

Important information in *Current Flashes* and Bill Stuffers

We know you get lots of mail and plenty of reading material, but our newsletter is geared specifically to you and it has very important information in it, just for you. We only publish a newsletter 6 times a year (bi-monthly) and it comes with your bill statement. It is just one page front and back, so would not take much time to cover. We have information about rates, energy efficiency tips, rebates and billing information.

Important Billing Information

We recently sent special bill stuffers about our billing and due date changes, with two consecutive months' bill statements. We are shifting our bill and due dates and this will affect you, so please read on. Starting June 1 **Rural residential and commercial account** will be billed on the 5th each month and due by the 1st (25 days later) of the next month. **Town residential and commercial accounts** will be billed on

the 10th each month and due by the 5th (25 days later) the next month. Unfortunately, many of our customers did not read this information that was sent to them.

We approached this with a gradual schedule over 3 months, in order to give people time to adjust their cash flow more easily. Unfortunately, this confused some customers, and for that we apologize. Please bear with us, we are almost there. As of June 1, 2014 both bill cycles rural and town will be set. We condensed our billing cycles from 4 to 2 which of course is a time and cost savings that we ultimately did for you, our customer. The AMI (automated meter infrastructure) meters made this possible and we are reaping many benefits from this system, which make us more efficient and knowledgeable about our systems needs and requirements.

If you have any questions, get in touch with us, we are here to serve you.



Don't miss the important information made available in our bill inserts!

Martindale Scholarship Doing Double

The Harold Martindale Utility Line Scholarship has been awarded to Deacon Burbach and Drew Lunz.

Deacon is the son of Dean and Lisa Burbach of Hartington. Deacon is a senior at Cedar Catholic and has been involved in swing choir, chorus, track and one-act play. He also has been active in FFA and works at the family dairy.



Deacon Burbach



Drew Lunz

Drew is the son of Keith and Nancy Lunz of Laurel and is a senior at Laurel Concord High School. His activities include wrestling, track, basketball and football. His community service work was with the Laurel Youth Wrestling organization.

Deacon and Drew were both selected this year because last year 2013 we did not have a qualified applicant. The scholarship is \$1000 per year for the two year lineman program.

Good luck to both recipients.

Lake Substation

Cedar-Knox is in the process of building our 17th substation. This substation is located 5 miles north of Crofton and 1 mile west. The Lake Substation as we call it, is going to feed the north central part of our district including the lake area. The new 69Kv line that will feed this substation starts at the South Yankton Substation which is 4 miles south of Yankton SD and will connect to the new Lake Substation 6 miles west. Growth and increased load in this area is the reason for the building of this substation.



Recipe Corner

Strawberry Pretzel Salad

Original recipe makes 16 servings.

- 1 ½ cups crushed pretzels
- 4 ½ T white sugar
- ¾ cup butter, melted
- 1C white sugar
- 2 (8oz) packages cream cheese
- 1 (8 oz) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (6 oz) package strawberry flavored Jello
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 (16oz) package frozen strawberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix together the pretzels, 4 ½ tablespoons sugar and melted

butter. Press into the bottom of 9x13 inch pan. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, or until lightly toasted. Set aside to cool completely.

In a medium bowl, beat the 1 cup white sugar and cream cheese until smooth. Fold in whipped topping. Spread evenly over the cooled crust. Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes.

In a medium bowl, stir together the gelatin mix and boil water. Mix in frozen strawberries, and stir until thawed. Pour over cream cheese mixture in pan. Refrigerate until completely chilled, at least 1 hour.



CKPPD office closed May 26, for Memorial Day

- May is National Electric Safety Month -

Visit our Website cedarknoxppd.com

We just added another good reason to visit our website. A new feature to make bill paying more convenient is Utilit-E Online which enables you, the customer, to access your account with CKPPD through our website. What you will need is, your electric account number, so you can set up a secure user name and password. Once your account or accounts are registered, you will be able to see balance information, applicant information, kw and kwh history and make a payment.

You will also be able to initiate a Service Order for things such as address changes, security light maintenance, sign up for service such as budget billing, letter of credit, critical account notification, and ACH (bank withdrawal) request.

Of course, we also now offer several ways to pay online. ACH, E-check, and Credit Card payments. These easy ways to pay make bill paying possible anytime through our website.

Please check out our site, cedarknoxppd.com and go to the link "Access My Account".

If you have any questions, please contact us, we will be happy to help.

Congratulations!

10 Year Employment Anniversary

Nathan Rutar and Eric Becker recently celebrated 10 years of employment with Cedar-Knox PPD.

Both Nathan and Eric are currently Journeyman Lineman. Their Service and hard work are greatly appreciated by Cedar-Knox PPD. Congratulations.



Nathan Rutar and Eric Becker.

Merchant testing completed

Jeff Feilmeier who has been with CKPPD for less than two years has completed the Merchants testing.

Merchants testing is a 4 book course covering all aspects of lineman education. Jeff completed this typically four year course in less than two years.

The completion of Merchant testing and some other criteria are required to become a journeyman lineman. Jeff will continue to work on that other criteria. Good Job Jeff.



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