

NeRWA Utility Expo a Great Success

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The Nebraska Rural Water Association held its annual Utility EXPO on October 5 in Fremont. A big thank you to the 150 attendees and exhibitors that were at this year's Expo. There were some great classes and many exhibits to see both inside and outside. The Utility Expo is a great place for attendees to get hands-on experience with live demonstrations. Attendees have the chance to try out new equipment and see how it works. Also, the Utility Expo was a great place to get hands-on instruction on new products and products that help us stay safe in the field.

I would also like to thank all the vendors that helped put on a session during the Expo. Without you none of this would be possible.



An additional thank you goes out to the Nebraska Machinery Company and Municipal Pipe Services for helping us hold our first backhoe challenge and water tapping contest. Winners of the tapping contest were Dan Cerny and Justin Albers of Schuyler and the winner of the backhoe challenge was Jason Lemay of Lincoln with Danny Hietbrink of Lincoln taking second place honors. Once again thank you to all who participated in the tapping challenge and backhoe challenge and to the sponsors of these events.

I now turn my focus to the upcoming spring conference which will be held March 21-23, 2011, in Columbus at the New World Inn. I look forward to seeing you all there.