

Gortmaker Trucking

“Old Fashioned Service With A Smile”



From left: John McDonald, SEFP, Tana, Lane and Jon Gortmaker, Brenda Schulte, SEFP

COMPANY: Gortmaker Trucking

OWNERS: Jon and Tana Gortmaker and their son Lane

LOCATION: 27603 453rd Avenue, Parker, SD

NUMBER OF JOBS: 1 Full Time

BACKGROUND: With approximately 20 years of working in the Trucking Industry, with the last 16 years as a manager, Jon decided he would like to have a trucking business of his own. He knew the business end of things and enjoyed driving the big rigs and felt the time was right to get in the driver's seat. He contacted SEFP and the process began.

ASSISTANCE/RESULTS: Business Planning for a New Business

QUOTABLE: *“I have been interested in driving semi-trucks ever since I was about 6 years old when I got my first ride in one with my Uncle. Being an owner/operator has been a dream for several years. I think with the years of experience with trucks it gives me the confidence to own my own truck and trailer. Brenda has provided great assistance with all the little things I didn't know about starting a business. I didn't realize that there was so much paperwork involved in starting a business—more than buying a house!”*