

2020 1ST QUARTER P.R.I.D.E. AWARD

Jeff Connor and Kendall Wigger

The Mayor, Council, and City Administrator would like to congratulate Jeff Connor and Kendall Wigger in Vehicle Maintenance for achieving the 1st Quarter *P.R.I.D.E.* Award for 2020. They were nominated by their peers for outstanding commitment to the City of Gillette and were chosen based on their ability to exemplify the City's core values. *Productivity, Responsibility, Integrity, Dedication, and Enthusiasm.*

Jeff and Kendall were the spearheads of a fuel system cleanup of 48 pieces of equipment and the Underground Storage Tank (U.S.T.) for diesel fuel. They helped set up the filtering operation and converted used fire hose from our fire station to allow the transfer of 8,700 gallons of cleaned fuel into rented temporary fuel storage containers. Transferring the diesel fuel to temporary tanks saved over \$22,000 for the City of Gillette. After the 20,000-gallon U.S.T. was emptied and cleaned by contractors, Kendall entered the U.S.T. to inspect for cleanliness and determined that residue remained. Jeff and Kendall then entered the tank to manually scrub the entire 10-foot diameter by 30-foot-long fiberglass tank, top to bottom, with soap, water, and scrub pads. Their efforts produced a pristine U.S.T. to finally pump clean fuel into led to the resumption of normal operations for our diesel pump on the fuel island after nearly four months of downtime.

Along with the hard work on the Underground Storage Tank, Jeff and Kendall are the City of Gillette's resident experts when it comes to the Trash and Plow Trucks; and therefore bore the brunt of maintenance operations to support this critical equipment during the Coronavirus shutdown. In addition to keeping the units running, they maintained critical assets from Power, Water, and Wastewater divisions, helping to keep the power on, the water running, and the toilets flushing.

Kendall and Jeff performed above and beyond in the first quarter in two significant areas, saving the City of Gillette thousands of dollars and keeping critical equipment running during the Coronavirus shutdown. The distinctive contributions of Jeff Connor and Kendall Wigger exemplify P.R.I.D.E. and reflect great credit on themselves, Vehicle Maintenance, Public Works, and the City of Gillette. Thank you for all that you do for the City of Gillette and your incredible dedication to our organization.

Sincerely,

Patrick Davidson City Administrator Louise Carter-King

Mayor