

# THE UTE LETTER

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## FROM THE DESK OF JEFF KOHRS:

Water from the flood continues to be a challenge for a number of our employees and the Utilities. We're hopeful that the waters recede, and the necessary repairs can be made to the levees and the roads so that lives can return to normal.

We will have several part time workers and interns joining us this summer. Please welcome them and provide them a safe work environment. Also, with summer more kids will be out riding bikes or playing on or near the streets. Please pay extra attention while on the roadways and keep an eye out for kids that may unexpectedly run out into the street.

The construction season is in full swing, so we're hopeful that there will be many days of good weather to help get lots of work done this summer.

Nebraska City Utilities is partnering with the National Arbor Day Foundation and their tree planting program again this year. If you or someone you know would like a tree or two, please sign into the website: [arborday.org/necityutilities](http://arborday.org/necityutilities) to reserve your tree(s) today. The number of trees is limited and there are about 26 trees left.

Please remember to work safe and let's be careful out there.

## ELECTRICAL DEPT:

Carl Abbott

Summer is official, and construction is in full swing. The weather has not been our best friend. The Senior housing project is completed, along with several other lingering projects. The crews have just completed a line extension in Bennet, and a new overhead service line and retirement in Otoe. We have started the replacement of cable that failed at sub 903. We will be starting another line extension for 2 more lots that have sold and 5 new lots in the Bush Pines addition in Bennet. We will also be replacing 2 circuits of cable in sub 902 that are about 50 years old. We recently completed the MK Meats Locker plant in Unadilla.

Jon Griebe recently broke his ankle on a service call in Palmyra and will be officially slowed down. We wish him well and a quick recovery.

The new Truck #29 digger-derrick replacement is scheduled to arrive any day. I really appreciate the good work and how good the jobs look upon completion. Please work safe guys and think safety. We got lucky with the recent storm on the western half of our service area. We experienced only one outage due to a tree in Palmyra.

Congratulations to Jake and Rachel Coyan on the birth of their son Carter.

**SERVICE DEPT:**

Mary Lynn Hall

I hope everyone had an enjoyable blessed Easter. It was a beautiful weekend. We are rolling along, business as usual in the Service Dept. April was a record breaking month for locates!! We are getting a slow start to our gas meter change out program due to meter inventory. We will do what we can until our order arrives.

The flooding this spring has caused so much devastation and has included some of our own. I'm so sorry for all you're having to deal with and the huge disruption it has caused for you and your family.

Congratulations to Jake & Rachel Coyan on the birth of their son Carter! Can't wait to meet him.

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT:**

Mark Lant

Hello NCU Family, and a Happy May to you all. Life here at the Water Plant is going well. We welcome the warmer weather and hope to have our A -upflow clarifier back in service soon, so that we can run both the A and B Plants together when the water demand picks up.

We still have water in the wellfield which makes it a bit more challenging getting there to perform maintenance. Thankfully Todd Fleck has been more than willing to help us get there at a moment's notice when needed, and we sure appreciate his help.

Shane decided he had enough of us here at the plant and took a week's vacation. He left for Vegas for a week to watch the motocross event there. Steve will be next in line for vacation where he will be filling in at Disneyland in California as Shrek in the Main St. lighted parade they have each night. This has allowed Cathy Meyer to come back and help us operate the plant as she fills in while the guys are away...A Big thanks to you Cathy!! We hope that you are all doing well and that this May treats you right. Take Care and Be Blessed everyone!!

**GAS & WATER DEPT:**

Bryan Turner

Welcome to Spring in Nebraska, the weather has been playing havoc with some projects. With the nice days everyone wants theirs done now.

The crews have been busy running gas services and cutting off services. 4<sup>th</sup> Corso project has been taking up a lot of time with the construction crew tearing out a water service, finding things the engineers missed, and having to move some of the sewer and a water main. Brad has been busy with locates, the GIS system, and 811. Transmission leak survey and the main GPS have both been completed. John has finished his CP readings. He sat in with the Fire Marshal during his inspection and everything went well. Shawn has been busy with his meters and getting the new correctors for the border station ordered and ready for installation soon. Ken has just received his new truck and is busy getting it situated and assisting the crews when they are out west.

Continue to work safe and remember to wear your PPE.

**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 WORK 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