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NDOT - DISTRICT 3

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NEW EMPLOYEE



The Wayne Maintenance yard hit the jackpot when they hired Sandra Hansen as their new Office Specialist. Originally from Boyd County, Sandra spent 1 ½ years in the National Guard, and 8 years in the Marine Corps. She earned her Poly Sci and Emergency Management degrees at Wayne State, and her Master's Degree in Safety, Security, Emergency Management and Disaster Resilience from Eastern Kentucky University. Sandra is the owner of Disaster Recovery Specialists, a company that contracts with local governments, airports, and hospitals to manage the recovery after tornadoes, floods, or pandemics. Sandra and her husband, Tom, live in Wayne, and they have four children, ranging in age from 4 to 20 years old.

Welcome to NDOT, Sandra! We are glad you joined our team!

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.



ATTA BOY

It's been a while since I've taken the time to give out a public Atta Boy but when I got an email earlier this week, I thought I'd better pass it on to everyone.

Zach Statema got a call from Dan Sayre that one of our ROW agents had gotten in an accident on Highway 20 and needed some help. He was close by and came up on the accident within a few minutes. She had hit a deer and was shaken up but not hurt. Zach let her drive his pickup back to the yard, removed the antler that had broken off and landed on the dash and limped the car back to the shop so that Operations could have it towed back to Lincoln. In true Zach fashion, he downplayed his role in this, but the agent was happy to have someone help her out when stranded 150 miles from home base.

It's nice to know we have each other's back regardless if it's one of our crew, someone from another Division or Agency or a member of the travelling public. Thanks Zach!



SHEILA PUL'S RETIREMENT

Sheila Puls, the office specialist in Wayne for the last 23 years, decided to pursue a new career in the retirement field. We would like to wish her the best in her retirement. Sheila was a very valuable asset to the department and her knowledge will be missed very much. Sheila is looking forward to spending time with her husband Kevin. They have one daughter Emily and husband Kia along with 2 grandchildren Phoenix and Roran, who she is looking forward to spoiling. In her spare time, she plans to shop for antiques and garden.

