

THE UTE LETTER

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November 11th, we celebrated **Veteran's Day**. A day to honor and thank our Veterans for their dedication and service to our great country! We are proud to have the following Veterans as part of our NCU family:

Gary Bohlin	Navy
Vern Christiansen (retired)	Navy
Max Davis (retired)	Navy
Herman Gawart (retired)	Army
Jerry Giesecking (retired)	Navy
Dean Hauptman (retired)	Navy
Rich James (retired)	Navy
Dean Johnson (retired)	Army
Tom Lant (retired)	Nat Guard & Army
Ken Maybee (retired)	National Guard
Dave Messing (retired)	Army
Don Poggemeyer (retired)	National Guard
Al Rivett (retired)	Navy
Bernard Schmitz (retired)	Army
Reno Stitt	Air Force
Bryan Turner	Air Force
Mike Wells	Air Force

PIG OUT DAY

is December 6th

Please bring a dish to share
and join in the feast!!

FROM THE DESK OF JEFF KOHRS:

Wow! We had a quick reminder, earlier this month that winter is not far off. Hopefully we are able to enjoy some nice days before winter weather really sets in.

Mary Lynn will be coordinating our "Christmas Family" project again this year and will be asking for your help. We've had some great response from our employees in years past and have seen a lot of our employees really step up. Please consider contributing to this very worthwhile project to help a family less fortunate. Please see Mary Lynn if you have questions or to see how you can help.

Thanks to all who again helped with the scarecrow display. We have some very creative employees among us. Even though the display didn't win it still looked great.

Our annual audit will begin the week of November 18th and will last a couple of weeks with auditors on site. A special thanks to Mona, Lori, & Karen for putting in the extra time necessary to pull all this information together.

I hope that everyone has a great Thanksgiving and are able to spend time with family and friends. We live in a great country and have so much to be thankful for.

Please work safely and let's be careful out there.

ELECTRIC DEPT:

Carl Abbott

The cold temperatures are really creating a reality that winter is coming. The guys are working very hard to get a lot of the underground construction jobs either completed or at least getting the conduits buried for service installation at later dates.

The train derailment project has had us torn up for a while. Stuart and his crew are getting close to having that back together. They have also extended the 3 phase 4160 overhead line west on Steamwagon Road to 60th Road and north to the dead end for future development. Mark and his crew have also been very busy with the new construction jobs. They have completed Line extensions in Otoe and Ne City, as well as many residential services in Bennet and Palmyra.

Please remember to get your flu shots and get your vacation schedules on the calendar. The Electric Department recently moved into the technology world and many of the employees will need training on the new tablets. GIS seems to be in the future and that will be a very challenging and an important part of our jobs here at NCU. Please work safely.

Lori Neeman:

Just a reminder to please turn in your United Way Pledge cards that came in with the October paychecks. Thank you.

GAS & WATER DEPT:

Bryan Turner

Welcome to the Crazy season, where everyone is trying to get things done before winter and the weather is all over the place. The crews have been exceptionally busy. Dan's crew has been fighting the weather and all the traffic from harvest replacing a gas main in the country and working on the regulators at one of the Border Stations. Ron's crew has bounced around getting some gas services installed, repairing 2 water main breaks, and tying on water services for the 4th Avenue project when time allows. Everyone in the department has been attending continuing education classes to fulfill their requirements for their Water Licenses.

Brad is busy as usual with locates as everyone is trying to beat the weather and working on a number of mapping projects. John has been just about everywhere helping Brad, taking people around to our mowing sites, and filling in on the crews when needed. Derek has been helping Shawn in the Meter Shop with testing. Shawn has been working on replacing the corrector at American Meter and getting things ready for the new corrector at the Tap. Tommy has been busy maintaining the Lift Stations, a new impellor for South 9th Street just arrived, and Johnson Service Company has been here helping with our infiltration issues. Kenny has been busy helping the crews that have been working out there and reading meters (and word has it playing golf somewhere really nice.).

We have received the new inflatable shoring system and the new Push Tractor should be here next week, just in time for the start of winter. It does look like we're in for another early winter so take precautions against the cold and watch the sun glare when you're driving in the morning. I hope everyone has their plans for the holidays set, remember if you have vacation you need to use before the end of the year get it in right away. And let's be careful out there.

SERVICIE DEPT:

Mary Lynn Hall

I would like to say "Thank You" to our veterans for their sacrifice and service. May God bless. We have certainly been introduced to some cold weather already, so I guess that means winter here we go!

Our locates and locate reporting has been in a changing process for a while now. Brad Kingery is the master mind of this process and has done a wonderful job. The new process seems to be flowing smoothly and I think we all like it!

Al Harker went to Vegas to race again this year with his racing son Shawn and crew. We hope that it was a safe, fun, winning trip!

We as a company will be sponsoring a family through the Angel Tree Program for Christmas again this year. We will be receiving the information about our family soon. I will have the family's wants/needs with a sign-up sheet available in the Service Dept. If you would like to help sponsor this family, either by purchasing the item or items or a monetary donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Our generosity in the past years have been greatly appreciated by the Program. I hope we can all help out again this year. Thank you in advance for your help! Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families.

The insert for "A Night of Christmas Worship" should be very beautiful and enjoyable. My son-in-law Jon Clay is a part of this group. I have tickets and I hope to see you there.

STORES DEPT:

Sharon Smulling

Please see Sharon Smulling if you would like to purchase tickets to the Nebraska City Tailgate/Grill-off at the Eagles. See the attached flyer for details.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Casey Borer	12-17-78
Craig Davis	12-23-58
Jon Griebe	12-12-91
Mike Wells	12-01-55

DECEMBER WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

Dan Patton	12-20-76
Adam Schlorholtz	12-02-13
Karen Tift	12-27-16
Byran Turner	12-18-89
Jacob Walters	12-01-17

WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Mark Lant

A Big happy November to our NCU Family from all of us here at the Water Plant. We hope that you are all enjoying your month and that everyone is staying healthy. We are planning on draining out the B Upflow Clarifier soon for its annual winter cleaning, and we are also in the process of getting some fresh paint put on the floors as well as some other fun little maintenance projects completed. Wellfield access is still limited, but we are getting by with the continued help of Todd and we appreciate that. I try to stay mindful throughout the year of how much we have to be thankful for, and with the cooler weather and Thanksgiving coming up it definitely sharpens my attention to just how Blessed we all are to be part of such a great company. As you will see in the picture attached there are many things in life that change, some we have control over and sometimes we are just along for the ride. The Boys at the Water Plant decided to form a group now known as TEAM CLEAN. In Honor of our friend Mr. Scott Shoemaker we are doing our best to keep the water clean leaving our building so that when it finally arrives at the Kingdom, the Knights will not be overburdened. Thank you everyone for all that you do. Each and every one of you are appreciated and we Hope you all enjoy your Thanksgiving! Be Blessed

