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## Conference and Rodeo Pictures

Attention General  
Membership:

The conference and  
rodeo pictures are on  
the DTA Website  
(dakotatransit.org).

Under the Resources  
tab, click on Photos  
and then click 2018.

Please give me your  
feedback and if you  
enjoy looking at them.

Jacque Senger,  
DTA Executive  
Director

## Transit Retirement

Barb Cline, Director

Prairie Hills Transit - Spearfish, SD

On December 19, 2018 longtime Prairie Hills Transit employee Sue Ames retired from her position as the Grant and Revenue Development Manager. Sue has seen a lot of changes in PHT through the years and had offices at all three of their business locations in Spearfish.

Sue started nearly fifteen years ago as an Administrative Assistant and helped with the Senior Meals Program and PHT. She was involved in nearly all of the small systems mergers that came to PHT through the years.

All who know Sue will remember her friendly and helpful guidance on the phone line. Her writing skills will be remembered through the many nominations that were submitted to DTA for other staff members.

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# Ames

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Recognition for many were the result of her twist on talented drivers, support staff and especially Above and Beyond.

Sue was an avid marketer of PHT no matter where her job took her. We'd often find her in an airport or at a conference talking about PHT and the benefits of public transportation in South Dakota. She was a great springboard for new ideas and was usually a step ahead of any new project.

In her letter of resignation Sue quoted Winne the Pooh by saying "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

We wish Sue the best as she begins her new journey and her plans to begin all the projects she has had to delay.

## Training Update - Linda Freeman, PASS Coordinator

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Happy New Year to everyone.

The Huron class had to be postponed due to weather. It will be posted on the DTA website as soon as it can be rescheduled.

### **Bismarck, ND: June 3-5, 2019.**

Classes will be held at West River Transit - 3750 East Rosser Ave, Bismarck, ND.

PASS Class            Day 1—Monday, June 3, 2019: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.  
                              Day 2—Tuesday, June 4, 2019: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

PASS Recertification Class—Tuesday, June 4: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

MALTREATMENT AWARENESS CLASS—Wednesday, June 5: 8:00 am to Noon.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS—Wednesday, June 5: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

### **Deadline for Registration: May 15, 2019**

Motel block will be set up later so watch the web site and future tidbits for that information.



## Appointment of Rich Krokell

Lynn Lander, Office of the City Manager  
Aberdeen, SD

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Rich Krokell to Airport/Transportation Director effective October 29, 2018. Rich replaces Cody Roggatz who resigned effective September 15, 2018.

Rich brings over 5 years of proficient airport operations experience and leadership. Prior to his employment with the City of Aberdeen, Rich worked for POET Biorefining in Groton, SD for ten years as Maintenance Manager. In addition, Rich served in the United States Navy for 10 years in supervisory roles aboard the USS Constellation and USS Ranger. While in the navy, Rich also attended various engineering schools.

Rich has a Class B CDL license and can also operate heavy equipment including an MB-5 snow removal truck and motor graders. Rich’s community involvement includes having served as Unit Commissioner and Leader Trainer for the Cub Scouts, Boy Scout Troop Scoutmaster, and youth hockey coach.

## Community Partnership

Ron Baumgart, Executive Director  
River Cities Public Transit - Pierre, SD

January 2, 2019 River Cities Public Transit raised their fares for the first time in over 19 years. RCPT has tried to keep fares very affordable for our customers through the years. When we looked at other transits fares and the fact our financial bottom line for 2019 showed a \$350,000.00 short fall we had to raise our fares to reduce the short fall. RCPT fares for youth went from \$1.00 to \$2.00, still a great value but hard for some parents to pay.

Just after the start of our new fares we noticed a Facebook Post that our new Dairy Queen in Pierre was going to donate \$.25 per blizzard sold in January to help with some of the costs for parents that may be struggling to pay the increased fares to get their kids to YMCA, Boys & Girls Club or home after school. This certainly is a great gesture on the part of Dairy Queen to do this and is also very exciting for us at RCPT to see local businesses getting involved in promoting public transit in their community and helping the youth that ride.

We can’t thank Dairy Queen and their management enough for a great gesture, and hope everyone will by a Blizzard or two!



# Happy New Year

## Thought for the Month of January...

*“When someone says you can’t do  
it, do it twice and take a picture.”*



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Thanks to all!

- Jacque

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