



# EYE ON III

**JANUARY 2025**

**State of Nebraska**

## **NEW EMPLOYEES**



Anthony (Tony) Steffensmeier is a Hwy. Construction Tech in Columbus. He grew up north of Clarkson and attended high school at Norris, south of Lincoln. Tony was just married September 2024. His activities included spending time with family attending dirt track races, spending time outdoors and tinkering on old pickups and tractors.

More new employees on the next 2 pages.

### **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.





Casey Vazquez is the new mechanic at the District Shop in Norfolk.



Emanuel Sanchez is a Hwy. Maint. Worker at the South Sioux Yard. He came from Stockton Towing. Some of his coworkers from there that now work here, told him how great it is to work here. We are so excited to have him. He too isn't afraid of the weather! We certainly have baptized him by SNOW and COLD! It hasn't seemed to affect him. He always has a grateful smile and a willingness to do whatever is asked. He is learning to run the skid loader and other yard equipment and helps in the shop during down times. He will attain his CDL permit and license as we go along.



Emanuel and his wife Krystal have two boys, Emanuel is 7 and Ezequiel is 2. "They are the light of my life!" Emanuel has been in the United States for six years. He has embraced the language, and we are learning some things from him too. He has said that part of the reason he wanted to work here is to make a better life for his family. The insurance and the other benefits that the state provides are part of what will cement his spot here.

His favorite tv show is The Ranch! Emanuel likes to spend time with his boys, playing games. He and wife Krystal will be welcoming a new baby in the new year. Congrats!!!!!!!!!!!!



Richard Sandoval is a Hwy. Maint. Worker in So. Sioux. He started just before Thanksgiving. He graduated from North High School in Sioux City last Spring. Richard lives with his mom and dad and 4 brothers. He is the oldest of the boys. He aspires to be a certified electrician. His hope is to attend, WIT in the Fall and then also work for NDOT while working towards his goal.

Richard loves the hands-on work he is doing with the crew. He's not one to sit and do nothing. "Keeping busy is the best part of the day. I like the hands on." Secretly we are hoping he likes this so much he will see a long future here too, who knows?

Richard like sports, soccer and boxing. He goes regularly to the gym and his favorite exercise there is the bench press table. His secret sauce is that he is the oldest of the boys so he can be the inspiration for them to succeed and have a bright future too.

# WELCOME!



## Holiday around Town

The 5th and 6th grade band from St. Mary's Catholic School came to play Christmas songs and tell Christmas jokes.

Nash, playing the Saxophone is the son of Sandra Hansen, Office Specialist in Wayne. He was also selected as 1st Alternate for WSC's Middle School Honor Band.



Jeff Otto-Berglund retired from NDOT as a Highway Construction Technician III on December 20. Jeff spent over 20 years working at the Wayne Construction office.



Kevin Domogalla (left), Jeff Otto-Berglund (right) Carrell Claus in background.

Left to Right: Jeff Otto-Burglund, Nick Sullivan, Darrel Claus, Mark Jahde, Jeff Francis



# NAME A SNOW PLOW

Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tanner Schaefer brought his newly named snow plow to Stanton middle school to help present an award to Camden Dixon for choosing the winning name. Snow Snow Plower Rangers pulled up to the middle school gym where we were able to present a replica of the snow plow as well as a sign with the winning name on it. The middle school students got to ask questions and then Tanner gave Camden a tour of the truck and showed him the controls in the cab. The students and the teachers all got a chance to sign the blades and wish Tanner a safe trip while he plows past their school. Helping with the presentation were Tim Koenig, Chris Tuttle and Dean Guenther.





November 26<sup>th</sup> had us heading to Shell Creek Elementary north of Columbus to have Verland Mckeen deliver ctrl-snow-~~delete~~ to the winner, Trevor Freeland. The entire K-6 from Shell Creek came to see who won. Close to 500 people filled the gym to cheer on Trevor. Being they are the Lakeside Vikings I thought I might get some props for my Minnesota Vikings but just about got booted out of the room. Tim Koenig, Austin Mrsny and Tanner Heesacker helped answer questions from the crowd and then let the kids check out the truck and sign the blades.







# DRONE PICTURES BY MIKE

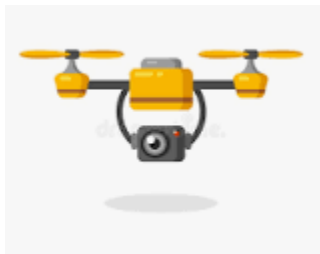


To the Left:

Decatur Bridge Looking North  
towards the bridge.

To the Right:

Decatur Bridge Looking South  
from the bridge.



To the Left:

Crosswalk in front of  
school in Tekamah