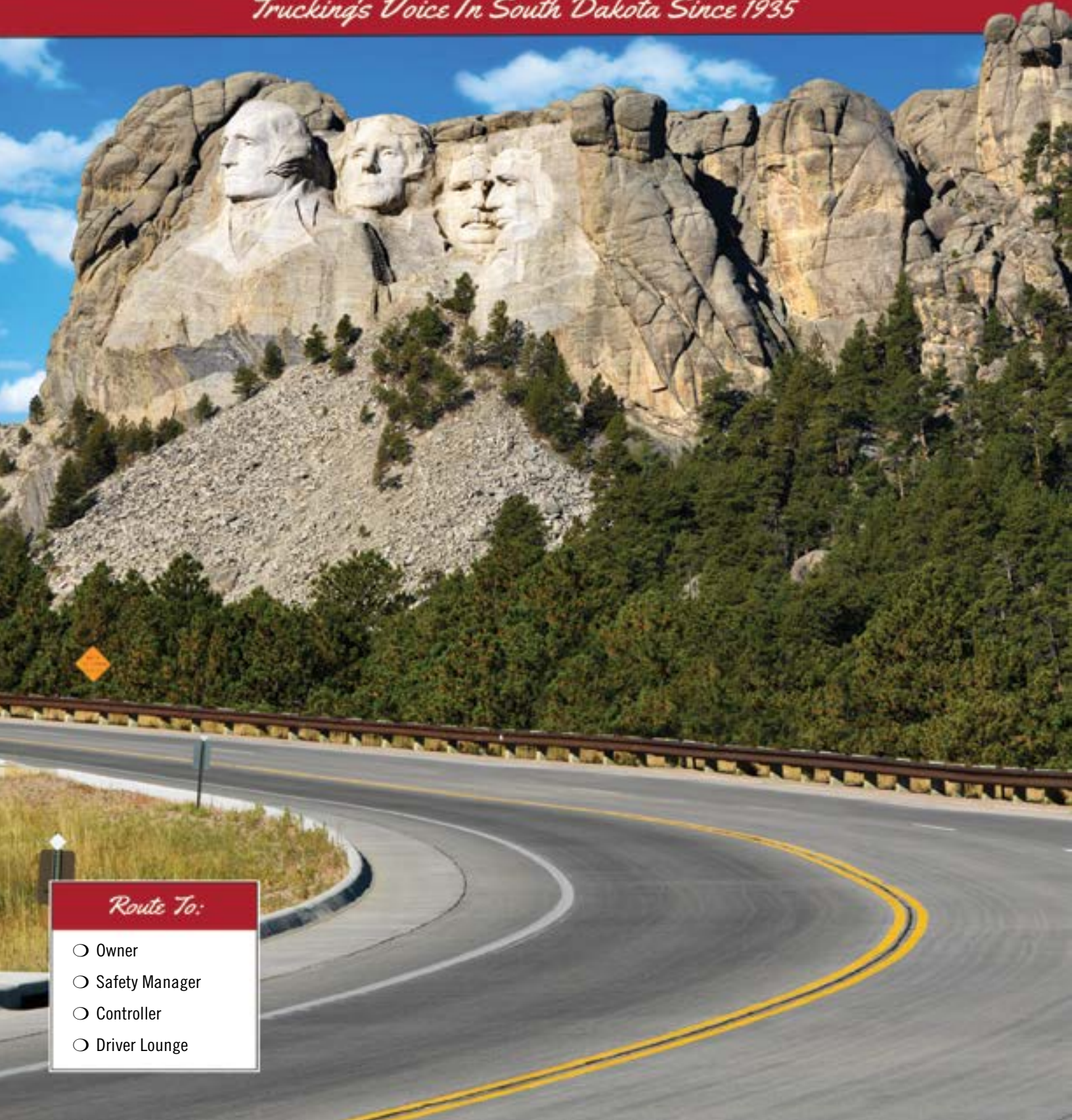


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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is my distinct honor to serve as your Chair during this two-year term, especially during our very successful, recent state Convention. Many good things occurred:

#1. Myron presided over his final convention as SDTA President and he was in rare form, as always. Myron will be on board until his retirement date of April 1, 2022.

His experience as lobbyist, esteemed leader, and "people person" has served our Association well for over 20 years. Kudos to Myron and my best to him as he embarks on the next part of his life's journey.

#2. Our present/new Executive Director, Christine Erickson, attended all the Convention events and was introduced to the attendees. Our Association is fortunate to have Christine represent us. She is approachable, intelligent, qualified as our voice in Pierre, eager and ready to learn the ins and outs of heading our Association. She and Myron will "tag team" for the next seven months. Welcome Christine!

#3. My Chairman's Award was presented to Tom Murphy of Parker Transfer. He is a vital part of our Association, especially as he headed the Selection Committee to vet all 60 (!) candidates for the Executive Director position. He is also head of the Next Gen Committee and his award is well deserved.

#4. The Driver of the Year Award was presented to Douglas Houselog, Orion Food Systems. As Steve Hoffman, SDTA Council Chairman and all involved in the SDTA Safety Management Council can attest, this year's Driver of the Year candidates were outstanding and in very close contention for the Award. Congratulations to Doug Houselog and my thanks to the Safety Management Council for their work.

Photos of the Convention highlights are on the following pages of this publication.

On a less light note, if you have a driver with a suspended DUI conviction, and his CDL was revoked for the mandatory one year, please refer to the case cited below. Very interesting to read the details of the case's outcome. <https://ujs.sd.gov/uploads/sc/opinions/29471f53361f.pdf>

It is my hope that you enjoy the beautiful weather of the season. Except for the wind, these days are perfect for driving a semi as we all provide for our families and our nation.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am sure by now that I have given notice of my pending retirement from the job of President of the South Dakota Trucking Association effective on April 1, 2022. After a long process of advertising, sorting of applications and interviews, my successor has been named. I want to personally congratulate Christine Erickson from Sioux Falls for being selected to fill the position of Executive Director. In order to ensure a seamless transition, Christine and I will be working together for the next 7 months, that mentor period also includes the 2022 Legislative Session.

The 2021 Annual Convention of the South Dakota Trucking Association (SDTA) is history. It was well attended, very informative and enjoyable at the same time. For those that missed it, I want to provide some additional information regarding what I feel were the highlights. For those of you that are history buffs, this was the 34th annual SDTA Convention that I have attended. Wow, time flies when you are having fun!

## Chairman's Award

This year's Chairmans Award was presented to Mr. Tom Murphy from Parker Transfer. Tom has been a great asset to the SDTA Board and was recently selected to serve on the Executive Committee, making him eligible to move through the positions and become a future Chairman of the Board. Most recently, Tom served tirelessly on the selection team that resulted in the hiring of our new Executive Director. My personal congratulations go out to Mr. Tom Murphy for being selected to receive a very well deserved SDTA Chairman's Award for 2021!

## Safety Director of the Year

This year's SDTA Safety Director of the Year is Peter Book, A & A Express, Brandon. He started working in the Safety Director's position in 2019. Peter has done an amazing job learning the role and bringing the team together. During his tenure, A & A Express reduced their ISS from 97 to 29! Congratulations to Peter for being selected as the 2021 SDTA Safety Director of the Year!

## Driver of the Year

This year's SDTA Driver of the Year is Doug Houselog, Orion Food Systems, Sioux Falls, SD. He has spent the past 19 years driving for Orion Food Systems. Collectively, the 12 drivers of the month that competed in this year's competition, have a combined total of nearly 30 million safe driving miles and over 307 years of experience. Congratulations to Doug for his well deserved selection as the 2021-2022 SDTA Driver of the Year!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join your industry partners and friends at the 2022 Annual Convention of the South Dakota Trucking Association which is scheduled for September 16th, 17th and 18th at the Deadwood Mountain Grand, Deadwood, SD.

Stay SAFE! Until next month . .



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Jere has been in the trucking industry for over 30 years. He has acquired over one million accident-free (minus being rear-ended by a drunk driver in 2014).

He is very active in the South Dakota Truck Driving Championships. When he wasn't competing, he was participating as a volunteer.

In the words of his manager, "Mr. Rions is an amazing example of what a professional driver is expected to be. Each and every day he brings a positive attitude along with an amazing work ethic. He is ready and willing to help in any way possible."

Jere and his wife Marcella are the parents of two; Lane (14) and Jase (11). They reside in Sioux Falls, SD.

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# Helen Schuldt

February 12, 1951 - September 16, 2021

Helen was born on February 12, 1951 in Winner, South Dakota to Paul and Donna (Schulz) Jost. She grew up in Presho and always had an interest in drawing and painting. At age 12, she sold her first portrait. In 1969, Helen attended USD in Vermillion, where she majored in Art and Theatre.

She married Lester Schuldt and they lived in Sioux Falls. Helen operated a commercial design business in addition to her portrait work. She was very talented and utilized her creative and freedom of the "Fine Arts" in her designs for business signage.

Helen is survived by her husband, Lester; three children, Sheila Schuldt, Jason (Susan) Schuldt and Quincy Schuldt; five step children, Penny (Jim) Schook, John (Jodi) Schuldt, Rod (Stacey) Schuldt, Wade Schuldt and Shawn Schuldt; 14 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild; and a brother, Monte (Carole) Jost.



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## *We welcome Executive Director Christine Erickson to the South Dakota Trucking Association Family*

**Christine Erickson**, Executive Director for the South Dakota Trucking Association started her job the day before the 86th Annual SDTA Convention. What a crazy week to start, but without hesitation she jumped right into things. We are fortunate that Myron is going to be around for a while to show her the ropes. We are also fortunate that Christine is a go-getter and will catch on quickly!

## *Wednesday Evening Presentation*



**Louie Greek, TAT Training Specialist**  
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Louie Greek, Training Specialist with Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) spoke to kick off our 2021 SDTA Convention. TAT exists to educate, equip, empower, and mobilize members of the trucking and travel plaza industry to combat domestic sex trafficking.

Mr. Greek speaks around the country about TAT's mission and how the trucking and busing industries are combating human trafficking. He also trains law enforcement on human trafficking, the victim-centered approach, and how to identify human trafficking at routine interdiction and inspection stops. He has been involved in the fight against human trafficking since 2013 and has assisted law enforcement with multiple human trafficking investigations around the globe.

We were fortunate that he took the time to talk about a very sobering topic. There are many ways a truck driver can help through this program. If you are interested in becoming trained, his contact information is attached above. We thank Mr. Greek for taking the time to talk to our group.

## *Thursday's Golf Outing - Brandon Golf Course*



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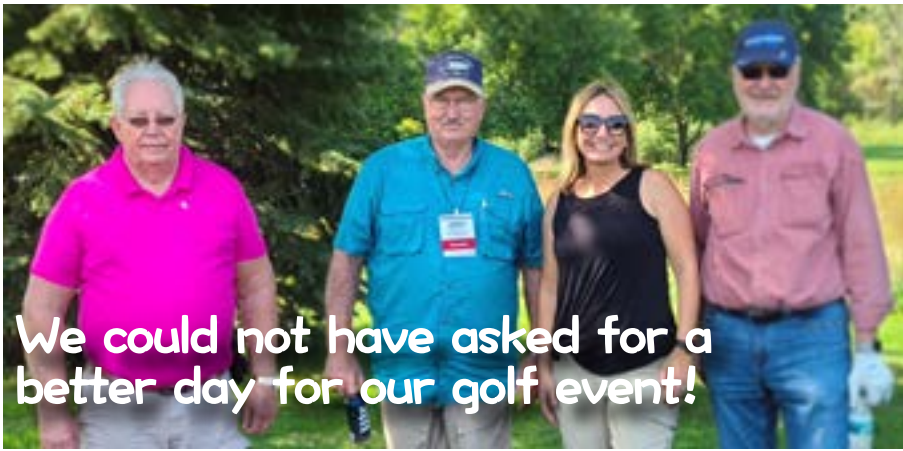
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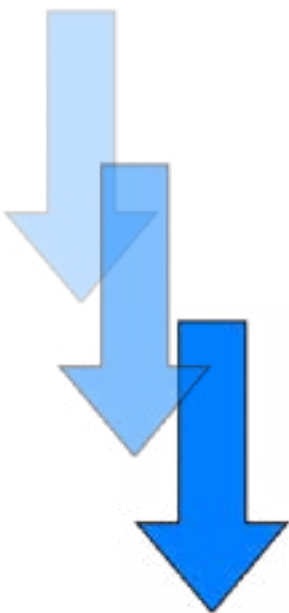


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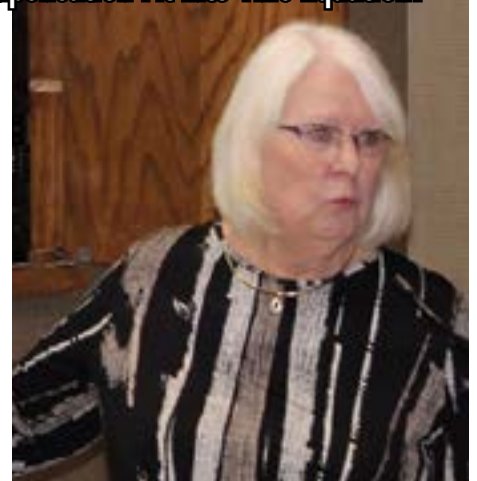
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**Plaque Winner:** ★ **Orion Food Systems - Sioux Falls, SD**

750,000 - 999,999 miles certificates: none

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Over 4 million miles certificates: none

**Plaque Winner:** ★ **FedEx Freight, Inc. - Harrison, AR**

Thanks to Great West Casualty Company, S. Sioux City, Ne, for sponsoring the 2020-2021 Fleet Safety Contest. The **GRAND PRIZE WINNER** is selected on the following criteria by the SDTA Safety Management Council.

- Their excellent Safety Record.
- Their support and participation in SDTA and its programs.

The 2020-2021 Grand Prize winner has proven that safety is no accident by submitting an excellent safety record and has for many years. With great pleasure, SDTA announced the 2020-2021 Grand Fleet Safety Award winner as Orion Food Systems, Sioux Falls, SD.

Pictured:

Sgt. Koll, SDHP, Rich Sehr, Orion Food Systems, Brett Snoozy & Tim Zeller with Great West Casualty Co.



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## 2021 Safety Director of the Year:



**PETER BOOK** was named the 2021 Safety Director of the Year at the SDTA Banquet.

Pete took over the position of Safety Director for A&A Express late in 2019. He has done an amazing job learning the role and bringing the team together to get the results they desperately needed.

At the time of him taking it over A&A reduced their ISS from 97 to 29. A&A had 3 alerts in their CSA scores and were managing 2 different ELD systems. He moved everything to Omni Tracs and dropped all of the alerts.



Peter inherited a dash cam system that was purchased before his time by RoadRunner (A&A's previous owners). After a struggle with them he did his research and switched their business to Samsara. A&A is over 50% done installing them in their fleet.

Peter's approach to safety is tough but fair. If he feels like a driver understands the things they need to work on he works with them. If he feels a driver just doesn't care he tries to get them to care. When they don't he isn't afraid to part ways.

Safety First at A&A has really been the message he brought in. He pressures Geno, A&A's Vice President to support his Message of the Week. Geno stated if Peter doesn't hear this Message of the Week coming from dispatchers and office staff, he is on him.

Peter started up the safe driver award program again with the help of Great West Casualty Company. He continues to further his education in truck safety. He is not afraid to go the extra mile or take the extra time to do things right.

A&A Express is very pleased to have him on their team driving the safety change they needed.

## Partners In Safety Award Winner:



SD Highway Patrol Captain Broers presented MG Oil, Sioux Falls, SD, the Partners In Safety Award at the Awards Luncheon on September 10th.

Howie Long, Sales Representative and Fleet Manager for MG Oil was there to accept the award.

Congratulations for putting in the time and effort



needed to be acknowledged for such an award!



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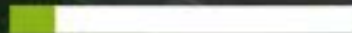
#### THE INDUSTRY

The trucking industry in South Dakota paid approximately **\$186 million** in federal and state roadway taxes. (2019)

The industry paid 47% of all taxes owed by South Dakota motorists ...



... despite trucks representing only 13% of vehicle miles traveled in the state.



#### INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES

As of January 2021, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid:

**\$6,267** ← state highway user fees and taxes &  
**\$8,906** ← federal highway user fees and taxes

These taxes were over and above the typical taxes paid by businesses in South Dakota.

#### ROADWAY USE

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Miles of public roads in South Dakota (2019)

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Trucks: **1.3 billion**

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#### PARTNERSHIPS

Through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) SmartWay Transport Partnership, the trucking industry is working with government and businesses to quantify greenhouse gas emissions and take steps to reduce them.



#### FUEL CONSUMPTION

The trucking industry continues to improve energy and environmental efficiency even while increasing the number of miles driven. In 2019:

- Combination trucks accounted for just 16% of the total highway transportation fuel consumed.
- Combination trucks consumed nearly **100 billion** fewer gallons of fuel than passenger vehicles in the U.S.





## Drivers Interviewing for Driver of the Year:



### **Professional Truck Drivers (left to right):**

Jamie Friedman - Johnson Feed, Bill Ahrenholtz - Mid States Transport, Doug Houselog - Orion Food Systems, Chris Johnson - Johnson Feed, John Snowe - K&J Trucking, Inc., Robert Christian - Christian Trucking, Kevin Toomey - Habeck Trucking, Wes Coffee - A&A Express, Dennis Brown & Mike Wells - Dakota Carriers

*not pictured: Scott Jamison & Daniel Steffens*



## *Driver of the Year:*

### **DOUGLAS HOUSELOG**

Congratulations to Douglas Houselog, Orion Food Systems, Sioux Falls, SD, who was named the 2020-2021 Driver of the Year.

Douglas has been a professional truck driver for twenty two years, twenty of which have been logged for Orion Food Systems, Sioux Falls.

He is a very dependable person. He's always there to get the job done. He is safe and courteous to have out on our highways. He is always on time for his deliveries and is well liked by his customers.

## *Chairman's Award*



**Tom Murphy** oversees the day to day operation of Parker Transfer, Sioux Falls. Tom has been a very active member of the South Dakota Trucking Association. He is a SDTA Board Member and Chair of the SDTA NextGen Committee.

He has always been committed to this association, but recently has gone above and beyond. He was part of the search committee for Myron's successor. He can tell you, it's been a huge undertaking, with nearly 60 applicants from all over. The committee came up with a process and put in a lot of time to research the candidates, to which they ultimately chose Christine Erickson as

our new SDTA Executive Director. We thank Tom and all of the Committee Members involved.

A photograph of a man and a woman shaking hands in a professional setting. The man is on the left, wearing a light blue shirt, and the woman is on the right, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background is a bright, out-of-focus office environment with large windows.

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## *Auctioning off the Convoy for SD Convoy for Special Olympics*



Glade Evenson purchased the Special Olympics print for \$1050. He then turned around and gave the print to Mike Wells, professional truck driver for Dakota Carriers. During the Driver of the Year interviews Mike made a comment that stuck with Glade. Mike explained he lives his life using the word **SEW**. He explained the letters stand for **Safety - Emotion - and Words**.

Half of the funds raised go the SD Special Olympics and the other to the South Dakota Trucking Foundation to be used for future SDTA Scholarship.



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# Upcoming

The logo features the word "Upcoming" in a large, blue, cursive font. Below it, the word "EVENTS" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters inside a red oval with a green border. A horizontal line of ten colored dots (yellow, orange, red, green, blue, blue, green, red, orange, yellow) is positioned below the "EVENTS" oval.

- 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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If you are interested in getting involved with the SDTA Safety Management Council, please contact me at the SDTA office. There is an annual fee of \$50 for first representative and \$20 for additional company representatives. Trust me, IT'S WORTH IT!



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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)



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Boy Scouts worked on a Transportation Badge during the SD Convoy. There were several booths, including the one set up by SDTA, to teach them about the industry. What a great connection!



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We are looking for articles we can share about our SDTA members.

Do you have an anniversary, an idea or an article you want to share?

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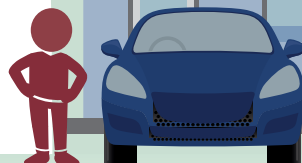
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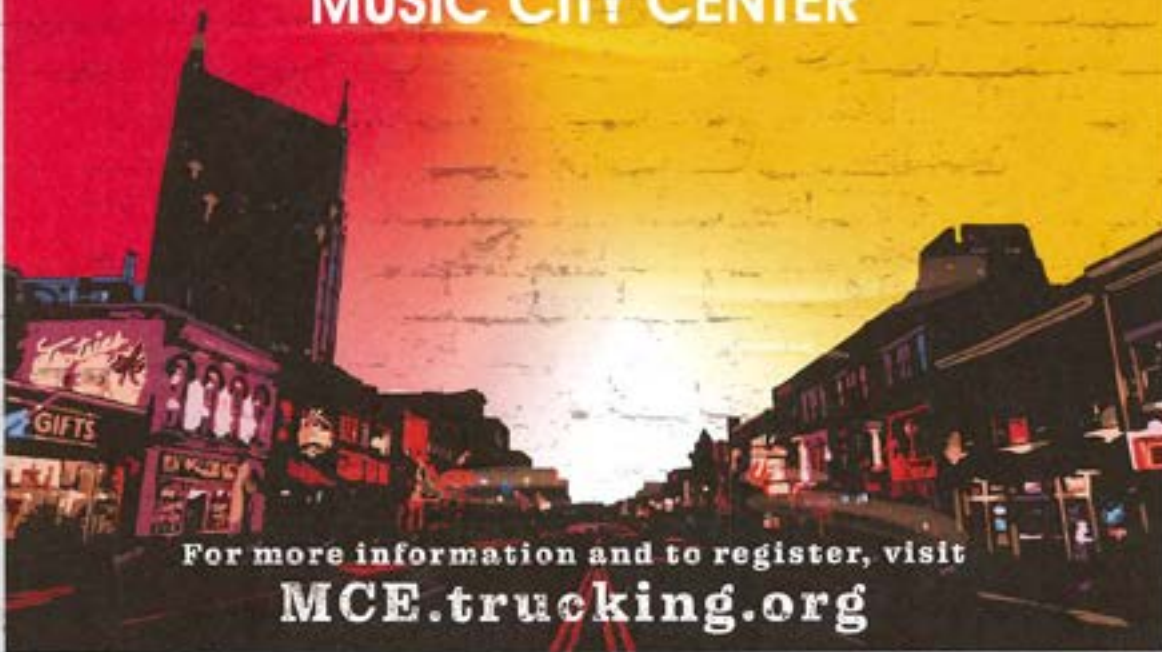


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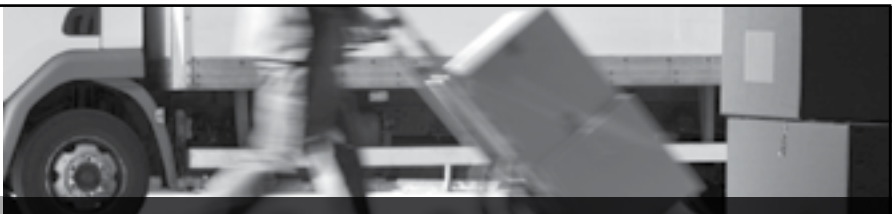
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