# OCTOBER 2023

## STATE OF NEBRAKSA

# EYE ON III

## NEW EMPLOYEES



Luke Schmitz started on September 11<sup>th</sup> as a Highway Construction Tech with the Hartington office. He grew up in Albion, but currently lives in Wynot. Any time not spent at home relaxing with his wife and other family, he enjoys being active in the community leading youth groups and bible studies, while also getting outside for fishing, hunting, and hiking.

#### 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.





Lane Stange started September 11th as a Highway Construction Tech in Norfolk. He and his family live in Winside. Welcome to Norfolk Construction Lane!

Jorge Vega started at West Point on 9/11/23 as a Highway Maintenance Worker. He is from Cuba and moved to Nebraska in 2017. He and his wife have 3 children. Jorge likes to go shopping and spend as much time as he can at home with his family. He wants to get his CDL and provide good service to the community.





## **COOK'S CORNER**

## CHICKEN ENCHILADA RICE BAKE

## FROM ANJA'S KITCHEN

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 cups instant rice
- 2 cups water
- 2 cups (12-oz) cooked chicken, chopped
- 1 (15-oz) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup corn
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes, drained
- 2 cups cheese, divided
- 2 (10-oz) cans red enchilada sauce
- 1/2 cup chicken broth or water

### 1 INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9×13-inch pan with cooking spray. Set aside.
- 2. In a medium saucepan, bring water to a boil. Add instant rice, cover and turn off heat. Allow to stand for 5 minutes, until all water is absorbed.
- 3. In a large bowl, combine cooked rice, chopped chicken, black beans, corn, Rotel tomatoes, 1 ½ cups of cheese, enchilada sauce and chicken broth. Pour into prepared pan. Top with remaining cheese.
- 4. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until cheese is melted and bubbly.



## **Autumn Day**

Lord: it is time. The summer was immense.

Lay your shadow on the sundials

and let loose the wind in the fields.

Bid the last fruits to be full; give them another two more southerly days, press them to ripeness, and chase the last sweetness into the heavy wine.

Whoever has no house now will not build one anymore.

Whoever is alone now will remain so for a long time,

will stay up, read, write long letters, and wander the avenues, up and down, restlessly, while the leaves are blowing.

Rainer Maria Rilke