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from the NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

NDRWSA Can Help Systems Locate Buried PVC

By Lisa Schatz

The North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA) is excited to offer assistance to its members that are having trouble locating buried PVC pipes, plastics, gas tanks, septic lines, water mains, cables, wires, and any other conductive or non-conductive material. NDRWSA recently purchased two devices – the All Materials Locator, which utilizes ultra-high microwave frequencies to find any subsurface object that has an edge, and a magnetic locator.

“A large number of small water systems don’t have funds available to purchase equipment they’ll only use a few times a year, so we purchased the equipment to better serve all our members, big or small,” says Eric Volk, executive



director of NDRWSA. For more information or to schedule an appointment for assistance, contact the NDRWSA at 701-258-9249 or e-mail ndrw@ndrw.org.

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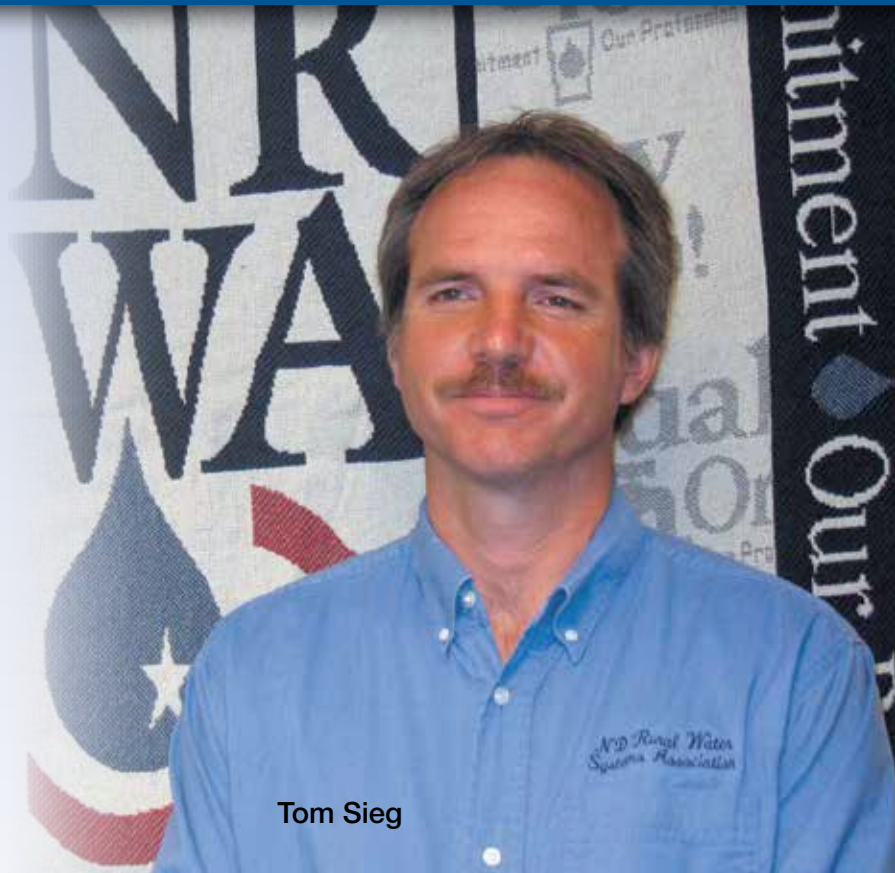
NDRWSA Thanks Tom Sieg for Years of Service

By Lisa Schatz

Tom Sieg started with the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA) in January of 2001 and dedicated 12 years to the position of Circuit Rider for the western area of North Dakota. Over the years, he has been an integral part of the team at NDRWSA, traveling thousands upon thousands of miles to assist water operators, city auditors, rural water personnel, and many others associated within the drinking water industry. Throughout the years, many have benefited from his knowledge of water distribution, water treatment, leak detection, and line location.

Sieg's words of wisdom and his infectious laugh will be greatly missed – not to mention the news updates from one of his favorite television stations – Prairie Public!

NDRWSA wishes him well as he moves forward in his farming career, and thanks him for his dedication throughout the years. He has definitely made a difference in the rural water community.



Tom Sieg

Welcome

NDRWSA Welcomes New Circuit Rider

Ward Heidbreder was hired by the NDRWSA in mid-June as the new circuit rider for western North Dakota. Heidbreder was formerly employed with the City of Stanley as its city coordinator and is certified in water treatment, distribution, waste water collection, and waste water treatment, by the North Dakota Department of Health. His experience includes water distribution, pipeline management, water storage issues, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), leak locating, line locating, pipe fitting, and hydrant repair. He is also familiar with water wells and well field development and has assisted in devel-

oping several bulk water fill stations.

Having served as a board member of the Western Area Water Supply Authority, he is experienced with issues facing rural water systems in the state.

Heidbreder was born and raised in Stanley and still resides there. He is married to Julie and they have three children, Brandon, Brenna, and Matthew. Heidbreder is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and in his spare time he enjoys camping, hunting, fishing, watching high school sports, and spending time with his family.

NDRWSA welcomes Heidbreder to the NDRWSA team!