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THE ROAD AHEAD

AAA Garage Spotlight: FDR Towing

Proudly family-owned and serving Newfoundland and surrounding communities, FDR Towing is powered by Owner/Operators and husband/wife Dennis Donegan and Laura Jean Juranich, along with their daughter and fellow Owner/Operator, Leanne Donegan (and Leanne's six-month-old daughter Riley, who will help lead the third generation of FDR Towing); Lead Driver Mike Ressler and Driver Aaron Kizer. With over 20 years of experience, this dedicated team is built on trust, safety, dependable service, and personalized care—located at 1025 Main Street, Newfoundland, PA.

Q: What's the most memorable roadside rescue you've handled?

A: One of our drivers, Mike, recalls a moment in his towing career that still stays with him. He was dispatched to a critical lockout involving an 11-year old deaf and nonverbal autistic boy who had become locked inside his family's vehicle. His parents couldn't reach him, and he didn't understand the danger he was in. Mike remembers the relief on both the parents' and child's faces when he arrived quickly and unlocked the car, safely reuniting them.

Q: What's the #1 safety tip every driver should know?

A: *Slow Down, Move Over* and always keep your eyes on the road. Pay attention to your surroundings as you travel. The biggest danger all roadside workers face is being struck by passing motorists. Whether that be tow truck drivers, first responders, police, or even road construction crews. Everyday, we all put our lives on the line and in the hands of other drivers on the road.

Q: What's the most unusual vehicle you've ever towed?

A: We have towed quite a few unusual things! The most unique being a 1939 Ford Woody station wagon. We have towed plenty of boats on the back of our rollbacks, thanks to Lake Wallenpaupack being so close. One of our drivers even lowered the bed of his truck into the water and launched a customer's boat right off the back of the truck! Not the most conventional way to get your boat in the water, but if it can be done, we will do it!

Q: If you weren't towing, what would you be doing?

A: All of our drivers would have the same answer—we would be farming! We enjoy spending time with our horses at the farm and making hay during the summer months. You might catch Leanne and her two Clydesdale draft horses at local events and fairs, or see Mike heading to his next hay field. Owners Dennis and Laura, own property in Lake Ariel, where we all enjoy spending our free time together outdoors.



Leanne with her Clydesdale draft horses, Jake and Manny, alongside one of their tow trucks.