

# EYE ON III

NOVEMBER 2023

## NEW EMPLOYEES



Marie Sunderman started October 23rd in West Point as a Highway Maintenance Worker/Sr. She has been married to Mike for 30+ years. They live near Emerson. Mike farms, drives truck and mechanics on the side. They have 3 children, Andrew 24, Mica 16 and Kiya 15. Andrew made them grandparents to Jordyan 4 and Drew 3. Marie's hobbies are camping, riding motorcycles, and fishing.

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### 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.





On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October Dennis VanMeter started as an HMW Sr. in Albion. Dennis hails from the small town of Primrose, where he lives with his three dogs and multiple cats. In his free time, Dennis enjoys following all things Nebraska sports, and spending time with his three kids. Welcome to the NDOT Family, Dennis!

*Welcome*

# A THANK YOU!!



Angel De Cora Museum  
and Research Center



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Its a sign! 😊 A big pinagigi to the Nebraska Department of Transportation for helping to put us on the map.



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I wanted to pass on the Thank You (pinagigi in Ho Chunk) to the South Sioux crew. It is nice to know the public appreciates the things we do.

— Kevin Domogalla



# AWARD RECIPIENT

Monica Greve serves by example. She helps without being asked, is a go-getter, a hard worker with an experienced mindset, and a calm demeanor.

If she sees someone struggling, she steps in with a helping hand and an encouraging word. Monica saw a new hire having trouble the first time they were loading their truck at the hot mix plant. She climbed into the truck and calmed the employee's anxiety down by walking them through the process. Monica also stepped in when a flagger blew a trailer tire. By relaying the story of a similar experience, she helped the employee regain their composure to be able to fix the tire and continue with the day's project.

She helps teach new employees the correct set up and spacing of signs and cones for a work zone. With her simplified directions, they can overcome the sometimes-confusing instructions to effectively set up, move, or take down a work zone safely – even on the windiest of days.

Monica is always there to take someone's position to let them have a break. It can be grabbing a shovel, a rake, or a sign paddle; Monica is always willing to help without having to be told or even asked. She exhibits patience, a positive attitude, and a quick wit throughout the workday. Monica is a team player and tries to instill this value with her co-workers. She knows that many of the projects required of their jobs involve being able to work well with others. She can take a mundane task and spin it to make it a fun and interesting job.

Monica likes to keep busy. She will pick up a broom and sweep the shop or start reorganizing the supply room or sign shelves to keep a current inventory available for when needed. She takes pride in keeping the equipment she uses in optimal working condition. You can find Monica cleaning, washing, or servicing any of the equipment when not on the road.

Monica is also able to work effectively by herself when needed. She has many years' experience driving a snowplow for long hours during and after storms, to safely clear the highways for the traveling public.

Monica also is the employee to mow all day during the summer, keeping the ROW areas not touched by contract mowers trimmed, so that sight distance is not a hazardous issue.

Monica can be counted on to come in on her days off if called for in an emergency. She has come in for not only snowstorms, but also for floods, road blow-ups, and downed stop signs.

This spring, Monica picked up her roll on the Snowplow Roadeo Committee, helping to revise and renew the Roadeo after a 16-year hiatus. She did a great job helping to establish sponsorship and encourage participation.

Monica is the kind of employee whom every yard in the State of Nebraska wishes they had. Her experience, compassion, personality, and work ethic have proven to be the greatest asset the Wayne Maintenance Yard has. Therefore, we proudly nominate Monica Greve for the Excellence in Leadership Award.

Monica Greve, Hwy. Maintenance Worker, Sr. from Wayne Maintenance received the Excellence in Leadership Award in Lincoln on 10-24-23.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

# SERVICE AWARDS

In recognition of loyalty and valuable contributions to state government an awards ceremony was held Wednesday, October 11th at The Stables in Norfolk. The following employees in District 3 were recognized:

Kevin Miller	5 Years	Jerry Hanefeldt	25 Years
Kevin Leiting	5 Years	Mark Jahde	25 Years
Lucas Lierman	10 Years	Amy Wattier	30 Years
Clement Wagner	15 Years	Lynette Norman	35 Years
Kevin Schrage	15 Years	Carrell Claus	40 Years
Timothy Knievel	15 Years	Gregory Blunck	40 Years
Gary Park	15 Years	Keith Koertje	40 Years
Jeffrey Otto-Berglund	20 years	Tim Urwiler	40 Years
Randy Vogt	20 Years	Tim Jasa	45 Years
Gary Schmid	25 Years		



Gregory Blunk — 40 Years



Randy Vogt — 20 Years



Gary Schmid — 25 Years



Tim Jasa — 45 Years

Congratulations!

# Cook's Corner

**Contributed by Greg Trease, District 3 Mechanic**

## Pork Sausage Casserole

1 lb seasoned ground pork

1 can cream of mushroom soup

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup milk

$\frac{1}{4}$  tsp pepper

3 cups raw potatoes, sliced

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped onion

1 can sliced mushrooms



Brown pork sausage and drain. Mix soup, milk, onion, and pepper together in a bowl. Layer half of the potatoes in a greased 9x9 baking dish, pour half of the soup mixture over it, then repeat. Bake at 350° F for 1 hour and 15 mins

Top with cheese the last 5 minutes of baking, if desired. **Bon Appétit!**