

# EYE ON III

State of Nebraska

APRIL 2024

## NEW EMPLOYEE



Justin Polenske is a Mechanic at the District Shop in Norfolk. He grew up around the Randolph area. He went to school at Northeast College for Automotive Tech. Justin has worked for Johnny Dodge in Neligh for almost 11 years. Recently, he acquired the family farm by Norfolk and found the state job closer to home and better hours to accomplish family and farm goals.

### MISSION STATEMENT

To build, maintain and operate a system of highways in Northeast Nebraska as approved by the legislature, suitable for the continuous, safe and efficient movement of people.

### VISION STATEMENT

To continue to be the leading District in building, maintaining and operating our highway system, meeting and exceeding all the expectations of the traveling public, supported by a staff of well trained, diversified employees using the state of the art technology. We also provide a fulfilling work environment

Welcome



Kristy Ortmeier's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at GACC in West Point sent cards of thanks to the West Point NDOT for the work they do in making the roads safe in their community. In response to their appreciation the West Point crew brought two trucks and a motor grader to school and answered any questions they had for them. They got to sign their names to the V plow and were given a snack before returning to the classroom.





# JANUARY SNOW STORM

I would like to take this chance to thank everyone for the long hours and hard work spent helping the district get through this storm and all the other storms. You have shown how good you are at working in very difficult conditions and that you can accomplish some amazing things. Once again a big THANK YOU for all that you do throughout the year as well.      Tim Koenig



Blower near Winside  
Highway 35 (Right)





Highway 35 (Left & Below)



Highway 57  
(Left)



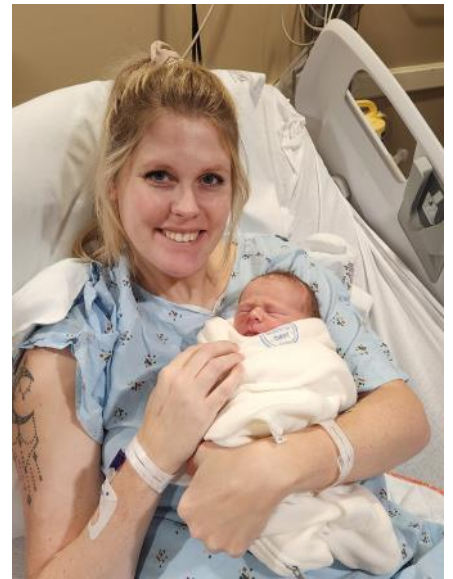
# TOO MUCH SNOW!



# NEW BABIES



Millicent was born December 22nd. She came 6 weeks early and went home the morning of the first big snow storm and cold spell. She is doing well and is almost 11 pounds. Millicent is Bob Wiebelhaus's granddaughter. Bob is a Project Manager in Hartington.



Ellys Benedict Bishop born Feb 15th weighing in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. and 20" long. Ellys is the son of Shaelyn and Noah Wattier-Bishop, and welcomed by his big brother Baylor. Shae worked for the NDOT for 4 years as a summer temp out of the Norfolk office. Ellys is the grandson of Amy Wattier. Amy is a Highway Construction Tech IV out of the Norfolk Construction Office.





# DRONE PICTURES BY MIKE



In Columbus  
Project CN32234, Highway 30



NEW COLUMBUS  
MAINTENANCE YARD  
(RIGHT)



South Sioux City



# Cook's Corner

## Bacon, Cheese & Potato Chowder

from the kitchen of Lynette Norman



3 cups milk

1 can (10  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz.) condensed cream of potato soup

2 cups Southern-style hash browns

1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

2 slices bacon, crisply cooked, drained and crumbled

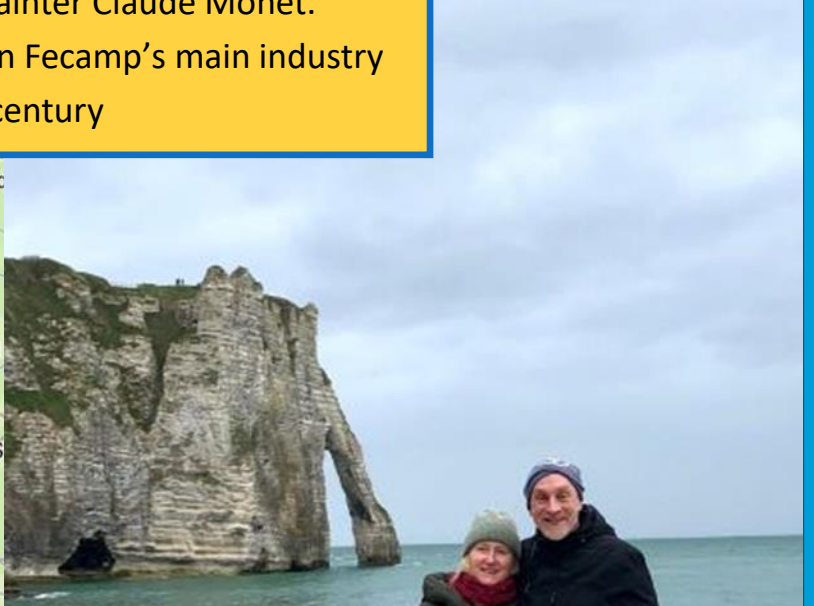
$\frac{1}{4}$  cup thinly sliced green onions

Mix milk and soup in large saucepan. Stir in hash browns. Bring to boil on high heat, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 10 min., stirring frequently. Ladle into soup bowls and top with cheese, bacon, and onions. Makes 6 cups. **Yummy!**

# NORMANDY



This spring Christine and her family are taking a 10-day trip to the coast of Normandy, France. The cliffs of Etretat offer great paths for hiking and are famously featured in the paintings of the impressionist painter Claude Monet. Fishing has been Fecamp's main industry since the 10th century





Yes, this is a baguette vending machine!



Normandy is famous for producing excellent cheeses, apple cider and seafood. French cuisine has long been regarded as one of the best in the world.