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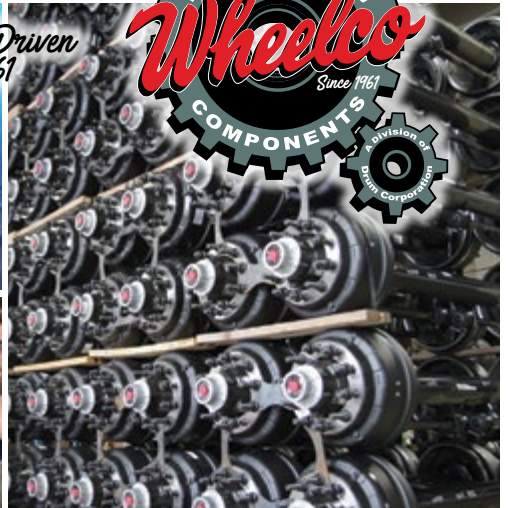


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Even if a student isn't from this area, they can still take our CDL Theory training. Our curriculum is fully compliant with the current FMCSA ELDT Training standards and we are a member in good standing of the Training Provider Registry as a Theory provider.

Once a student has completed our ELDT Theory they will need to get Behind-the-Wheel training before they can take the third party test to get their CDL.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



I am writing this after returning from the East River Legislative Reception in Sioux Falls. The event was held at Minera's. We had a very good attendance of both legislators and SDTA members. These events are so important as they allow SDTA members to be in front of a large number of legislators at one time. Take time to look at the pictures of both the West and East River Legislative Socials on page 29 of this publication.

Tesla has completed a test of a truck weighing 81,000 pounds. It traveled 500 miles on a single charge. I don't know where they ran the test, but I am sure it was done under ideal conditions - not in the mountains or in cold weather. I don't know where they plan to get the power to supply converting to zero emissions. The power grid will not supply existing electric vehicles. Weight is another factor! With the battery weight of 11,000 pounds, this will take away from the carrying capacity, thus increasing the number of trucks on the road to move the same tonnage. I know this does not affect most carriers, but for the ag sector this is a big deal! The FMCSA has denied the petition for an exemption on the hours-of-service. Nothing is going to change how the load of cattle or other live loads will still be moved. There is no other way of doing it.

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Christine's Corner

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families! While the holidays and year-end are a crazy busy time of year for businesses, it's important to pause and reflect on 2022. My hope and prayer for you is that you get some time with friends and family. I'm excited to spend the last week of December with my 3 boys. No major plans just to be with them as they continue to grow up and are getting to be a little too cool for their mom.

Early in December, the rail strike was put to an end after Congress intervened and forced the contract to move forward. There were only 4 unions that weren't in agreement with the contract. The strike could have been damning to our economy, with an estimated \$2 BILLION in losses per day. Both parties put their differences aside and moved forward, putting the rail strike to rest for now. A diverse transportation system is critical for keeping goods moving across our nation.

Recently, we participated in a webinar that highlighted all the major lawsuits surrounding the trucking industry that ATA has been leading the charge on. While it was a little depressing, there have been some big wins across the nation standing up for the trucking industry. Winning the Rhode Island toll case was really big, but we don't anticipate that it's not over or that other states won't try to do something similar. They were simply trying to discriminate against truck drivers by charging more to pass through tolls. We still continue to see a large increase in lawsuits targeting trucking companies and drivers. ATA is assisting several states in bringing legislation to protect against these huge settlements, which can often put a company out of business. SDTA has had discussions about this, but no legislation has been drafted as of today.

Lastly, it's with a little bit of a selfish heart that I let you all know that Rick Hoogendoorn has retired after 38 years at Yellow. As you know, Rick has served as the ATA Chair for SDTA as well as on the Executive Committee and last year's hiring committee. We certainly wish Rick the best, but we also recognize these are some big shoes to fill.

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Doug has been a professional truck driver for 12 years and has logged the last 3 years at Warren Transport. Doug is an exemplary employee who takes pride in being a hard worker and getting the job done right. He is open minded and always willing to learn new things, take new runs, and help his co-workers. He has been an active participant in safety meetings, hazard assessments and training of new hires. He always shares input, ideas and solutions to problems, rather than complaining about them. His proactive frame of mind lines up directly with the Warren Transport safety culture.

Doug is a standout in many avenues. First and foremost, his dedication to safety is a top priority; he does not cut corners and is very detail oriented. Some people can "do" and some people can "teach" - but Doug is one of few who can do both. He leads by example and is a great benefit to the new hire program at Warren Transport. This program includes pre and post trip inspections, ELD's, HOS, designated routes, products hauled, site specific information, customer service, defensive driving, and more.

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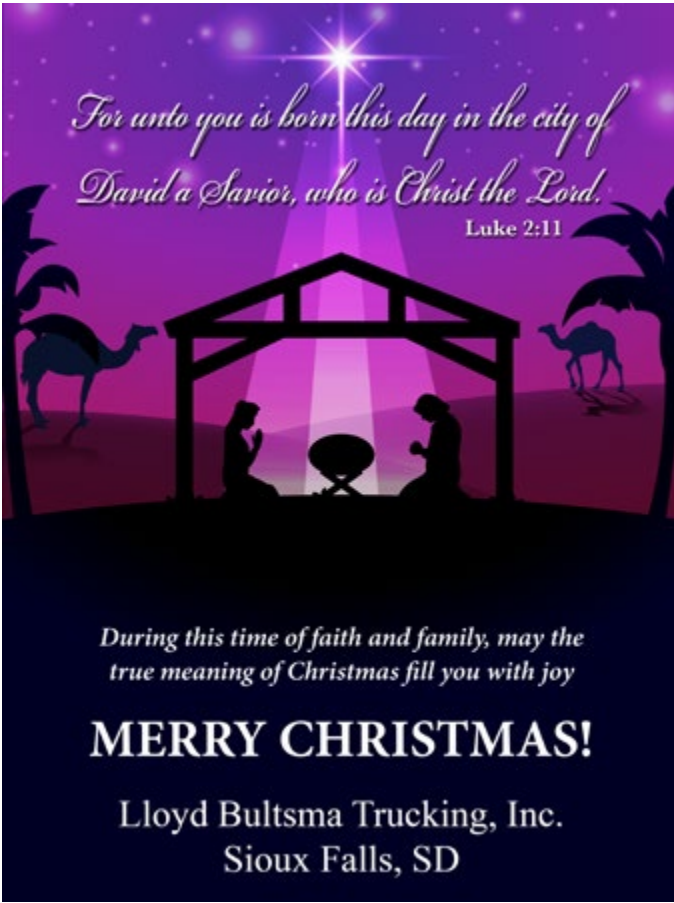
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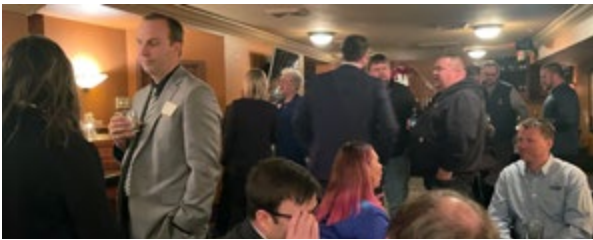
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Gov. Noem and Gov. Gordon Tell Forest Service to Revise Assessments for Black Hills National Forest



PIERRE, S.D. – This week, Governor Kristi Noem and Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon urged the Supervisor of the Black Hills National Forest to produce another set of draft assessments for the Forest’s Plan Revision process. You can find their letter to Supervisor Tomac at <https://governor.sd.gov/doc/Govs-Noem-and-Gordon-BHNF-Letter.pdf>.

“We request that the Forest Service produce another set of draft assessments with a public comment period, that those assessments include citations for factual statements, and that they contain discussion of why one authority was relied upon over another,” wrote Governor Noem. “We look

forward to meaningful participation in the Black Hills National Forest’s Forest Plan Revision process.”

In recent years, timber mills in the Black Hills have struggled to keep the doors of their business. Under logging constraints, one mill has already closed in South Dakota.

“We are concerned about the apparent desire of the Forest Service to drastically reduce the timber program in the Black Hills National Forest,” continued Governors Noem.

The Governors pointed to flawed statements “not backed by scientific material” in the Black Hills National Forest Plan revision assessments. These flaws included errors in both the data analysis and assumptions in the Black Hills Timber Sustainability General Technical Report.

“If the inaccuracies are not addressed, it will be difficult for our states to have confidence in the outcome of the Forest Plan Revision,” wrote the Governors.

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A Christmas parable for truckers: The story of the fourth wise man

By Rev. Marilou Coins - November 23, 2021

Can you believe we are only a few weeks away from Christmas? Many of us are ready to celebrate the reason for the season — the birth of Christ. As we look over the stories of the birth of Christ, we also think about the story of the three wise men and the gifts they brought to honor the infant king.



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But have you ever heard about the fourth wise man? No, you say? Well, let me tell you about this special wise man.

First, let's recall the adventures of the wise men. They saw a new star and got ready for the long trip to find the newborn king. Of course, they started the journey with their gifts, eventually arriving in Bethlehem after the birth of Christ.

But there was a fourth wise man, who decided to stay behind. Later, he had a change of heart and decided he should also make the journey. So, he got ready and started out, following the star. He

hurried to see if he could catch up with the other wise men — but they were long gone.

So, the journey for the fourth wise man was a bit lonely. Along the way, he came across a person who was very much in need of food, so he shared what he had. Then he started out again. This time, he found someone who was injured and needed medical help — so he took that person to a place to get help, and he spent some time with that person. He paid for medical supplies and told the healers to take care of him.

Once again, he started out, following the star. He came to a well and got water for his journey, but he also assisted a woman at the well who needed help drawing water. He told her he was following the star to find the newborn king, and again, continued on his journey, always stopping to help those in need.

Finally, he came to the stable where Christ was born — but years had passed. The shepherds told him the family had left several years ago, but to ask about them in Bethlehem. When he inquired about the holy family, he was told they had possibly gone to Nazareth.

So, the fourth wise man made the journey to Nazareth, where he learned the baby had grown to manhood. His name was Jesus, and he was with a group of 12 others, traveling and preaching in different places.

Oh, how that wise man longed to hear the king, and oh, how he tried to find him. Then he heard that Jesus had been arrested and was to be crucified as a criminal.

Now, the journey became more intense, and he pressed forward. However, his journey ended at the cross, as Jesus was dying. As the fourth wise man gazed up, he cried out, "Oh, I missed him! Oh, I missed him!"

As soon as he said those words, the star he had been following grew brighter, and he felt a gentle arm around him. He felt the warmth of a touch he couldn't explain and heard a voice saying, "No, you didn't miss me. Remember the folks you shared your food with? Well, you fed me. Remember the medicine you gave to help someone get better? You did that to me. Remember the coat you gave so unselfishly to someone who was cold? You wrapped me in the warmth of it. You never missed me. You were on a journey with me."

Do you see where you, as a trucker, fit in to the story as the fourth wise man? You are the one who has carried the loads of food, clothing, fuel and other life-saving necessities for all of us. Every dock and every store to which

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You're not missing Jesus while on the road; instead, you're caring for his flock here on earth. Your journey is important. Never think your journey isn't a way of following God's will. You are following the star, just as those ancient wise men did. God bless your journey, and keep following your star. Merry Christmas.

Best of the roads and all gears forward in Jesus,



Rev. Marilou Coin

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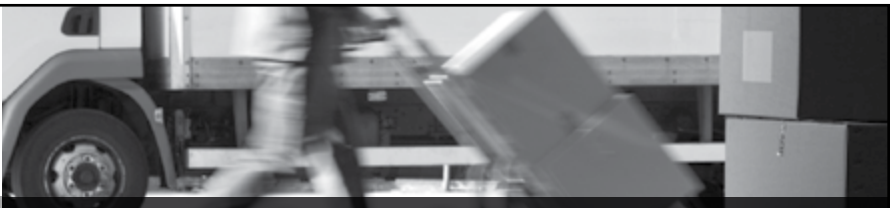
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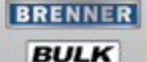
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