**SEPTEMBER 2024** 

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## NEW EMPLOYEES



Gage Wendte started Aug. 12th at the Norfolk Construction Office. He is a Hwy. Construction Tech I. He grew up in Winside and moved to Norfolk in 2018. Gage likes to ride motorcycles, read, work on his Mustang and play cards during the weekend.

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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





Kevin Wilson is a Hwy. Construction Tech at the Columbus Construction Office. He lives in Newman Grove with his wife, Jessica. After spending the last 13 construction seasons working for Paulsen, Inc. as an Asphalt Lab Technician, he finally decided to cross over to the Dark Side. When he's not working or studying for college, he enjoys doing music production. He has been making beats for over 20 years as a hobby and recently launched a side business producing trap, dubstep and EDM beats. He has also been experimenting with training AI programs to create album images, music videos, and even sing over his beats.

Jerry Valencia is a Hwy. Construction Tech in the Columbus Office When he is not working, you'll likely find him at a concert. He loves live music and enjoys listening to his favorite artists/bands. He is also a regular at the gym where he focuses on strength training and cardio to keep fit. In his downtime, Jerry is a big fan of video games, and he also has a bit of obsession with gambling which adds a bit of excitement in his free time. Lastly, he likes to unwind with a good run to clear his mind and stay active.





# BILL WHITTEN'S RETIREMENT PARTY

A retirement party was held for Bill Whitten on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the District Office.

Bill has worked as a Construction Tech in Norfolk for 44 years. During that time Bill was an inspector on several large and complicated projects, including reconstruction of Omaha Avenue in Norfolk, four lane projects in all four directions from Norfolk, and the latest expressway projects in the West Point area. Bill's vast knowledge and experience will be missed.

Good luck with your retirement, Bill.





















### **DRONE PICTURES BY MIKE**



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