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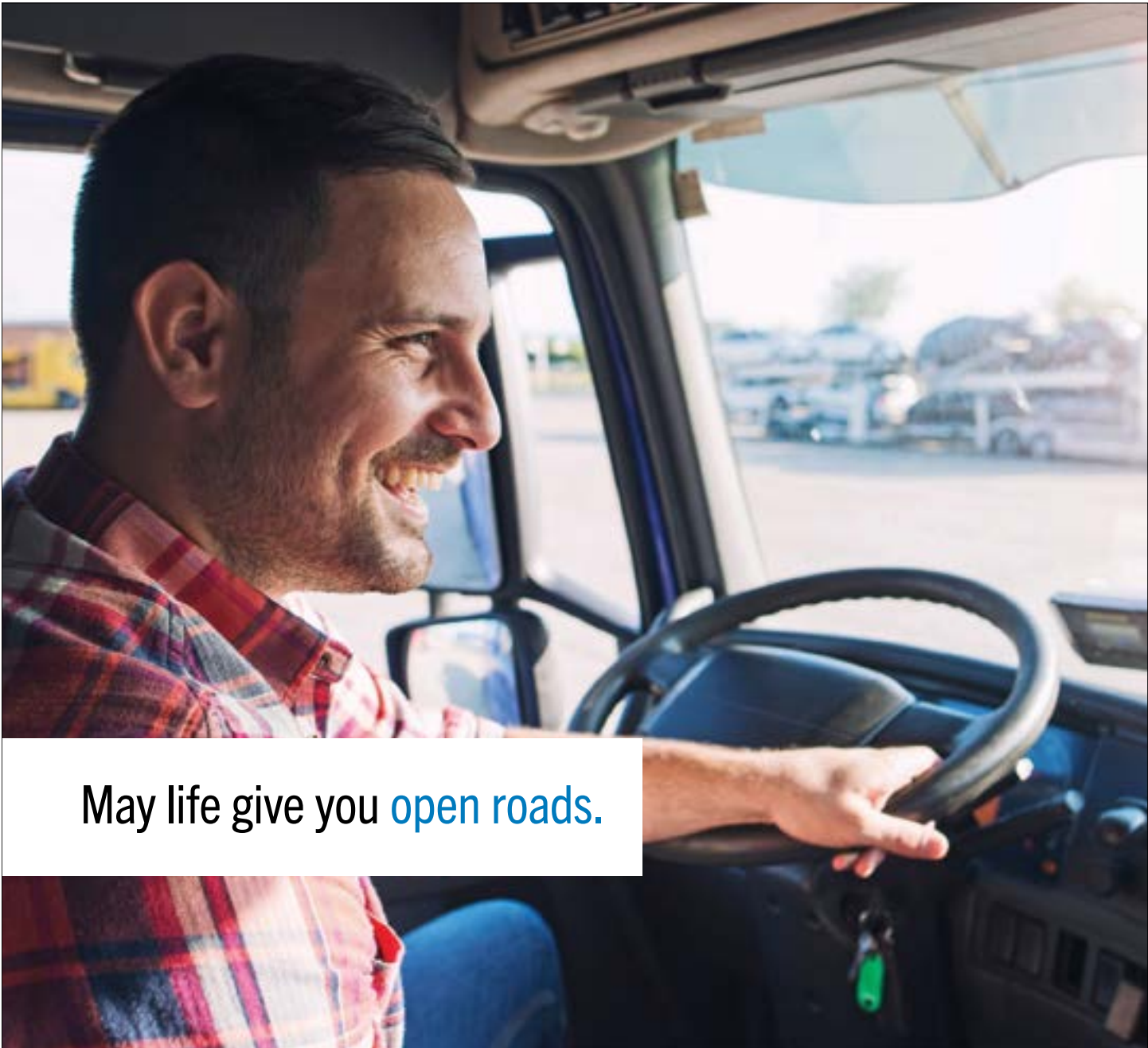
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As I write this, I have just returned from Chamberlain and the Spring/Summer Board of Directors' Conference. The full board and executive board meetings were very important and very well-attended, either in person or via Zoom. I stress, this particular meeting was very important, as it addressed the ongoing progress of searching for our President's (Myron's) successor as our leader and lobbyist, as well as work-

ing in tandem with the South Dakota Auto Dealers towards the same end. Your Executive Board and Search Committee have spent much time and effort to conduct the search in a manner that is respectful of Myron's 20+ years of outstanding service to both organizations. My thanks to the members of the Executive Board, especially the Search Committee. Myron is retiring, effective April 1, 2022, and any member of the Board can update you any time on the efforts of this progress between now and then. I, and they, invite you to contact us with any questions/concerns.

Two important segments of our Spring/Summer Board meeting are the Cliff Tjaden Fishing Tournament, preceded by the Fishing Calcutta. With twenty five fishing teams participating on which to bid during the Calcutta, over \$4,000 was raised for our Association's Foundation. The first five teams bringing in the best fish catches shared in the proceeds. Kudos to all the bidders for bidding so generously, and a special thanks to Shelley and Brad Schipper for all their preparation to make the entire activity organized and enjoyable for all. And of course, Michelle Wells is behind-the-scenes, always taking the photos to add to the story, as she also assures that the records of the Fishing Tournament are accurate. If you attended, you know how much networking is enjoyed by all, and if you couldn't make it this year, definitely make plans to attend next year. All of the above give our association valuable exposure. The friendships developed during a gathering such as this are priceless to our businesses and bottom lines.

There is another important issue to address, Truckers Against Trafficking, but to do it justice, I will write about that subject next month...stay tuned.

Until next month, I wish you and yours, a meaningful Memorial Day as we remember and honor our deceased loved ones and military members.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Ollerich". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am certainly not advocating that we are in a post-COVID time, however, now that the CDC has declared that vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks, I am feeling much better about where we are headed. I am also convinced that no one will ever again be allowed to enter a clinic or hospital without a mask. So, in other words don't throw your masks away! It does seem a bit liberating and exciting to think that maybe we can get back to traveling, going out to dinner and visiting others in their homes. Maybe it's just me but I'm sure tired of virtual meetings!

The trucking industry has many challenges including driver shortages, infrastructure issues, hours of service and many more. For these reasons and many others, is why it is crucial to keep this association healthy and thriving in the future.

Once again, it is the time of year when we turn to greener outside events such as golf, cutting grass, riding bikes and motorcycles. This is especially precious since we have closed the gate on 2020 which was truly a hectic year due to the pandemic.

We recently had a very successful Summer Board Meeting and the annual Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event in Chamberlain. Upcoming in June is the west river poker run coupled with the west river golf outing. After that, the next SDTA Event is the annual east river summer golf tournament scheduled for the Brandon Golf Course for Thursday, July 22nd. This is always a fun and action packed event; please plan to join us for one or more of these events.

I am writing this column while attending the ATA Midyear Management Meeting in San Antonio, TX. They were concerned about attendance at this first post pandemic face-to-face meeting. What I am hearing and seeing is record attendance. It seems that everyone is tired of being cooped up and not able to travel. This is all a good sign that we will have active conversations about industry issues.

Stay safe!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron L. Rau". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Scott has been a professional truck driver for 15 years, nearly 10 of which were logged for FedEx Freight, Inc.

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Recently Scott was in a Coffee Cup Fuel Stop and noticed a man in distress. As the Lyman County Ambulance crew put it, "Mr Jamison recognized the signs of a person having a medical emergency. He didn't think twice as he approached the situation, not knowing anything about the distressed individual. Scott provided care, comfort and compassion for a complete stranger without being asked or told. His calmness during the incident helped the patient know help was on its way and that he was not alone. Scott Jamison reacted to a situation that most people would have stayed away from. He jumped in to help a person he had never met, a rare reaction in most of the public these days."

Scott provides safety for the public, not just in this occasion, but on an every day basis.

Scott and his wife Carrie reside in Box Elder, SD.

The South Dakota Trucking Association joins the Safety Management Council in congratulating Scott Jamison for being selected as the May 2021 Driver of the Month.

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FMCSA: Beware of Companies Posing as Government Agencies

April 13, 2021 11:45 AM, EDT reprinted from: Transport Topics

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration officials posted a warning to truckers on April 8 to be aware of “predatory” companies that pose as government agencies.

The message came one day after the Iowa attorney general issued a news release announcing it reached an agreement with a Texas company that agreed to refund money to any Iowa truck drivers that paid it \$149 to submit federal documents that can be filed for free.

The company, Compliance Processing Group of Frisco, Texas, sent past-due notices to Iowa truck drivers under the name FMCSA Compliance Processing Group. The letters warned that the truckers must “contact us immediately” or risk fines of \$1,000 a day — for a total of up to \$10,000 — and risk being taken out of service, “per the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.”

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller dubbed the company’s letter a “scam” that takes advantage of a requirement that every company that holds a U.S. DOT number update their company information every two years by updating the MCS-150 form.

“The company’s mailer deceptively implies it is sent by a government agency and that failure to respond could be punished with civil penalties,” Miller alleged. “In smaller print at the bottom of the mailers, the letter stated that FMCSA Compliance Processing Group was not a government agency.”

In its warning, FMCSA said it is aware that motor carrier officials and new entrant applicants often receive “confusing or misleading solicitations” from service providers or third-party administrators by telephone, email, text and U.S. mail. “These businesses obtain your company’s information when you submit an application or update your information with FMCSA, because your basic carrier information is publicly available,” FMCSA said.

The warning said that FMCSA does not contact carriers via telemarketers or “robocall” automated telephone solicitations, nor does it request credit card numbers by telephone or charge a fee for downloadable forms that can be found at [fmcsa.dot.gov/mission/forms](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mission/forms).

FMCSA said that predatory companies often contact new carriers after they complete online transactions with FMCSA. Aggressive or fraudulent marketing complaints have included carriers being pressured to immediately enroll in drug and alcohol supervisor training, offer general agency regulatory and compliance support, Unified Carrier Registration compliance or biennial updates, FMCSA said.

“Motor carrier service providers and third-party administrators or their employees can and do provide valuable services to motor carriers and new entrants in the motor carrier community, and the use of a private entity or company to assist a motor carrier with compliance is an option for motor carrier officials and new entrant applicants,” the agency said.

“However, the U.S. government does not endorse private businesses or vendors, and the use of a service provider is not required by FMCSA,” FMCSA said.

Under federal law, impersonating “an officer or employee acting under the authority of the United States” to demand or obtain “any money, document or thing of value” can result in a fine as well as imprisonment for up to three years, the agency said.

The agency said that truckers who want to report a fraudulent request for information to DOT should contact the Office of Inspector General Hotline via oig.dot.gov/hotline or by calling (800) 424-9071.

Iowa did not seek to penalize or fine Compliance Processing Group, but issued an assurance of voluntary compliance that requires the company to no longer operate in Iowa. The company’s manager, Robert Corrigan, did not return a phone message seeing comment. However, the compliance document noted that the company denied it engaged in “acts or practices which had the tendency to mislead a substantial number of consumers as to a material fact or facts.”

“We were using the Iowa consumer fraud act,” said attorney general spokesman Lynn Hicks. “Our main interest was basically to get these guys out of town. We were able to do that without going to court and getting an injunction or small penalty.”



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Understanding Clearinghouse rules is essential for small trucking businesses

By Cliff Abbott -April 9, 2021

Starting up your own trucking business with your own authority is a big step that adds complexity to your business. Growing your business from a single truck to multiple units adds even more complexity. The management side of the business changes — you now need to provide payroll, insurance and other services for the people who drive for you.

One important change you may need to make is your relationship with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. You may have already registered yourself as a driver; this allows any carriers you drive for to run preemployment and annual queries of your record at the Clearinghouse. Depending on your business model, you may now also need to register as an employer.

Whether or not you need to register as an employer hinges on whether you operate under your own authority, using your own Department of Transportation (DOT) number, or under the authority of another carrier. If you're going it alone, you'll need to register as an employer, even if you're the sole driver. If you're leasing your equipment to another carrier, the employer functions of the Clearinghouse may be handled for you by the carrier, but you'll need to make sure.

Some consortium services are registered with the Clearinghouse and can help handle your registration for you. It's important to be clear on exactly what services are offered. Carriers have, in the past, failed DOT audits because they incorrectly assumed the consortium they used was performing Clearinghouse duties.

While a consortium can conduct a query for you, it can't purchase a query plan. Before you (or the consortium) can run a query, you'll need to pay in advance for the number of queries you expect to use in a year. Currently, the cost is \$1.25 per query.

If you need to register as an employer, go online to clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov and click the "Register" button. You'll need to have an account set up on login.gov to register. If you have previously registered as a driver, you may already have a login.

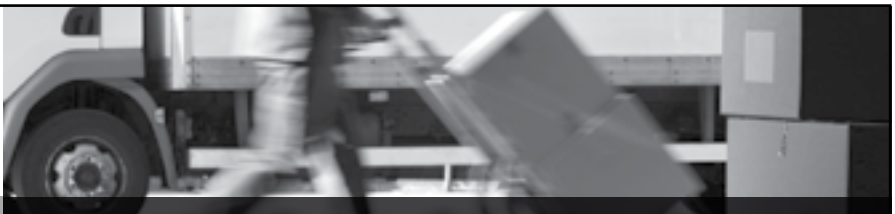
You'll need to designate a "Clearinghouse administrator" for your company. If your spouse or someone else handles the paperwork, it can be that person, or it can be yourself. The administrator is the person who makes queries of records and receives the results.

You'll also need to specify the drug and alcohol consortium or third-party administration (C/TPA). If you are leased to a carrier, you and any drivers you hire may be included in the list of names they draw from for random drug and alcohol testing. If you run as your own company and are the only driver, however, you can't "randomly" draw names from a list of one. A consortium allows your name to be placed in a pool with the names of other drivers and owner-operators to create a large enough group to draw from.

Once registered, you'll need to run queries on any new drivers you hire before they can drive. You'll also need to run annual queries on every person who drives for you. These queries must be maintained in a file that can be easily accessed by you if your business is audited by the DOT.

There are two types of queries — limited and full. Limited queries only tell you if information exists in a driver's Clearinghouse record. Full queries provide detailed information about violations contained in the record. The cost for either query is the same, \$1.25. The biggest difference, however, is the type of driver consent you'll need to obtain results.

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Operation Safe Driver Week Set for July 11-17 With Focus on Speeding

Greenbelt, Maryland (April 6, 2021) – This year's Operation Safe Driver Week will take place July 11-17 with an emphasis on speeding. During Operation Safe Driver Week, law enforcement personnel will be on the lookout for commercial motor vehicle drivers and passenger vehicle drivers engaging in risky driving behaviors in or around a commercial motor vehicle. Identified unsafe drivers will be pulled over and issued a citation or warning.

"Data shows that traffic stops and interactions with law enforcement help reduce problematic driving behaviors," said Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) President Sgt. John Samis with the Delaware State Police. "By making contact with drivers during Operation Safe Driver Week, law enforcement personnel aim to make our roadways safer by targeting high-risk driving behaviors."

CVSA selected speeding as its focus this year because despite a drop in roadway travel last year due to the pandemic, nationally, traffic fatalities increased. According to the National Safety Council's (NSC) preliminary estimates, the estimated rate of death on roads last year increased 24% over the previous 12-month period, despite miles driven dropping 13%. The increase in the rate of death is the highest estimated year-over-year jump NSC has calculated in 96 years.

In addition to speeding, law enforcement personnel will be tracking other dangerous driver behaviors throughout Operation Safe Driver Week, such as reckless or aggressive driving, distracted driving, following too closely, improper lane change, failure to obey traffic control devices, failure to use a seat belt, evidence of drunk or drugged driving, etc.

CVSA's Operation Safe Driver Program was created to help to reduce the number of crashes involving commercial motor vehicles and passenger vehicles due to unsafe driving behaviors. Operation Safe Driver Week is sponsored by CVSA, in partnership with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and with support from the motor carrier industry and transportation safety organizations. This initiative aims to improve the behavior of all drivers operating in an unsafe manner – either in or around commercial motor vehicles – through educational and traffic enforcement strategies.

To find out about Operation Safe Driver Week enforcement events in your area, contact the agency or department responsible for overseeing commercial motor vehicle safety in your area.



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WAVERLY SOUTH SHORE DRIVERS ED STUDENTS RECEIVE A PRESENTATION BY SD ROAD TEAM CAPTAIN JEFF ESCHEN

SDTA Road Team Captain Jeff Eschen, driver for K&J Trucking, Inc. made a presentation to 25 drivers education students from the Waverly South Shore High School.



The Road Team promoted education for not just drivers education classes but for the motoring public as well. This is the first presentation made by the Road Team since the start of COVID-19. It's nice to be able to get back to some of the things that have been put on hold since 2020.



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Going to these Board Meetings fills me with strength & knowledge



Following the Board Meeting we gathered at the back patio of the hotel for the SDTA Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event Calcutta. During the Calcutta over \$9,000 was raised, half of which goes to the SDTA Foundation to be used for future SDTA Scholarships.

Cliff Tjaden started several years ago to help get the South Dakota Trucking Association out of debt. It has continued for more than a decade after the debt was paid in full. What a wonderful way to honor an amazing man!



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Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event



We had 25 boats in our fishing event. this year. Great turnout! It was a beautiful day for fishing. Here are the top five finishers:

- 1st: Brad & Shelley Schipper
- 2nd: Justin & Chanda DeWald
- 3rd: Rich Steffen & Randy Jacobson
- 4th: Shawn & Jon Kuhnert
- 5th: Josh Schipper & Derek Falor

Here fishy fishy fishy!



Boats all went out no earlier than 7:30 a.m. and had until 3:00 p.m. to check-in with their walleye. Seven walleye were weighed per boat with no more than two 20" or bigger.



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Don't forget Brad and Shelley taught Josh about fishing from a very young age. Not only did Brad & Shelley get first place, but they also won the annual hundred dollar bet with Lowell Somsen.



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Note: The NextGen gatherings are for ALL SDTA Members. The next generation can learn a lot more about the industry if the seasoned members are around to teach them.



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Gerry Anderson

July 12, 1960 - April 16, 2021

We are sad to announce the passing of Gerry Anderson, brother of SDTA's Pam Kolseth. He passed at the age of 60, following a courageous battle with cancer.

In 1980 he started Anderson Landscaping with his dad, a business that continues to flourish.

Gerry was a "big picture" man prioritizing the important things in life. He was the embodiment of an optimist and his glass was always overflowing. His sense of humor was contagious and he was the most compassionate, loving (he never had an enemy), giving, and humble man. Everyone who knew Gerry could see God and his love for the Lord in his every action.

Please keep their family in your thoughts and in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a brother, husband, father and friend.

Memorial contributions can be made to the SDTA Trucking Foundation through the SDTA office in honor of those lost.

(See page 25 for a South Dakota Trucking Foundation Contribution Form)



Harold Roger Christiansen, Jr.

December 21, 1961 ~ May 16, 2021 (age 59)

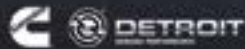
Harold R. Christiansen, Jr., age 59 of Nebraska City, NE passed away on May 16, 2021.

Harold was born on December 21, 1961 in Nebraska City, NE; the son of Harold R., Sr. and Alice Mae (Schalk) Christiansen. He grew up and attended school in Nebraska City. After high school he served in the United States Navy.

On July 7, 2007, Harold was united in marriage to Lori Renee Lee in Mesquite, NV. He was an over the road truck driver all his working life. He owned and operated his own semi and drove for Johnson Feed Inc., Canton, SD.



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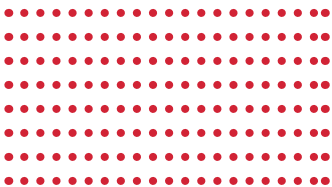


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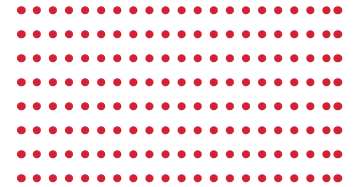
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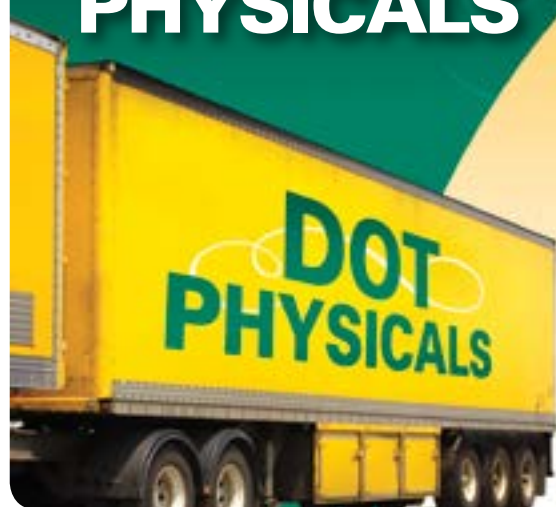
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Stephen Willers January 06, 1947 - April 12, 2021

Stephen Lee Willers, Reeds Spring, MO, son of Clifford and Bettylou (Simmons) Willers, was born January 6, 1947 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and departed this life peacefully on April 12, 2021 at the age of 74 surrounded by his family.

Stephen was always a hard worker. In 1959, at the age of 12 years old, his dad told him that he needed to go to work for the family trucking business so he started cleaning livestock trailers. When Stephen was 15 years old, he started delivering trailers around town. Even though Stephen was only 18 years old (driving age on the interstate was 21 years old), he began hauling cattle and hogs to Albert Lea, MN and Austin, MN. During college, Stephen would work in the office at Willers Truck Service in the summer, then go to the yards and load trucks with cattle and hogs, and then take the last load out to Albert Lea or Austin and arrive back in Sioux Falls at 4:00 a.m.

Stephen graduated from Washington High School in 1965. It was in high school that Stephen met his wife, Jeanan Sather, in Economics class. Stephen went on to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln until he transferred back to Sioux Falls and graduated from Augustana College with a double major while working for the family business.

Stephen and Jeanan were united in marriage on August 16, 1969.

Stephen continued in his grandmother and father's footsteps and worked for Willers Truck Service and Jet Leasing along with his brother until his retirement at the young age of 48 years old. Stephen was the president of the South Dakota Trucking Association from 1992-1994.

Stephen relocated to Reeds Spring, MO with his family to enjoy his retirement and spent many happy years fishing at Table Rock Lake.

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August 10, 1940 - May 8, 2021

Nellie Louise Petterson, mother of SDTA's Michelle Wells, passed away May 8th, 2021, at the age of 80.

Nellie struggled with Alzheimer's Disease for the last 8 years of her life. She is now at peace in the hands of the Lord our God.

Please keep her family in your thoughts and in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend.

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- 15th Annual West River Poker Run - June 26, 2021 - Start at Dale's Tire at 9:00 a.m..
- West River SDTA and Logging Industry Golf Event - June 27, 2021 - Tomahawk Golf Course starting at 9:00 a.m..
- East River Golf Event - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at the Brandon Golf Course.
- 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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Date _____ Jacket Size _____

Name of Driver _____ Age _____

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Residence Address (in full) _____

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Name of Carrier _____

Home Terminal Address (in full) _____

Phone Number _____

Years Employed by Present Employer _____

Total Years Experience _____

Type of Equipment Operated: _____

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Type of Driving:

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Total Mileage _____

Mileage with Present Employer _____

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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)

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