



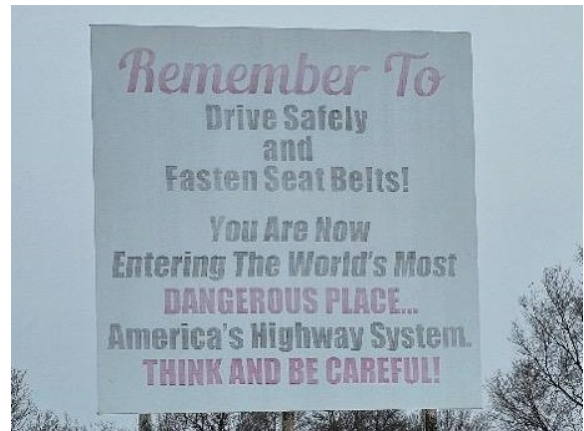
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## Defensive Driving

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Most people don't realize the most dangerous thing they do every day is getting behind the wheel of a vehicle with little or no concern about the dangers on the roadway. According to South Dakota Public Safety, there were 99,324 crashes last year. Of those crashes there were 160,924 people involved, with 689 fatalities. Most people take driving for granted and put little thought into possible hazards or emergencies they may encounter on the roadway, as well as what to do in an emergency.



Sign outside of Myrl & Roy's reminding our drivers to drive safely.

At L.G. Everist, we have incorporated the Smith Driving System into our trucking fleet. This course is designed to teach you how to drive and change your driving behaviors behind the wheel.

**Here are the Smith 5 Keys of Space Cushion Driving:**



## Key 1. Aim High In Steering®

Look ahead a minimum of 15 seconds

## Key 2. Get The Big Picture®

4 second minimum following distance

Scan at least one of your mirrors every 5 to 8 seconds

## Key 3. Keep Your Eyes Moving®

Avoid focusing on any object for more than 2 seconds

## Key 4. Leave Yourself An Out®

Surround yourself with space

## Key 5. Make Sure They See You®

Seek eye contact

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Incorporating these 5 keys into your daily driving will provide more space around the vehicle, visibility to eliminate surprises, and more time to make thoughtful decisions and act on those decisions.

**WINTER**

**DRIVING TIPS**

**PLAN YOUR ROUTE**  
Check weather & travel conditions before heading out, especially if traveling a long distance.

**DOUBLE DISTANCE**  
Leave a greater following distance between you and the vehicle in front. Gearing down also helps bring you to a safe stop.

**TURN ON HEADLIGHTS**  
It is critical to see and be seen in low light conditions. Drive with your headlights on!

**CHECK UP**  
Get a complete check-up of: Battery, Ignition System, Lights, Brakes, Tires, Exhaust, Heating & Cooling system, and Windshield Wipers.

**NO CRUISE CONTROL**  
It's easy to lose control of your vehicle in bad weather if you rely on cruise control.

**DON'T SPEED**  
Drive according to the road conditions around you and don't accelerate or brake too fast.

Icons: tire, battery, lightbulb, water drop, speedometer with slash, car with headlights.

Winter Driving Tips to practice safe driving during the winter season.

## "JUST FOR TODAY"

"Just for today I will be happy. This assumes that what Abraham Lincoln said is true, that 'most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.' Happiness is from within: it is not a matter of externals."

Dale Carnegie

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**Jeff Darner – February 6**  
L. G. Everist

**Mark Miller – February 7**  
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**Ryan Wolcott – February 7**  
Dell Rapids East

## Happy Birthday!

**Daniel Ward – February 4**  
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**Ravyn Hoffman – February 5**  
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**Eduardo Mercado Salas – February 7**  
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**Joshua Peterman – February 8**

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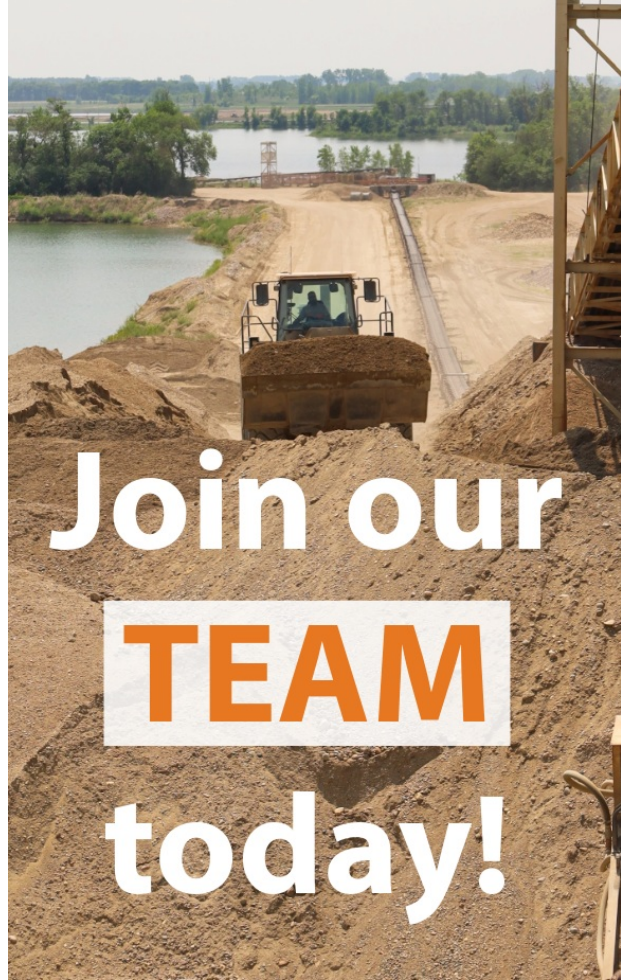
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