

# THE UTE LETTER

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## FROM THE DESK OF JEFF KOHRS:

We were fortunate not to have had a lot of outages/damage associated with the storm that rolled through our service area early last Monday morning. Sounds like we had a few isolated outages, but didn't affect a lot of customers. Thanks everyone for your work in keeping our systems reliable.

We are getting very close to selecting a new computer software package for our business applications. This will include: customer billing, service orders, accounts payable, general ledger, financials, etc. This will be a huge project and will take months to convert our existing data into a new format and usable platform.

By the time you read this, school will be back in session. Please watch out for kids entering the streets, especially around the schools. Additional stop signs were added at the intersections on the northeast and northwest corners at Hayward School. Flags were added to the new signs on the east and west bound parts of those intersections. Just a heads up in case you hadn't seen them yet.

Most of our summer help have finished or will be finishing their work for us shortly. We wish them the best of luck as they head back to school or as they seek new employment. We appreciate your help and hope that your experience with NCU was a good one.

Hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. Remember to work safely and let's be careful out there.

## ELECTRIC DEPT:

Carl Abbott

Summer is winding down fast, and school will start before we know it. I hope everyone was able to have some family time off or vacation together. If not, you still have time to get it scheduled.

The work this summer has been a challenge, due to the rains, but I am very pleased with the progress the crews have made on the projects. We are meeting most of our deadlines, but we still have a few challenging projects that we will need to make happen before some other large projects develop. The 4th Corso project has been anticipated for a couple of years. The crews have worked through some hoops to get started, but I think it will be a great asset to get the new dual feed into the Kearney Hill Sub. We are close to completing the new sports complex at Palmyra.

Marks crew recently completed a line extension in Bennet. The property owner is doing some improvements on his side of the service and then the overhead can be retired. We have several more projects in Bennet, the softball park in the City Park in Palmyra, and the extensions of the 3 phase 4160 circuits on South 13th Street, Steam Wagon Road, and North 19th Street. Please Work safely (ladders included).

## **GAS & WATER DEPT:**

Bryan Turner

The end of summer is coming, and school is getting ready to start, I hope everyone had a chance to get away this summer and have some fun. Things are as busy as ever, thankfully we are no longer competing with Kansas City as the city of fountains with the start up of the Waste Water Plant. I know they put in a lot of time and effort getting everything going again and they're not done yet.

The crews have been busy with projects, Dan's crew finished the installation of a block of water main and a fire hydrant and replaced a couple of leaking gas valves. Ron's crew has started replacing a couple hundred feet of steel gas main and attaching the services. They also replaced another gas valve that was leaking. In between times the crews have run new gas services and disconnected services for building demolition. Brad has been busy with locates and working with 811 to set up our electronic response. He also had to deal with the derailment by our pole yard while I was out of town. John has been busy walking Syracuse and has that nearly completed and has stepped in and helped the crews whenever necessary.

We finally received our meters so we could start out our change out program for the year. Shawn has gotten them prepared to go out and Al and Kenny have been installing them about as quick as he can get them ready. Tommy has been staying on top of the lift station and flushing and jetting the sewer lines as help becomes available. He's also kept an eye on the hydrant devices we have out for the contractors that are getting water from us.

With the start of school, a lot of sports and fine arts events will be happening. Take some time and go out and root for one of our local teams or take in a show, there is a lot of local talent out there and they would really appreciate your support. Until next time, stay safe out there.

## **WATER PLANT:**

Mark Lant

Hello NCU Family from the Water Plant Crew. We hope you are all doing well! Things here at the Plant are running smooth for the most part. We have had some communication issues with the Water Tower lately, but with the help of the Diesel Plant crew in the off hours we have been able to deal with the situation. We appreciated their help! I also want to thank the crew here at the Water Plant for always doing whatever is necessary to keep things running properly.

The Wellfield is still not accessible by truck yet, but we are hopeful it won't be too much longer. There is one more person I'd like to thank this month for all the running and back and forth work that he has to do and that is Mr. Gary Bolin. We pull you in a lot of directions my friend but know that you are greatly appreciated.....Be Blessed Everyone.

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Rockie Bassinger	9/19/55
Kathy Lechner	9/12/72
Ken Parde	9/03/64

## **SEPTEMBER WORK ANNIVERSARIES:**

Logan Crunk	9/09/13
Sharon Crunk	9/25/97
Brad Kingery	9/27/93

