THE UTE LETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF JEFF KOHRS:

We're now starting to see some more typical weather for this time of year. I think we've all been anxious to finally get some warmer weather. I hope everyone gets a chance to spend time and enjoy summer activities with their families.

We have a number of seasonal helpers that will be working for us this summer. They include: Kyle Francois, Derek Riege, Colton Davis, and Jake Kreifel. We also have a couple of electrical interns that are going to school at Northeast Community College and will be working for us this summer, they are: Christian Hans and Chase Hain. Please welcome all of these guys and help provide a good, safe work place for them.

In visiting with the Superintendents of the various departments, I know there is lots of work to do and everyone will be kept busy during the construction season. Regardless of how busy and how tempting it may be to rush to complete a project or to get to a work site or back to the warehouse, please take your time and do the work safely. We always want to be sure everyone is able to return home safely every night.

ELECTRIC DEPT:

Carl Abbott

The summer crunch has arrived. We are very busy in the Electric Department. Many jobs have been coming in, even though the weather has not cooperated. We have plenty of jobs that will have us structuring how we will use our department employees during the summer months.

I would like to welcome the new summer interns from Northeast Community College. Christian Hans is from Humboldt Nebraska, and Chase Hain is from Lincoln. I hope everyone will help these young guys learn the skills of becoming a lineman, while teaching them how to do it safely and efficiently. I would also like to address that we have filled the two vacancies that we had on the Electric Department. Those employees will be starting soon. We will be featuring them in the upcoming UTE letters.

I would also like to announce that Todd Fleck has accepted to fill the vacancy, that was created after the retirement of Richard James, Many of those duties have been re-distributed among a lot of other employees over the years. Todd's experience and knowledge of our sub-stations, our system, and employees will allow us to keep our crews together to get more jobs accomplished. Todd will also be available to utilize his lineman skills in many capacities, and a fill in for the foremen as needed. Congratulations to Stuart Abbott. He has accepted the foreman's position of the crew. He has filled in at this capacity many times and demonstrated many leadership qualities. We are confident the transition for everyone will besmooth. Please remember to hold daily tailgate sessions, discuss your jobs and the importance of everyone to complete the jobs safely. Please work safely all the time.

GAS & WATER DEPT:

Bryan Turner

Well Spring has finally sprung and all the projects that have been fighting the weather have really taken off. The 4th Corso relocations are getting close to being completed, there will just be a couple of things that will have to wait for the Viaduct construction to be complete. The Maplecrest sewer project is under way, the hard part of boring under the electric primary and laying pipe up through the area were a spring runs constantly is nearly complete and they should be finding some drier digging soon.

Tommy and Derek are flushing hydrants and keeping the lift stations running. Ron's crew is walking and GPSing the transmission main with the help of Brad and John. Dan's crew has been jumping around taking care of all the other things such as running gas services, lowering a hydrant, and cutting off services. I want to welcome our summer help Kyle, Derek, and Colton to the family at the Utilities. Help them out when necessary and everyone keep safe.

LORI NEEMAN:

Please welcome our new faces for the summer. We have two new Electric Interns, Christian Hans and Chase Hain. We also have 4 young men for the summer. Kyle Francois and Derek Riege are returning. The new faces are Colton Davis and Jacob Kreifel. We will have two new full time Electric Department hires soon. Doug Rubey will be starting May 16th and we expect to see the other on May 21st.

Under Safety please check your AED in your vehicles and stationary locations in your building. Make sure the green light is flashing. If you are hearing 3 chirps in a row the battery needs attention. Currently this is not a recall. We just want to make you aware of the unit.

WATER PLANT:

Mark Lant

Hello NCU Family and Friends from us here at the Water Plant. We have been keeping busy here at the Plant with maintenance, and here recently have pulled our 400hp High Service #5 motor and pump assembly for inspection in our Pumphouse. A big thanks to the everyone who has helped with the process. Shane, AKA the new guy is doing a nice job here and is learning quickly. Also, a big thank you to Steve and Casey for all that they do. Stay safe everyone, Keep cool, and have a great May!!

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Scott Shoemaker

Moving on the Sodium Hypochlorite Generator is operating correctly now after the new cell and some changes. The Noble Knights have the farm fields in happy condition by beating the weather and getting the sludge applied. KUDOS to the Knights. We will be getting the last stage on cell 1 bio disc back up and running real soon, since the shaft got machined. Then the Kingdom will take the north mote down and repair it along with the new cat walk, brackets, and inner baffle. We are still striving for the Kingdom golf course look so all the drive byers can hooo and ahhhhhh. Well Uteoians have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend and eat that extra pound of brisket, it's all good. We thank you for your support.....

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Shane Bassinger	6-26-78
Scott Betts	6-06-72
Gary Bolin	6-02-72
Todd Fleck	6-25-65
Shawn Gawart	6-22-80
Brad Kingery	6-13-74
Dan Patton	6-23-57
Teresa Runkles	6-01-59

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

Scott Betts	6-05-07
John Hodges	6-01-99
Dan Maddox	6-04-01
Chris Meredith	6-16-12
James Palmer	6-17-96
Tom Walters	6-11-90