

THE UTE LETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF JEFF KOHRS:

Well it appears that we're finally having a "real" winter for a change. Seems like we're getting snow about every week and that forecast seems to be holding true for this next weekend. I used to like snow more when I was growing up, not so much now.

The weather has proven to be a challenge for us this winter. Cold conditions and high winds contributed to a down guy breaking and contacting the line south and west of Unadilla which caused an outage on our west line. The electric guys weren't able to spot the problem very easily, but once the problem was found the issue was quickly fixed and power was restored. Thanks guys for your efforts.

Bryan's guys have continued dealing with water main breaks this winter. I know the conditions aren't very favorable when you're working to make necessary repairs. Thanks guys for getting those mains fixed.

The drilling rig from Layne has pulled into town. Hopefully by the time you read this they will have drilled and pumped at least one of the sites. Within another week or so, the other three sites should be drilled and pumped. We will then have water quality information available to assess.

Mark Lant and his staff were present at a chlorine leak training session that was presented at the Fire Station to the Water Plant Operators, Fire Department, and EMS. Training is always important. Please take advantage of all training that is provided. Training helps to make sure we all work safely. Please remember to work safe and let's be careful out there.

ELECTRIC DEPT:

Carl Abbott

Winter seems to be like what I remember of the winters, years ago. The winter months usually give us some time to get lots of equipment maintenance, cleaning, waxing, and testing completed for the next construction period go around. This year has been a real challenge when to dive into a project and when not to. The construction period is going to experience some challenges to get all the requested work completed to satisfy the contractors. I really want to thank the guys for stepping up and getting conduits and cabinets set during some muddy and difficult times prior to the frost. I think we have already found out your efforts were worthy.

The new Digger Derrick is schedule for completion around March 10th. We could expect delivery close to the end of the month if all goes well. The growth in the community of Bennet continues, as the final phase of the Nemaha Valley Sub-Division is scheduled for development. The developer of Evergreen Place would like to get started in March with 36 additional lots. Palmyra is showing growth in housing, will also add a sports complex, and renovation and electrical upgrades to the existing City Park. Unadilla is getting a new Meat market and a developer is gathering information for a housing development. Douglas is inquiring about a line extension for new storage facilities. The 4th Corso viaduct project, several line extensions, street lighting projects, and repairs to sub 903, along with all the other projects will keep us jumping.

Please remember to keep safety first. Congratulations and welcome to the NCU Family to Jon Griebe and Alishia on their new baby girl.

WATER PLANT:

Mark Lant

The last two weeks I have been blessed to fill in at the WTP while all the guys including Mark have been in the B upflow basin doing yearly cleaning and maintenance. It has been fun spending a couple hours a day relearning some things forgotten. The #1 thing I had forgotten is to always be aware of your surroundings when out in the plant because you never know when the plant Superintendent will show up out of nowhere and scare you.

Mark assigned me the duty of giving information for the newsletter for this month.

To wrap this up I want to say that Mark, Steve, Casey, and Shane are all doing a great job. It is nice to have dependable employees of integrity that you can count on to do the job right.

Cathy Meyer

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Elaine Boyer	3-28-62
Todd Chaney	3-25-62
Alan Harker	3-23-58
Steven Roush	3-09-83
Mike Tellez	3-09-78
Derek Walters	3-12-85
Tom Walters	3-26-69
Jerry Whitehead	3-28-60

MARCH WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

Linda Cutler	3-30-18
Mona Kuhlenengel	3-18-91
Jeffrey Lollmann	3-17-14
Ken Parde	3-01-88
Steven Roush	3-19-14
Reno Stitt	3-16-16
Mike Wells	3-24-14