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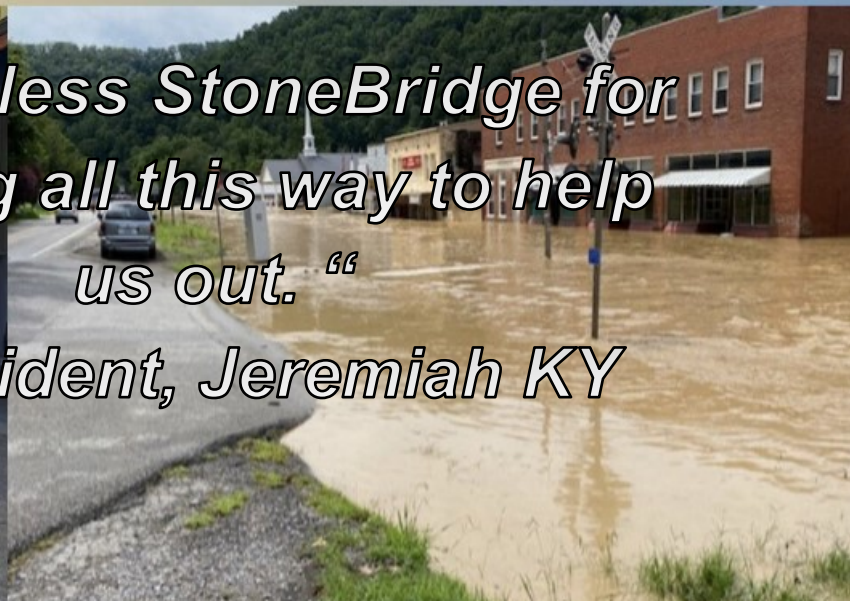
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“God Bless StoneBridge for coming all this way to help us out.”

~ Resident, Jeremiah KY



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In the Spring of this year, we had the privilege of running a “*Story of Service*” that showed another side of StoneBridge Trucking and the people who choose to be a part of its work family. The entire issue focused on the effort to assist Western Kentucky after their world had been devastated during the Christmas season. What started as a “*Story of Service*” originating in the mind of StoneBridge Operations Manager Brad Stephens, ended up being a “*Story of COMMUNITY Service*” where many of those in the surrounding towns, neighborhoods, and counties utilized the newly built StoneBridge Operations Center as the central hub to drop off a variety of items. This resulted in a convoy of StoneBridge trucks and vans fully loaded with StoneBridge Operators donating their time and destined for Western Kentucky. The effort turned out to be a true success, and StoneBridge successfully spearheaded its first relief and community service & relief effort.

We are pleased the word has spread throughout many parts of Indiana, and recently StoneBridge was asked to assist again. This time, StoneBridge embarked on an effort of relief to the Eastern side of Kentucky. As many of you know, Eastern Kentucky has been devastated by flooding leaving many homeless, without power, and like their brothers and sisters to the West, having had their lives upended. This has prompted many to take action in support of the relief effort. One of these people, Jason Smith of NTN Columbus had a personal connection to Eastern Kentucky.

“I grew up in Blackey, this is my hometown. I know everyone. I had to help.”

Jason’s mother, Donna Riddle started collecting at her church as did his Aunt Norma Jo Brook. Along with this, donations from his friends and coworkers started pouring in. Stephanie Sills of Camp Atterbury also donated comforters & toiletry bags. This prompted him to reach out to Nathan Wiley at NTN about a box truck company that could help. ***“I told him of a few and mentioned StoneBridge was a Veteran Owned Company out of Greensburg.”*** Jason reached out and spoke with Brad Stephens. He was thrilled when we insisted to transport everything for free.

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"We are thrilled to help. As we did last Christmas, regardless of us being in Indiana, **these** are our American Brothers and Sisters, we are always thrilled to help".

~ Brad Stephens, StoneBridge Operations Manger

When Brad committed StoneBridge to the effort, Kelly Rader was his first call. Like StoneBridge, Kelly insisted she took the run for free. On a Friday morning, Kelly loaded up a small StoneBridge box truck and was committed to an early morning delivery the following day at Larry Tolliver's garage in Jeremiah, Kentucky. Larry Tolliver, amongst many, proved to be one of the heroes of this story. Facing many personal physical ailments, along with coping with the flooding and the structural damage to his property, Larry scraped out 6 inches of mud from his extremely large barn to ensure it would be available as a delivery location for all outside donations.



Many volunteers from the community stopped everything to assist in unloading

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An Eastern Kentucky work together to salvage as many of their belongings as possible.

“ I was thrilled to do the job. It was humbling seeing neighbors helping neighbors. People who had lost everything helped each other, and people like Larry persevered and worked for his community. The campgrounds are full of tents, and people are living in their cars. I was shocked at what I saw and was happy we could do our part.”

~ **StoneBridge Operator Kelly Rader**

Kelly also mentioned how the churches seemed to be central to the relief effort citing that she did not see any FEMA authorities, or the presence of the National Guard, but rather, the local churches were the ones spearheading the food tents. Lastly, Kelly took away an experience we can all be humbled by:

“People were so thankful we were there. I was told at one point, a person when out of their way to approach me and say “God Bless Stone-Bridge for coming all the way down from Indiana to help out.”

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StoneBridge is proud of its commitment to the service of those who have served and serving. Our company is owned by veterans and is employed by many who have a history of service to their country.



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As we were finishing up this newsletter, we received the following from Jason Smith:

“ First and most importantly I can’t thank you folks enough for the generosity and support from your company and staff. Myself and many folks in Eastern Ky are and will forever be grateful for your support and willingness to assist in the transport of relief supplies.

I was compelled to help and start the process of gathering supply donations immediately the day after the flooding occurred on July 29th, as I’m from Letcher County, Ky (one of the hardest affected counties) I moved to Columbus almost 9 years ago from there for better job opportunities. Watching my hometown, friends, families, and lifelong neighbors from a far as the level of devastation was revealed compelled me to act quickly and I started at once asking co-workers, local churches, local friends and families here in the area for any donations of supplies they could donate.

It was heartbreaking seeing my friends, cousins, and folks I grew up with lose their homes and possessions they had worked for their entire lives. I wanted to do something to help and knowing my hometown people had a desperate need for the necessities I thought that would be the best thing I could do was to gather supplies and get them down there. I was quickly overwhelmed with a lot of supplies and took a pickup truck load down myself on August 5th to my hometown. Secondly, I’ve worked at NTN for 9 years and 7 of those in shipping/receiving and I’m familiar with a lot of the local trucking companies and work closely with Nathan Wiley in our positions there.



StoneBridge visited Western Kentucky during Christmas and Eastern Kentucky Recently.

Knowing he schedules a lot of our logistics I asked him for some recommendations of trucking companies I could hire to haul the remainder of supplies that I wasn’t able to get down there on my first trip. Realizing I had too much for a pickup truck I knew a box truck would be more efficient. So, I reached out and spoke with Brad, for a quote for pricing and he immediately offered the services for free to assist with getting the supplies to the mountains. The driver, Kelly was also phenomenal in her role too in the endeavor. For the 3rd question, I’ve learned that no matter what, us Americans regardless of association, when it comes down to it most folks will go above and beyond to help strangers in need and to support their fellow man, neighbors, etc. The support and enthusiasm I was shown from your company and staff is something I’ll remember for the rest of my life and anytime I can recommend you folks for any trucking needs I will go out of my way to do so. Thank you very much for everything.”

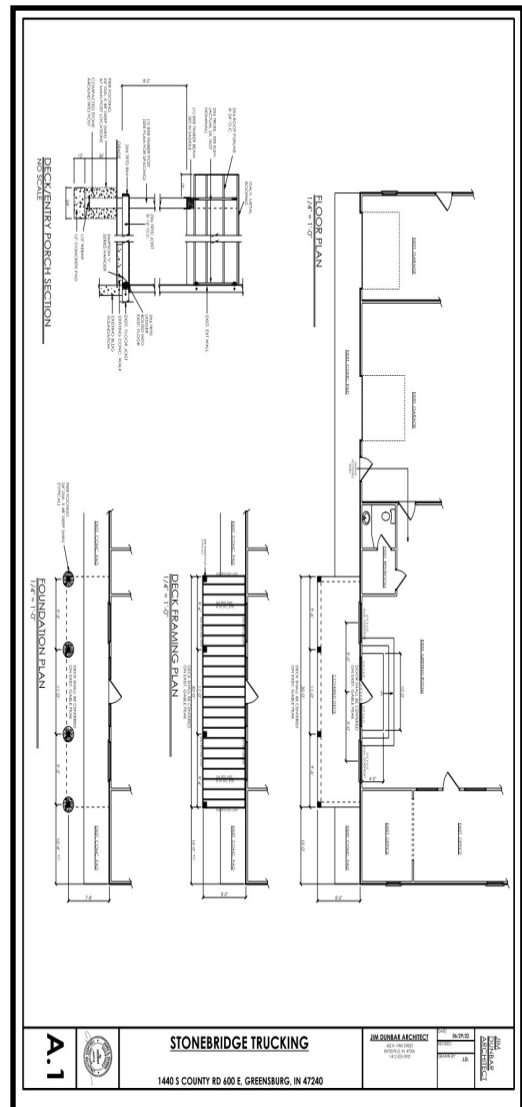
~ Jason Smith,

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Terry is a US Air Force Veteran and has been recognized in a past “Story of Service”. He is now recognized on his truck.

Change is hard but necessary. For over 30 years, Butch Kennedy’s heart and soul has been with this building. It started out as StoneBridge Antiques when he relocated his small Antique shop from the Greensburg Square to the corner of 46 and 600E. At that time, the building was owned by Rosemary Farms which had many local conveniences such as a deli, amongst other things. When Butch purchased it, he was thinking much bigger. He had visions of what would become StoneBridge Collections. A large mall filled with booths of antiques provided by local vendors. For years, StoneBridge Collections was a reality, and the corner at Smith’s Crossing was always an attraction. Over time, Butch’s ambitions would change as well as his future. In 1999, his son Shane Kennedy would leave for the military, and his need for insurance for his son we cease. It was at this time, Butch felt the freedom to further utilize his entrepreneur aspirations and would eventually form StoneBridge Trucking. This gamble would allow him to leave Delta Faucet and find satisfaction in finally running his own business(s) and call his own shots. His gamble and hard work paid off, and there are over 25 people at StoneBridge Trucking that have him to thank for it.

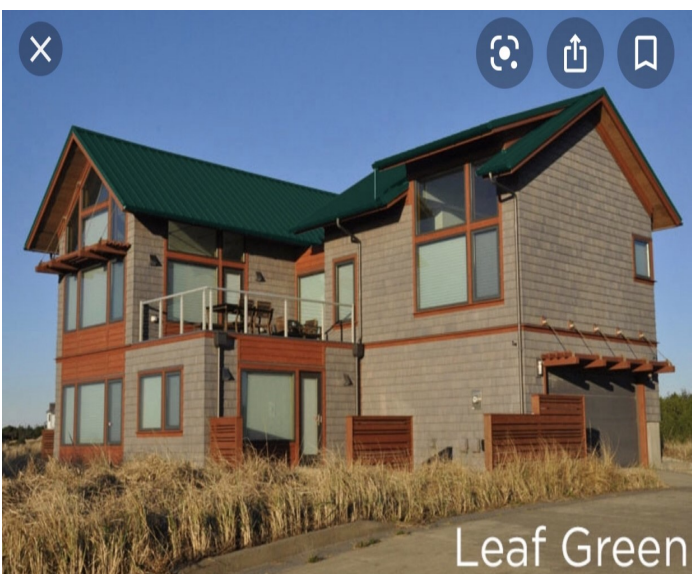


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Late in 2021, the StoneBridge Newsletter *“Thankful”* focused on the development of its new Operations, Maintenance, Parking, and Cross Docking Center and how blessed we are to have it. Now the time has come for step 2. Upgrade the very building that has been “home” to Butch and Shane since the mid 90’s, and responsible for StoneBridge Trucking prospering for almost 24 years. StoneBridge CEO Shane Kennedy’s heart is with this building:

“I was a kid when Dad purchased this building. It was underwent many changes and improvements. I brought home my first car at 16 here. I have spent Christmas’s here. My father lives here. The StoneBridge Pub is here. I was welcomed home from the US Army here. My college graduation was here. My engagement party to my wife was here. Now my kids play here. They only know this place as “Papa’s house”. I have spent some of the most special moments of my life here. Now I spend most of my professional work life here. To say this place is special, would do my true feelings towards it an injustice.”



The picture above will serve as the color scheme when the new building is painted to preserve the already existing green metal roof.

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Now its time to put the same TLC into this building and show it the love and respect it has always shown us.

Starting in mid-September, StoneBridge Operator Bill Mattingly will spearhead the campaign to renovate StoneBridge Headquarters. The renovation project will consist of an additional A-Frame added to the front, a large entry door, bathroom renovation, additional conference room, new HVAC system, and large StoneBridge Trucking sign to be modeled after the Cabelas sign we all know.

The building is going to be fantastic and its going to be a great upgrade to what we have.

**~ StoneBridge
Operator
Bill Mattingly**



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