

# Between The Lines

MAY 2018



## Dealing with the truck parking problem

ROB CLARK

Parking for the OTR or the regional driver can be a real challenge. With rest areas being shut down as part of budget cutting strategies, the implementation of electronic logs, and more freight being moved means more trucks on the road, parking in some areas can be scarce. Research has found that 63% of drivers are spending 15 minutes or more looking for parking between the hours of 4pm and midnight, when most drivers are looking to shut down for their 10 hour break.

So, what can you do to help in these situations? There are resources that can assist in helping to relieve this stress. Trucker Path app is one such resource. It can help to locate AVAILABLE parking, as well as other features in the app, such as giving up to date status of weigh stations. (Never use these apps while driving).

Truck stops have also gotten into the game with the reserved parking market. This allows drivers to plan where they are going to stop. Then call ahead or use an app such as mypiolot to reserve parking spots.

Before each trip, drivers should not only identify where they intend to park at the end of their shift, but also identify several alternatives in surrounding areas in case they are delayed.

While planning won't guarantee a parking space, it will give the driver more options in the event things don't go according to plan.



## SAFETY TIP ROB CLARK

Spring has finally arrived, and so has the weekend traffic

It was a long winter that just did not want to go away. In mid-April we saw the temperatures reach into the 80's, only to see freezing temps come roaring back. But now that spring is here, and summer fast approaching. As professional drivers, we need to be aware of the snowbirds returning north, weekend warriors and happy campers that are on the highways. Some will be aggressive and in a hurry to get where they are going, and others won't have a care in the world and will be driving that way.

Some things to keep in mind:

- Patience-keeping calm, cool, and collected will help you deal with the bad driving of others.
- Speed management-operate within the flow of traffic
- Space management-"What's the space you control?" THE SPACE IN FRONT OF YOU!
- Plan ahead-know the patterns and plan accordingly

## Payne's 1st Spring Fling/Hiring Event was a great time!

If you didn't get a chance to join us...we plan on many events to bring the office staff and truck drivers together to demonstrate our support. Have a driver candidate you'd like to refer? Bring them to one of our events or get them in touch with Carlos in Recruiting ASAP.





## Who's New

### DRIVERS

Brian Bready  
Steven Buchanan Jr.  
Robert Campbell II  
Alonzo Green  
Michael Holladay  
Christopher Kempe  
Justin McConaughy  
Kenneth Moya  
Andrew Ruepong  
Kenneth Smith  
Thomas Soden



Meet RICKY CHINCHILLA, our OTR DRIVER OF THE MONTH for March from our Fredericksburg terminal. RICKY was hired as a part of Payne Trucking's Pilot Training Program at the end of 2017 and quickly distinguished himself there. He also moved into the top tier of our OTR fleet within a few short months! When RICKY is not behind the wheel, he enjoys spending time with his family. He loves taking his two sons and daughter bowling. He also enjoys a fun trip with them to King's Dominion! Congratulations, RICKY CHINCHILLA, on your outstanding performance!

Congratulations to TREY ABEY, who has earned top honors as DRIVER OF THE MONTH for March. TREY hails from our Baltimore terminal and has been a member of the Payne Trucking family since last November. A native of Cambridge, Maryland, TREY has been driving a truck for over six years. Each day he comes to work with a great attitude and leads the way for our team! In his spare time, Trey enjoys spending time with his three sons, his daughter and his girlfriend. An avid baseball player, TREY also has a great eye with a camera! Please join us and give a shout out to TREY ABEY, our OTR DRIVER OF THE MONTH for March! We appreciate your efforts and salute you for earning this honor!



## Work Anniversaries

Cedric Bailey 1yr  
Lottie Gorham 2yrs  
John Payne 3yrs  
Breandan Shea 5yrs  
Amanda Thacker 3yrs  
Chayee Wondee 1yr



Our Payne Family would like to welcome Baby Iva Dior Shook, daughter of Ian (Mechanic) and Yolonda Shook. Iva was born on April 19th.



We'd also like to Congratulate proud Grandpa Jami Bowman (Driver Owner Operator) on his grandson, Davon Cochran, Jr., born Feb, 8th. Keeping an eye on our "Future Truck Drivers."



## Payne PICK 3

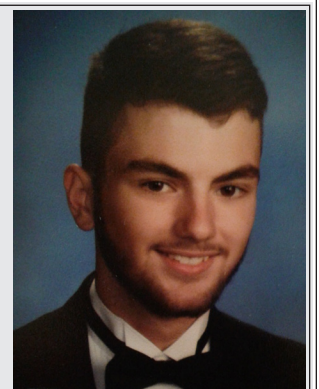
### \$100 Winners!!

Donny Ridgeway  
4/6 Truck 051  
Mike Manning  
4/17 Truck 431



Congratulations goes out to Erick Clark, son of Rob Clark our safety / training manager, for his Graduation (May 18th) from Louisa County High School. Erick is a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the leadership team at LCHS, is on the indoor track team, and the track & field team (spring). He recently had a personal best in the 110 meter hurdles (17.05). He also runs 300 meter hurdles, and runs relays as well as long jump. Erick has also been a member of Boy Scout Troop 183 in Mineral, VA since he crossed over from cub scouts. He is expecting to make Eagle Scout after the completion of his Eagle project, which he is currently working on, with the help from his troop and Scoutmaster Jim Harlow.

Erick had many offers from colleges and has decided to become a Hornet at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg VA. Where he will study marketing and sports marketing. He has already completed several college credits during his High School studies under a dual enrollment program.



## Want to share your family news with the Payne family?

Contact Michele Amaya in Safety.  
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We'd like to extend a congratulations out to Calvin Chris Scott "Double C". After working for Payne, Inc. for

almost 6 years, he has decided to take the big step and became an Owner Operator. We wish you all the best and support you in this endeavor!



Chris Buehler (Van Dispatch) and Jacob (Wilson Bradley's Son)

The older we get the smaller our accomplishments get. Big man catches small fish, small man catches big fish.