

# Don's Diesel in Lawrence passes from father to son

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After years of running a family-owned engine repair business, Rod Urish knows not only the value of customers, but also of family.

This past June, Rod retired after 50 years of experience and passed his shop, Don's Diesel in Lawrence, Kan., to his oldest son, Willie Urish.

Willie gained 18 years of experience working as a certified General Motors mechanic before joining his father two years ago.

Willie remains committed to the same work ethics as his father, including selling engine parts made by name-brand American companies.

Don's Diesel opened in 1988 with the goal of providing area farmers with engine kits for old and new models of agricultural tractors and equipment. Recently, they have expanded to industrial and over-the-road truck parts.

The business not only provides engine kits to local



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Willie Urish, who recently took control of Don's Diesel from his father, Rod, practices his hobby, fixing a race car engine.

customers, but they can also sell engine parts anywhere in the United States.

Willie says he personally addresses questions and concerns of the customer and offers service tailored to their individual needs. Not only does he have knowledge in restoring agricultural equipment at his

business, but he also fixes race car engines as a hobby.

Don's Diesel continues to add new products as the agricultural market changes while keeping a good inventory of parts for older equipment.

"We try to get customers back on the road as quickly as possible," said Willie. "Since we are a small family operation, we can personalize our service a lot better."

The shop offers the latest line of high quality replacement parts for Caterpillar, Cummins, Detroit Diesel and Navistar truck engines, and now have electronic engine kits with articulated pistons.

The name-brand engine repair kits also come with a factory warranty.

A catalog of their most commonly sold engine kits can be found online at [www.donsdiesel.com](http://www.donsdiesel.com). Customers may also contact Willie by phone at (800) 345-6513 or e-mail [donsdiesel@yahoo.com](mailto:donsdiesel@yahoo.com).

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