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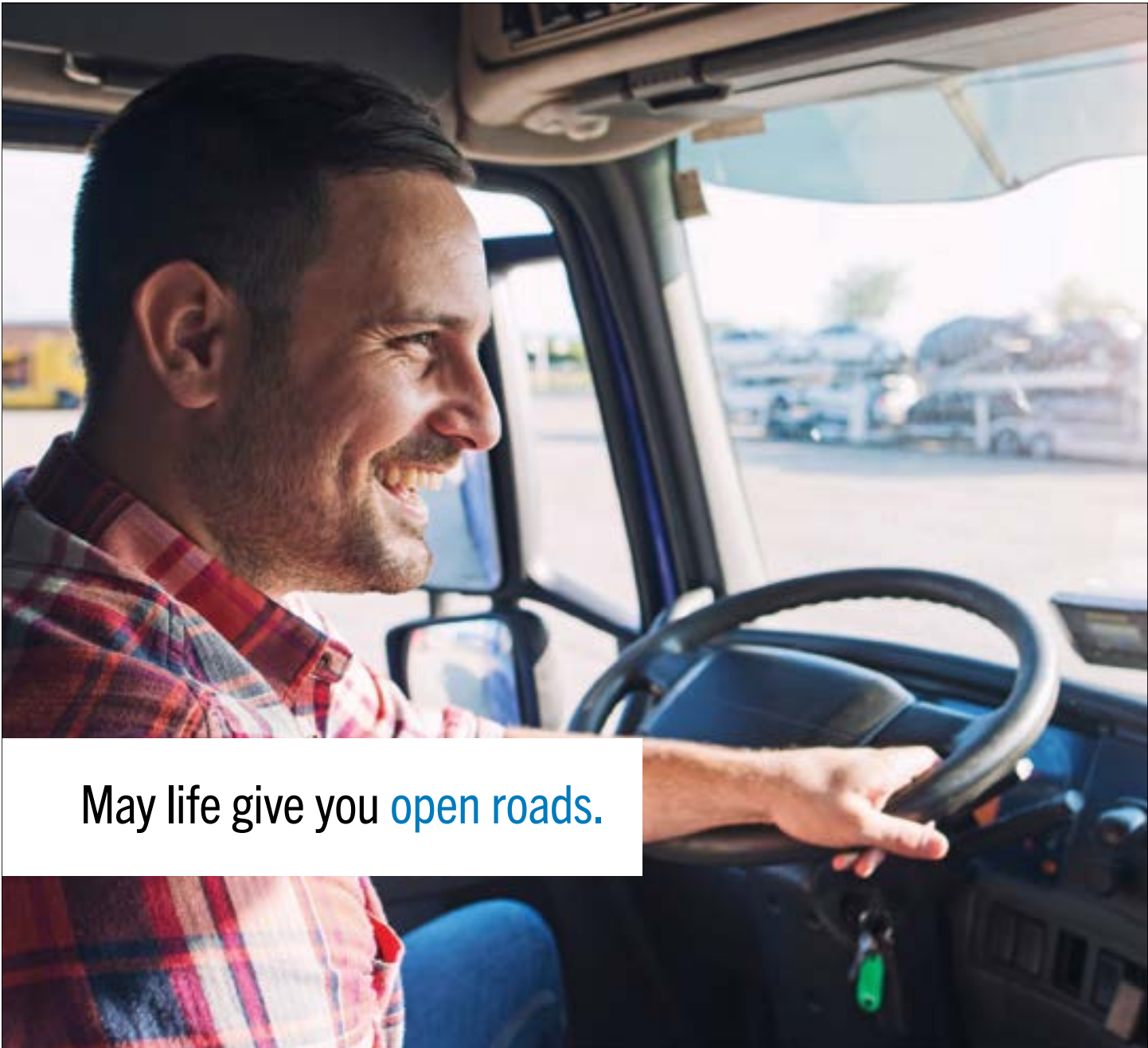
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## **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

As you may remember in last months column, I referred to a summer road trip of 3,300+ miles in my personal vehicle. Driving through and returning through nine states to the Southeast coast, I encountered many crazy, risk-taking drivers.

It is "exciting" to maneuver a semi among such drivers, but at least in a semi, I am more visible to others. Driving a full-size pickup truck...less visible, apparently. I was on I-40, six lanes, 70 mph, topping a small hill, when below was a van completely STOPPED in the middle lane. The van was displaying no hazard lights or blinkers. As I approached it with much caution, the van turned left across two lanes of moderately heavy traffic toward the exit ramp! WOW! I understand missing an exit, but why not proceed to the next exit and double back? I'm grateful there was no dangerous/deadly pile up from that van driver's incompetence.

Are we allowing ourselves to be distracted too often while steering an 80,000# vehicle at high speeds? Especially in a semi, I implore you to concentrate, concentrate, concentrate on your responsibility to keep you safe, your equipment, your load, and others. Your cell phone can be answered a few minutes later; your dispatcher's call can be returned from the next exit; your canine companion can be calmed at the next rest area.

On a much different subject, the Search Committee of SDTA and SDADA has been successful in finding an excellent successor to our Associations' President, Myron Rau. His successor is highly qualified and experienced; eager to learn even more about our industries; very well suited for the job. Attend the SDTA Convention on September 8, 9, 10, to meet and introduce yourself to our newest leader. It's been over 20 years since our Associations underwent this process, and I'm grateful for the stellar job done by the Search Committees, headed by Tom Murphy of Parker Transfer. Thanks to you all!

Stay safe in your daily work. Thank you for what you do to supply our nation's needs. See you at the Convention.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



For several years, the trucking industry has been encouraging Congress to repeal the Federal Excise Tax (FET) on heavy duty trucks. I am dedicating my column this month with a status report regarding this effort.

*The American Trucking Associations praised the introduction of the Modern, Clean, and Safe Trucks Act of 2021 by Senators Todd Young (R-Indiana) and Ben Cardin (D-Maryland). The bipartisan legislation would repeal the 12% federal excise tax on heavy-duty trucks, which currently adds approximately \$22,000 to the cost of a new tractor-trailer.*

*"The federal excise tax on heavy trucks is a relic from the First World War that's now serving to keep cleaner, safer trucks off of our nation's roads today," said Chris Spear, president and CEO of American Trucking Associations. "By repealing this antiquated tax, Congress can deliver a win for the environment, highway safety, manufacturing jobs and supply-chain efficiency. We thank Senators Young and Cardin for their bipartisan leadership in advancing a common-sense solution to the benefit of American truckers and the motoring public."*

*Although technological advances have made the latest tractor-trailers cleaner and safer than ever before, the FET creates a disincentive for motor carriers to modernize their fleets by placing a punitive surcharge on investments in new equipment. As a result, the average age of a truck on the road today is nearly ten years old.*

*Over the past two decades, cleaner fuel and engines used in new trucks have combined to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions by 97% and particulate matter emissions by 98%. Since 2010, more fuel-efficient diesel trucks have saved 101 million barrels of crude oil and reduced CO2 emissions by 43 million tons. Life-saving, driver-assist safety technologies that weren't widely available or effective a decade ago, such as automatic emergency braking, forward collision mitigation and electronic stability technology, are now offered in new models.*

*The FET was enacted by Congress in 1917 at three percent to raise revenue for World War 1. Today it stands at 12%—making it the highest excise tax the federal government levies on any good across the entire economy. The bill calls on Congress to find more reliable and consistent revenue streams to sustain the Highway Trust Fund.*

*"Funding our national infrastructure need not come at the expense of highway safety or environmental health. Our industry will continue to advocate for equitable and sustainable user fees that align the goals of safer roads, cleaner air and a growing economy," said Spear.*

*A 2020 survey by American Trucking Associations found 60% of fleets would be either somewhat likely or very likely to buy additional trucks and trailers beyond currently scheduled purchase if the FET were repealed.*

Until next month -

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myron L. Rau". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Myron L. Rau, President

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Daniel Steffens, Johnson Feed Inc., Canton, SD, was selected as the August 2021 Driver of the Month by the South Dakota Safety Management Council.

Daniel has 4.5 million miles in his 31 years as a professional truck driver. He has been with Johnson Feed, Inc. for the past 15 years.

Daniel's willingness to work with operations in a cooperative manner while always maintaining a commitment to safety demonstrates a high level of professionalism in the industry.

Daniel resides in Sioux Falls, SD.

The South Dakota Trucking Association joins the Safety Management Council in congratulating Daniel Steffens for being selected as the August 2021 Driver of the Month.

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## Notice of Annual Meetings of SDTA and SDTA Services

The By Laws of the South Dakota Trucking Association require that all members be notified of the Annual Meeting of the SDTA and SDTA Services.

Therefore, you are hereby advised that the Annual Meeting of the SDTA and SDTA Services is scheduled for Friday, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. C.D.T.

The purpose of said meeting is to transact any such business as may properly come before the Annual Meetings.

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**GOLF REGISTRATION** SDTA has scheduled a golf outing at The Brandon Golf Course, on Thursday, September 9, 2021. A continental breakfast will be available at the golf course. Registration runs from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. - Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Lunch provided. Participants split up unless specified.

Option One

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**SOUTH DAKOTA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION'S 86TH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
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Agenda

**Wednesday, September 8**

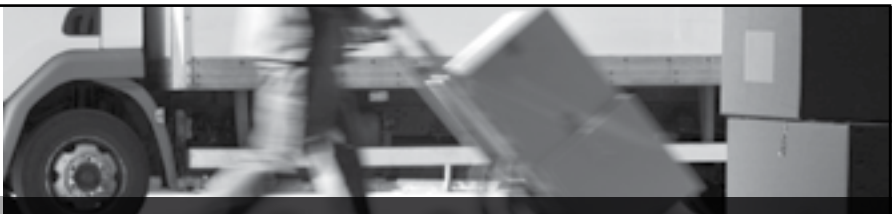
- A.M. 8:00 Open for Vendor Booth Setup - must be set up prior to 4:00 p.m.
- P.M. 3:00 Registration Desk Opens
- 5:00 Vendor Appreciation Social
- 6:30 Sponsor & Exhibitor Thank You Dinner  
- Truckers Against Trafficking Presentation Following Dinner

**Thursday, September 9**

- A.M. 8:00 - 8:45 Golfer Registration & Check-in at Brandon Golf Course - Transportation on your own
- 9:00 Shotgun start - Brandon Golf Course
- P.M. 4:00 Registration Desk Opens
- 4:30 NextGen Social & Visit Displays (open to all ages)
- 6:00 Dinner - Award Golf Prizes
- 7:20 Football & Fun ★ Dallas Cowboys V. 🇺🇸 Tampa Bay Buccaneers on big-screen  
Cornhole Tournament - Bracket size depends on # of participants. Must sign up prior to 1st toss.

**Friday, September 10**

- A.M. 7:45 Registration Desk Opens
- 8:00 Breakfast  
- Formal Opening 86<sup>TH</sup> Annual Convention  
- Welcome  
- SDTA and SDTA Services Inc. Annual Meetings
- 8:30 - 9:30 Session 1: "We're From The Government & We're Here to Help," by SD Department of Revenue, Motor Carrier Services
- 9:45 - Noon Session 2: Panel Discussion: Drug & Alcohol Regulations + Company Policies - Where Does Workers Compensation Fit Into This Equation?
- P.M. 12:00 Awards Luncheon  
- Fleet Safety Awards  
- SDHP Annual Safety Award Presentation
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- 2:30 Driver of the Year Interviews
- 3:00 Heavy Duty Truck Dealer Meeting
- 5:00 Capitol Club Reception - By Invitation Only
- 5:00 Social & Visit Displays
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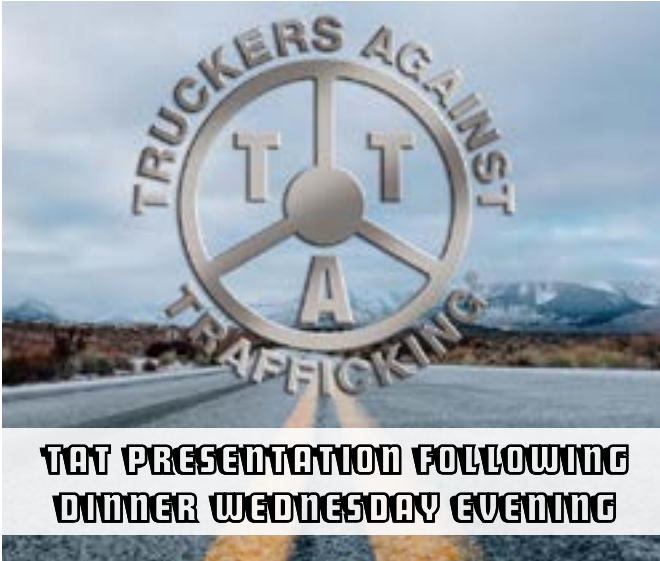
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**FRIDAY**  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Business Session

## SESSION TWO PANEL DISCUSSION:

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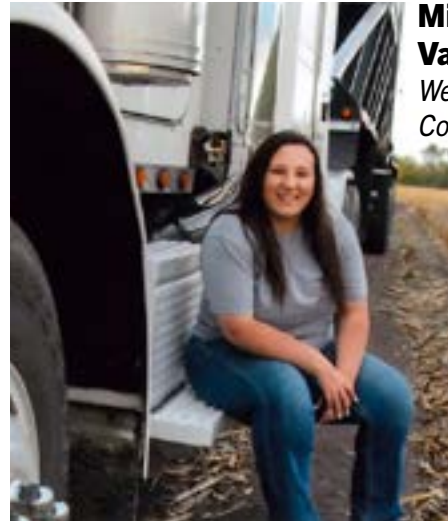


**Griffin Brown**

*University of Nebraska*

Griffin grew up in Sioux Falls, SD. While attending Roosevelt High School he worked different jobs and participated in a variety of

extracurricular activities, the most important to him being cross country and track. In the Fall he will be attending the University of Nebraska, in Lincoln. He will be majoring in Finance,



**Mikiah Van De Kieft**  
*Western Iowa Tech Community College*

Mikiah grew up on a farm just outside of Canton, SD. She is an early high school graduate with two semesters of college completed. Her grandpa was an over-the-road

truck driver for over 50 years. Her uncle is a truck driver (Scott Van De Kieft (Dunky Trucking) and her father owns Van De Kieft Trucking. She got her love for the outdoors, the farm, and the trucks from my father, and "everything else " from her mother. She is working toward an Agricultural Management Degree and then will go back for Veterinary Assistant Diploma, both from Western Iowa Community College in Sioux City, IA. She has worked hard and appreciates the support of her family and friends.



**Shelby Lee**

*South Dakota State University*

Shelby Lee recently graduated from Milbank High School, in Milbank, SD. She participated in volleyball, dance, and boys basket-

ball management. She was also involved in National Honor Society, Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU), Tobacco Coalition and Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA). She currently works as a CNA at St. Williams Care Center and a PCT at Milbank Area Hospital. She will be attending South Dakota State University this Fall to major in Nursing and minor in Biology.



**Isaac Johnson**  
*South Dakota State University*

Isaac grew up in Milbank, SD. He found his passion for the outdoors early. Some of his fondest memories are being out at his grandparents farm. During

high school he got a job at Berens Groceries. Within a couple of months there he was promoted to help with the processing and packing of fresh meat. This allowed him to work directly with drivers, assisted with loading and unloading trucks daily. At 16 he got a job at Valley Queen Cheese where he has been for two years. He works in the quality assurance department. He understands the value of the trucking industry. He is scheduled to start at SDSU this fall where he will study civil engineering. He is very excited to further his education and sharpen his academic skills.

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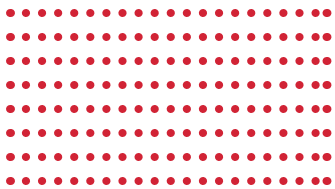


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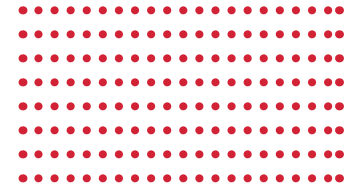
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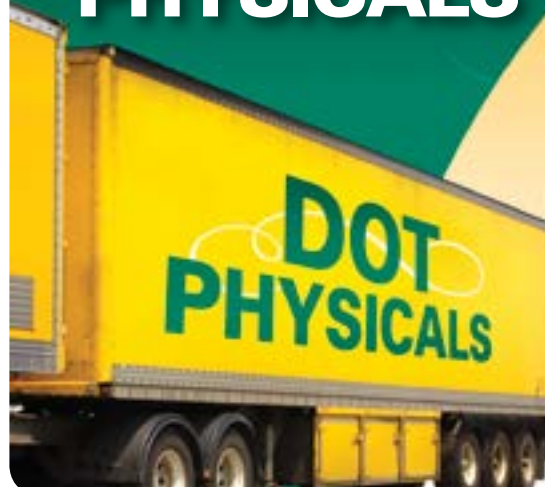
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## USDA Announces Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers

USDA Office of Communications - Washington, July 20, 2021 -

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing up to \$200 million to provide relief to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses that have experienced losses due to COVID-19 as part of USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative. Loggers and truckers can apply for assistance through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) July 22 through Oct. 15, 2021. The Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers program (PATHH) is administered by FSA in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, authorized this critical assistance for the timber industry. Timber harvesting and hauling businesses that have experienced a gross revenue loss of at least 10% during the period of Jan. 1 and Dec. 1, 2020, compared to the period of Jan. 1 and Dec. 1, 2019, are encouraged to apply.

"USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative promised to get financial assistance to a broader set of producers and today's announcement delivers on that promise," said Secretary Vilsack. "On top of the existing challenges associated with natural disasters and trade, the pandemic caused a major disruption for loggers and timber haulers including lack of access to wood processing mills. This industry plays a critical role in our nation's economy and we are proud to support these hard-working loggers and truckers as they get back on track."

"Like many facets of the agriculture industry, the logging industry has experienced its share of financial hardships throughout the pandemic," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "We're happy to work with the U.S. Forest Service to develop this new program to provide critically needed support."

"We've heard from loggers and truckers whose livelihoods were significantly impacted this past year by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are pleased that USDA can help alleviate some of the financial burden," said Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen. "I encourage those logging and log-hauling businesses hardest hit by the pandemic to learn more about the assistance offered through this new program."

Program Details: To be eligible for payments, individuals or legal entities must be a timber harvesting or timber hauling business where 50% or more of its gross revenue is derived from one or more of the following:

- Cutting timber.
- Transporting timber.
- Processing of wood on-site on the forest land (chipping, grinding, converting to biochar, cutting to smaller lengths, etc.).

Payments will be based on the applicant's gross revenue received from Jan. 1, 2019, through Dec. 1, 2019, minus gross revenue received from Jan. 1, 2020, through Dec. 1, 2020, multiplied by 80%. FSA will issue an initial payment equal to the lesser of the calculated payment amount or \$2,000 as applications are approved. A second payment will be made after the sign-up period has ended based upon remaining PATHH funds.

The maximum amount that a person or legal entity may receive directly is \$125,000.

### Applying for Assistance

Loggers and truckers can apply for PATHH beginning on July 22 by completing form FSA-1118, Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers Program application, and certifying to their gross revenue for 2019 and 2020 on the application. Additional documentation may be required. Visit [farmers.gov/pathh](https://www.farmers.gov/pathh) (<https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus/pandemic-assistance/pathh>) for more information on how to apply.

Applications can be submitted to the FSA office at any USDA Service Center nationwide by mail, fax, hand delivery, or via electronic means. To find a local FSA office, loggers and truckers can visit <https://www.farmers.gov/service-center-locator> (<https://www.farmers.gov/service-center-locator>). They can also call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.

FSA will host a stakeholder webinar on Wednesday, July 21 at 3 p.m. Eastern. Interested participants must [register for the webinar](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/outreach-and-education/webinars/index) (<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/outreach-and-education/webinars/index>).

As USDA looks to long-term solutions to build back a better food system, the Department is committed to delivering financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers and businesses who have been impacted by COVID-19 market disruptions. Since USDA rolled out the [Pandemic Assistance](https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus/pandemic-assistance) (<https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus/pandemic-assistance>) for Producers initiative in March, the Department has announced over \$7 billion in assistance to producers and agriculture entities. For more details, please visit [www.farmers.gov/pandemic-assistance](https://www.farmers.gov/pandemic-assistance) (<https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus/pandemic-assistance>)



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<p><b>Heart, MI, Stents, Angioplasty/Angina</b>                  -Cardiologist/Provider statement indicating you are capable of operating a commercial motor vehicle safely from a cardiac perspective                  -Copy of most recent echocardiogram</p>	<p><b>Stroke, Seizure, Traumatic Brain Injury, TIA</b>                  -Neurologist/Provider statement indicating you are capable of operating a commercial motor vehicle safely from a neurologic perspective</p>
<p><b>Diabetes</b>                  -Copy of HgA1c results, must be within the last six months                  -Provider statement documenting diabetes control and complications                  -All prescribed diabetes medication(s)                  -DOT Insulin paperwork Form MCSA-5870 filled out by the Provider who manages your IDDM if applicable</p>	<p><b>Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar, PTSD, Panic Disorder</b>                  -Provider note stating your medications are tolerated with no daytime sleepiness and indicating you are capable of operating a commercial motor vehicle safely*</p>
<p><b>Blood Pressure (borderline or difficult)</b>                  -Provider note indicating you are being treated to control your blood pressure, with a reading of 140/90 or less                  -List of medications and dosages</p>	<p><b>Sleep Apnea, Sleep Disorders**</b>                  -Copy of sleep study (if not on file at the medical examiner's office)                  -Copy of 90 day CPAP compliance report</p>
<p><b>Coumadin, Warfarin</b>                  -Copy of most recent INR test results</p>	<p><b>Medications with Risk of Sedation</b>                  -Provider note stating*:                  -List of medications and dosages                  -How long you have been on the medications                  -Tolerating the medications with no daytime sleepiness                  -Indicating that you are capable of operating a commercial motor vehicle safely while on the medications</p>

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**Connor Koup**  
*Lake Area  
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Connor grew up in Hoven, SD. Throughout high school he was involved in track, all-school play, band, FFA, French Club, student council and National

Honor Society. When he wasn't busy at school he would help his dad repair and grease his semi's. He worked both on the farm and for a construction company to earn money for college. He plans to attend Lake Area Technical College in the Fall to pursue their Building Trades Program. His goal is to be a construction manager and operate and own his own construction company someday.



**Taya Bult**  
*University of  
South Dakota*

Taya Bult grew up in Scotland, SD, and graduated from Scotland High School. For three years she enjoyed being a lifeguard at

the Scotland pool during the summer and a teacher's assistant at the Scotland Youth Center after school program during the school year. She's been involved in Concert Choir, Show Choir, Jazz Choir, Marching Band, Prep Band, Jazz Band, Drum Line, Quiz Bowl, Community Choir, piano and organ to which she's won several awards. She will attending the University of South Dakota this Fall for music education.



**Tyler Rohn**  
*Lake Area  
Technical  
College*

Tyler moved to South Dakota at the age of one. He grew up in Lead/Deadwood where he played baseball, football, wrestling and track. He has a passion for working with his hands building and fixing things.

He was accepted into the Think Big program with Butler at Lake Area Technical College. He is currently working for Butler in Rapid City but starts his new adventures on August 18 when he starts at the Lake Area Diesel Technology program.



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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Annual Convention - Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls on September 8 - 10, 2021.
- Annual guided pheasant hunt is on Thursday, November 11, 2021 - leave the hotel in Pierre at 9:00 a.m.
- SDTA Fall Board of Directors Meeting - Executive Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. with the full board to convene at 10:00 a.m. all at RedRossa, Pierre, SD on Friday, November 12, 2021.
- West River Legislative Reception - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Minerva's in Rapid City - Monday, November 22, 2021.
- East River Legislative Reception (NextGen Group meeting at 4:30) - Minerva's in Sioux Falls - Thursday, December 9, 2021, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Winter Executive Committee Meeting - 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022 at the Ramkota River Centre, Pierre. Followed by the Winter Board of Directors Meeting at 12:30 p.m. The Winter Reception with Legislators will follow at 6:00 p.m. All events of the day are scheduled at the Ramkota River Centre in Pierre.
- Spring Log Haulers Seminar - 2022 (specific date TBD) tentatively at the Deadwood Mountain Grand.
- SDTA Call on Washington - 2022 (specific dates TBD)
- Spring/Summer Board of Directors Meeting and the Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event at the AmericInn, Chamberlain. The Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022 followed by a full board meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. on the same day. The fishing Calcutta will be held after a social and hosted dinner. The Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2022.
- South Dakota Truck Driving Championships, Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, SD starting at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2022.
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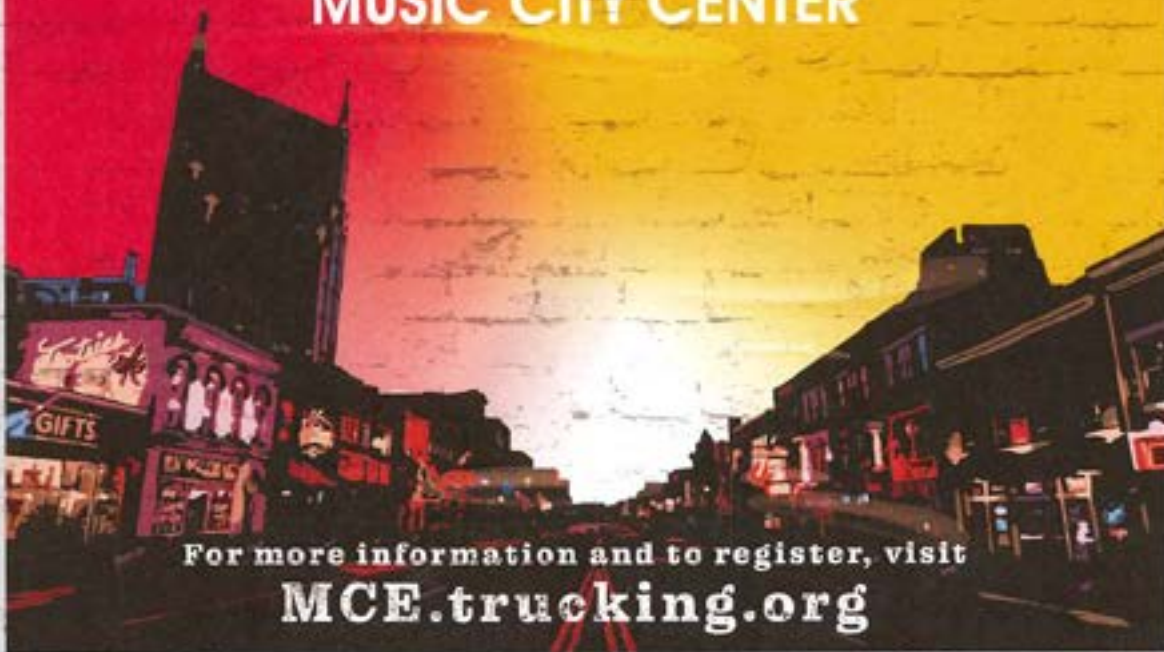
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## IRS reminds heavy vehicle owners of Aug. 31 highway use tax return deadline

For video on How to File Form 2290 go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1uFwQRi02M>

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service reminds those who have registered, or are required to register, large trucks and buses that it's time to file Tax Year 2021 Form 2290, [Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Return](#). The deadline to file and pay is Aug. 31, 2021, for vehicles used on the road during July 2021.

The highway use tax applies to highway motor vehicles with a taxable gross weight of 55,000 pounds or more. Taxpayers unsure if they must file can use the IRS online tool, [“Do I Need to Pay the Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax?”](#) The question-and-answer format helps owners determine if they are required to pay the highway use tax. [The “Understanding Form 2290 – Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax” recorded webinar](#) is also available.

### Ready to file?

#### Gather information

- Employer Identification Number (EIN) – not a Social Security number. For those who do not have one, it can take about four weeks to establish a new EIN. See [How to Apply for an EIN](#).
- Vehicle Identification Number and taxable gross weight of each vehicle.

#### How to file

- [E-file](#) is required when reporting 25 or more vehicles on Form 2290 and is the preferred filing method. The IRS provides a watermarked Schedule 1 within minutes after accepting the electronically filed return.
- Visit [IRS.gov](#) for a list of IRS-approved [e-file providers](#).
- On paper. Complete and mail Form 2290. Expect to receive the stamped Schedule 1 within 6 weeks after the IRS receives the form. See [Tax Year 2021 Instructions for Form 2290](#) for the correct mailing address.

#### How to Pay

- [Pay by credit card or debit card](#).
- [Electronic funds withdrawal](#) can be authorized as part of the e-file process.
- [Electronic Federal Tax Payment System](#); requires advanced enrollment.
- **Check or money order using Form 2290-V, Payment Voucher, mailed to: Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 932500, Louisville, KY 40293-2500.**

#### Vehicle registration date

The filing deadline is not tied to the vehicle registration date. Regardless of the vehicle's registration renewal date, taxpayers must file Form 2290 by the last day of the month following the month in which the taxpayer first used the vehicle on a public highway during the taxable period.

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# DRIVER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM & RULES

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Jacket Size \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (in full) \_\_\_\_\_

Children & Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Home Terminal Address (in full) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Years Employed by Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Equipment Operated: \_\_\_\_\_

Truck  Tractor-Semitrailer  Doubles  Other

Type of Driving:

Over the Road  City  Other

Total Mileage \_\_\_\_\_

Mileage with Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_

# of Accidents: \_\_\_\_\_ Chargeable Dates \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Chargeable Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Has your driver ever been selected as a driver of the month or year in South Dakota or any other state?  Yes  No

If yes, explain when and where \_\_\_\_\_

Participation in truck driving championships or other transportation related activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Basis of Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

With this entry, company agrees to send their driver, if selected as Driver of the Month, to the South Dakota Trucking Association Annual Convention where driver will participate in a PERSONAL INTERVIEW. Selection of Driver of the Year will be made following ALL personal interviews. Drivers not being interviewed will not be eligible for Driver of the Year honors. Interview times will be scheduled Friday afternoon during the convention.

With this entry, company agrees to submit Driver of the Year Entry Form for National Competition if your driver is selected as South Dakota's Driver of the Year.

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach supporting information and send to the South Dakota Trucking Association. Attach extra sheet if more space is needed.

Driver may be nominated for Driver of the Month for any outstanding act of heroism, a contribution to highway safety, an extraordinary act of courtesy, an exceptional deed or act of service to mankind within the community reflecting positively on the motor carrier industry, or for a long period of safe and courteous driving. An outstanding act shall be deemed to mean unusual or other than the normal every day courtesies afforded by truck drivers.

## ELIGIBILITY:

1. The nominated driver must be an employee of a member in good standing of the South Dakota Trucking Association.
2. The nominated driver must have been employed by the present employer for at least two years and have a minimum of five years overall experience.

3. South Dakota domiciled\* drivers are eligible for nomination for an outstanding act performed in any state.

\*The intent of the word "domiciled" shall be interpreted to mean: Any driver reporting to or regularly dispatched from a terminal within the State of South Dakota (in keeping with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations definition of his home terminal) regardless of where the driver may dwell.

4. A driver may receive the Driver of the Month award only one time in any contest year. He/she may be renominated in any subsequent year.

5. Nominations for outstanding acts on the highway shall be accompanied by supporting evidence (letters, statements, news clipping, etc.). A clear, factual account is absolutely necessary. Vague generalizations will not be accepted.

6. A copy of recent driver motor vehicle record check must accompany the nomination.

7. Drivers nominated and not selected as Driver of the Month will be held over and used in the following month's selection. Nominees not selected in either of these two months may be re-nominated for any future month's selection.

8. Entries must be in the office of the South Dakota Trucking Association no later than the 10th of each month for that current month's contest.

9. Nominations may be made by any party, but must be approved by the employer or a representative of the employer.

10. The annual contest will run from September of the previous year through August of the current year.

11. Company agrees to submit a professional, head and shoulders, black and white photo of entry upon notification of winning. (3" X 5" preferred)

Remit to: SD Trucking Association, PO Box 89008, Sioux Falls, SD 57109-9008 or email: [michelle@southdakotatrucking.com](mailto:michelle@southdakotatrucking.com)

# Condolences



**Gene Tooley**  
May 29, 1938 - July 24, 2021

Gene Tooley, age 83 of Sioux Falls, SD passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, July 24, 2021 in Sioux Falls.

From the age of 8 years old his dream was to drive truck for Wilson Truck Company. Gene would go each morning to highway 77 in Beresford and wait for the Wilson truck drivers to go past and honk before hustling to school. There were many tardies received because of that! Upon returning from his service in the Army he applied and was told he was too small to work for Wilson. Never one to give up he got a job as a package van delivery driver and his ability to do what needed to be done however it needed to be done to get it done caught the attention of the Wilson front office as he delivered packages to the docks one day. They offered him a job on the spot and his dream was fulfilled. Gene continued to work for Wilson Trucking/All-American Trucking/American Freight until the company filed bankruptcy in 1988. In 1983 Gene competed in the South Dakota Truck Roadeo where he took First Place in the Straight Truck Division and was awarded the Rookie of the Year Award. On the national level he competed in Fort Worth, TX where he took 2nd place in the Straight Truck Division. He finished his driving career with ABF, eventually retiring from trucking in 1998. He continued to volunteer with the South Dakota Truck Roadeo and was a trucking instructor with Southeast Area Technical College for a short time as well. After retiring Gene worked in maintenance for the Splitrock Township until health issues forced a full retirement in 2010.



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