

Eye on III

NEW EMPLOYEE



Earl Perry is a Hwy. Construction Tech in Columbus. He is 27 years old, was born and raised in Columbus. In his free time, he enjoys relaxing with his family and spending time with friends. The hobby he enjoys most is fishing. Earl does some side work on houses and vehicles. He is always interested in learning new traits.

WELCOME

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



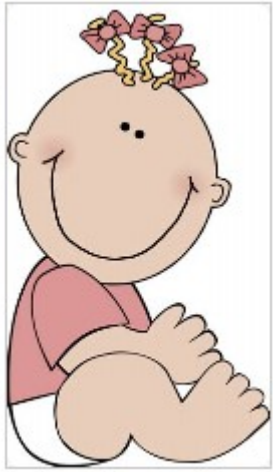


Bragging Rights

Tom Sievers, District 3 Supervisor, has a lot to be proud of these days, not only is he a new grandpa, his son Tanner, a sophomore at Wayne High School, is a member of the bowling team who just won D-2 State Runner-Up in Lincoln. A tough upset had the team fighting their way back through the losers' bracket, but they buckled down and were able to come home with personal medals and a Runner-Up trophy.

Way to go Tanner & Woo-hoo Dad!

IT'S A GIRL



Lilith Faye
Domogalla



Lilith Faye Domogalla was born February 8th.
She is welcomed home by her 6 brothers.

SNOW PLOW ROADEO

Attention District 3 Employees

The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation is again organizing a Snow Plow Rodeo! This year's event will be at Niobrara. Here is your chance to show off your knowledge and driving skills, and have fun taking part in the competition. Here is what you need to enter this competition:

- 1 – You must be a CDL holder or have a CDL learners permit
- 2—Find a partner. This is a 2-person team event

This is open to ALL employees who have a CDL, (full time or temporary) and you are not limited to someone working in your yard or just in Maintenance. Mechanics and Construction personnel are also welcome and are encouraged to participate!

So, find a partner and sign up today to be eligible to join us at the Niobrara Maintenance Yard on May 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. to start the competition. (Rain date is May 9, 2024)

For all who have neither participated nor even heard of a Snow Plow Rodeo, this is what it includes.

- 1—An obstacle course. Each member of the team will drive half of the course, switching drivers in the middle. The course will consist of multiple skill stations. This is a timed course with points added or subtracted depending on the station.
- 2—Pre-trip safety walk around inspection, this is done as a team.
- 3 – Multiple choice basic knowledge exam, this is also done as a team.

The top 2 place finishers in each district will then be eligible to compete at the State Rodeo in Kearney this summer.

THEN

The top 2 finishers at state will be eligible to compete at the National Snow Plow Rodeo.

The purpose of the Rodeo is:

- 1—to promote skill advancement
- 2—to increase safety awareness level for working in or around work zones
- 3—to strengthen presence of team spirit and teamwork
- 4—to recognize the best equipment operators in a friendly competitive

atmosphere

Our plans for the day at this point, also include a “chili cook-off” competition. More details will follow on this later, but we will probably have each contestant bring a large crockpot of their chili that has that has been prepared at home.

If anyone has ANY questions, please reach out to any of these committee members:
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We are working on getting the teams signed up for the competition at this time, but we do not want to exclude anyone from participating in some way. Judges, runners, helpers or if you just want to come watch and cheer on your favorite team. The committee is brainstorming ideas for the Rodeo to make this an informative, safe and enjoyable day for all District 3 employees.

Sign-up Sheets will be emailed out to everyone. Stay tuned for further information coming.



DRONE PICTURES BY MIKE



Four Lane West of West Point
(Right & Below)



Jct. Highways 275 & 9
(Left)

COOK'S CORNER

TACO BAKE

From the kitchen of Heidi Brenneman

Ingredients:

- 1 pound hamburger
- 1 8-oz package of shredded cheese
- 1 16-oz can of tomato sauce
- 2 cups of elbow macaroni
- 1 package of taco seasoning



Preheat oven to 350°F. Boil the macaroni according to package directions. Brown and drain the hamburger. Mix the cooked macaroni with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of the shredded cheese and spread evenly into a 2-quart casserole dish. Mix the cooked meat with the taco seasoning and tomato sauce. Bring it to a boil and simmer for 5 minutes. Pour the hamburger mixture over the macaroni, and then top with the remaining shredded cheese. Bake for 20 minutes. **Enjoy!**