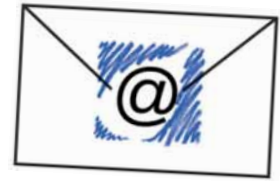


Letters



The city of Nortonville would like to thank Doug Helmke for always helping us out. Doug helped the city set up our wellhead protection program a few years back. This year Doug worked with us on getting our municipal water conservation plan and emergency water supply plan updated – two plans Doug helped us originally set up!

The city recently received a USDA loan and we needed a vulnerability assessment completed. Doug came up and helped us with that review. Currently Doug is working with us on establishing new water rights. The city of Nortonville appreciates the knowledge and experience that Doug has and how he is always willing to help us out. His knowledge and expertise does not go unnoticed.

Thanks Doug!

*Barb Polson
City Clerk
City of Nortonville*

Thank you for having us at this year's conference; we look forward to coming back in 2023. I am writing to request an electronic file on the conference registration list from the show.

*Carey Younkin
Integrated Power Systems
Wichita, Kan.*

I want to thank you Elmer for having Brian Bowles come and help me with my lift station on Wednesday, April 27. I really appreciated the help.

*Rick Hileman
City of Smith Center*

Thank you staff for putting on another fine conference. It was great seeing all the exhibitors, instructors, KRWA staff members and operators again.

I would also like to thank you for choosing me as the 2022 Water & Wastewater Director of the Year. I was totally surprised! It is quite an honor to even be thought of let alone chosen.

*Rod Huffman
Utilities Director
City of Oakley*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank KRWA's Greg Metz for his help in locating, diagnosing, and fixing a leak on the coldest day of the year thus far. Greg goes above and beyond to help out and it is much appreciated. Without his assistance I may have been digging all day trying to find the source of the leak. Again, thank you for your quick response and help.

*Jeremy Baker
City of Greenleaf*

The City of Manhattan would like to thank KRWA and Tony Kimmi for the assistance with large water meter testing. You have been a huge help to the city by testing these large water meters for accuracy. By testing the large water meters, you were able to give city administration the necessary information so that the city may share with their customers. In the recent past, you have tested a meter on Claflin Road for an apartment complex area and the most recent meter tested was for Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community. Once again you have been able to supply the accurate information that was requested.

Thanks – and truly appreciated.

*Respectfully,
City of Manhattan
Water Meter Division*

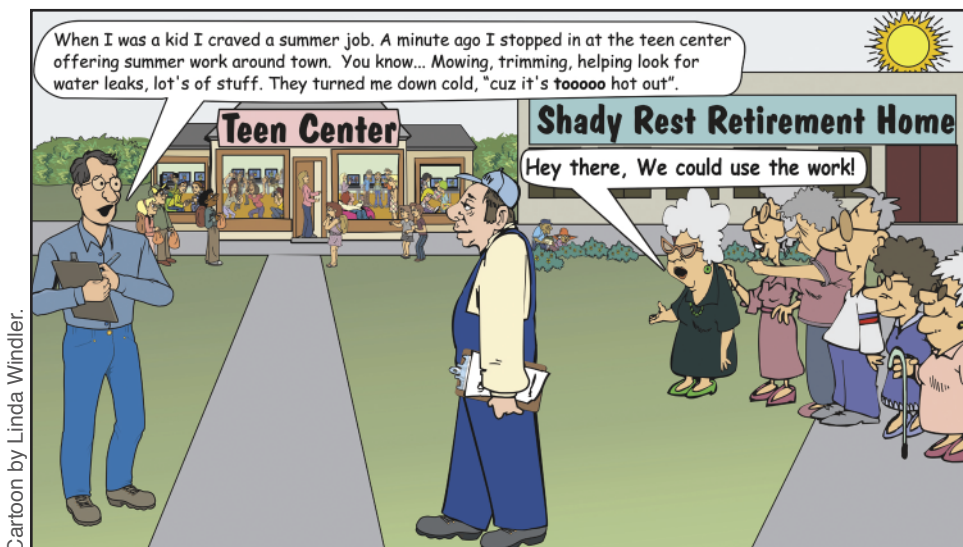
I just wanted to thank you guys for the class I attended on 4-11-22 on "Locating What's Underground". The class was super informative and our instructor, Don Van Veldhuizen, was really professional and had a wide range of knowledge and experience to share. I really got a lot out of the class and wanted to say I really appreciated it.

Thanks!

*Tom Gorman
Director of Public Works/Utilities
City of Arma*

The City of Manhattan thanks you (Greg Metz) for your assistance with locating our mysterious water main break. This area of town is very rocky keeping water from surfacing at the break location and instead surfacing at another location nowhere near the break.

After walking the entire block listening with the city-owned SebaKMT HL 700 equipment, you were able to get us close to



Cartoon by Linda Windler.

the break location, but unfortunately after excavating we found no break and dry ground all around the water main. With your busy schedule you continued to stop by, bringing your Metrotech leak detection equipment and getting us within four (4) feet of this water main break.

The city of Manhattan is appreciative of the assistance you provided us in finding this water main break.

Respectfully,

*Victor Ibarra
Water Distribution Supervisor*

I would like to make a special thank you to KRWA staff member Lonnie Boller, Tony Kimmi and Elmer Ronnebaum for the assistance in January when the City of Willis, Kansas' heater failed in their booster pump station during an extreme cold spell, freezing up both pumps, broke pipes, cracked check valves and broke shutoff valves. Lonnie and Tony were able to spend several days assisting two different contractors to make temporary repairs so the city would have water until the permanent repairs could be made. Also thank you Lonnie for driving 65 miles out of your way to locate a shutoff valve for the contractor. You all went above and beyond during this project.

I also want to thank Elmer for pointing me in the right direction for emergency funds that are available to assist small towns such as Willis. We are going to get all of the assistance that we need.

*Dave Grimm
Contract Operator
City of Willis, KS*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank KRWA's Charlie Schwindamann for assisting me in going through the process of cleaning out my lagoon. Charlie came over and sludge profiled the lagoon with me and made recommendations on how to proceed. He then came back and assisted me with 503 Regs sampling. Charlie plans to help me throughout

this process from start to finish and it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

*Jeremy Baker
City of Greenleaf*

I wanted to take a moment to thank you Elmer and the Board of Directors of the Kansas Rural Water Association for your kind honorarium for the Butler Headliners. As you mentioned in your letter, they are a popular ensemble and they always put on a great show.

I was able to attend the Headliner performance this year and was impressed with the portion of the KRWA presentation that I observed before they took the stage. Your organization is doing amazing things for our community, often with very little recognition. Thank you for this service and for your leadership in the organization.

I hope that the Headliners can continue to serve your event in the future. It is a joy to be able to contribute to what you are doing.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Richard Nichols
Dean of Fine Arts & Communication
Butler Community College*

Elmer, it was the best show (KRWA conference & exhibition) we've ever had. Interest in chemicals, equipment vendors and customers talking to each other about different issues they had that some resolved one way or another. It was a conversation that I enjoyed for over two days. It was outstanding.

Thank you very much.

*Tom Lasser
Hawkins, Inc.*

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