the return. The RMA number often acts as an order form for the work required in repair situations, or as a reference for credit approval.



3) The party that tenders goods for transportation.



### December Dates of Importance:

December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day  
 December 15 - Bill of Rights Day  
 December 16 - Boston Tea Party, 1773  
 December 17 - Wright Brothers Day  
 December 21 - Winter Begins  
 December 24 - Christmas Eve  
 December 25 - Christmas  
 December 31 - New Year's Eve

Answers to "Test Your Logistics IQ"

3. Shipper  
 2. Return Material Authorization  
 1. Keiretsu

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## Meet Isaac Moore

Isaac is a three-year Associate and Senior Supervisor for Bldg. #1 in Fostoria, OH. Read below to learn more about Isaac.



OL: Tell us about your family.

Isaac: My wife and I have been married almost seven years, and I am a father of five daughters, Avery, Amiyah, Ariyah, Ayayah, and Aaliyah!

OL: What is the one thing you look forward to every day?

Isaac: Being able to put a smile on family and fellow associates' faces every day.

OL: How do you like to spend your free time?

Isaac: I enjoy gaming, fishing, and spending time with my amazing family.

OL: Describe your favorite home-cooked meal.

Isaac: My favorite home cooked meal is anything that my wife makes. I don't recall making anything myself that I enjoyed!

OL: What is your idea of the perfect week-long vacation?

Isaac: I think any vacation I take with my family is a perfect vacation. My family and I take a Tennessee trip every year, and every year we do something different there.

OL: What is your biggest pet peeve?

Isaac: My biggest pet peeve is when someone is taking out the trash can and it makes that loud screeching sound!

OL: If you could trade places with anyone for one day, who would it be and why?

Isaac: If I could trade places with anyone in life, it would be with a person less fortunate than me. I'd do this so I could reflect and think about how blessed I really am.



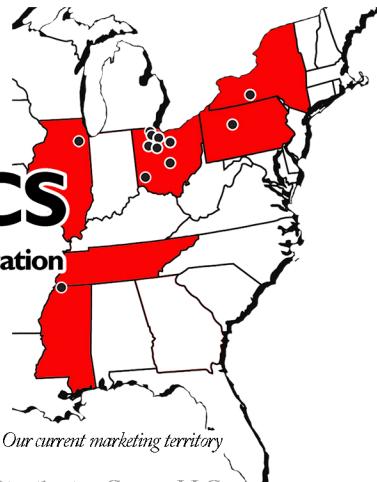
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*"Without great solitude, no serious work is possible."*

*- Pablo Picasso -*

### Happy Birthday To You!

#### OL Ohio

Felix Cantu	12/30
Luz Cardenas Lopez	12/4
Justin Cayanan	12/7
Tony Chidester	12/14
David Daniels	12/15
Amy Donahoe	12/2
Justin Fausnaugh	12/2
Josh Flechtner	12/5
Donald Friend	12/12
Mitch Hackworth	12/22
Brayden Harris	12/18
Shane Helberg	12/16
Julia Johnson	12/31
Pam Orwick	12/4
Chris Osborne	12/21
Paul Porter	12/26
Tanesha Ramsey	12/16
Lindsay Rangel	12/4
Dallas Robinson	12/13
Dakota Rose	12/23
Nicklaus Rowlands	12/31
David Simonis	12/25
Dylan Staton	12/19
Robert Suber	12/23
Taylor Timler	12/29
Jared Watson	12/9

#### OL Southern Tier Div.

Richard Camacho	12/4
Alexander Cavanaugh	12/8
Stephen Cook	12/28
Christine Haynes	12/24
Eric Knox	12/18
Christina Marvin	12/29
Mark McIntosh	12/5
Thomas Murray	12/3
John Strader	12/13

### It's Your Anniversary!

#### OL Ohio

Andrew Burgess	2 Years
Joseph Denny	2 Years
Corey Gardner	2 Years
Ian Gillis	1 Year
Sophia Holguin	2 Years
Mitchel Konst	1 Year
Bridget Peters	2 Years

#### OL Southern Tier Div.

Rogina Bonomo	9 Years
Thea Chapman	1 Year
Michael DePue	4 Years
Mark McIntosh	10 Years

#### OL Penn Centre Div.

Amy Burns	9 Years
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#### OL Olive Branch Div.

Yolanda Thompson	7 Years
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*Merry Christmas!*