

# CURRENT FLASHES

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## Lineworker Appreciation Day

**Monday, April 12th.**

While we appreciate them each and every day, please take a moment this month to let them know how much you appreciate them too. With these 18 linemen, we are blessed to have over 375 years of experience!



**Pictured: Back Row:** Brad Steffen, Corey Fischer, Pat Feilmeier, Forrest Dendinger, Dusty Neuhalten, Eric Becker, Jeff Feilmeier, Chase Dettman, Tim Loberg, Corey Stratman. **Front Row:** Tom Potts, Troy Joachimsen, Reggie Hochstein, Jared Wiebelhaus, Nathan Rutar, Matt Sudbeck, John Freeman, Doug Miller.



### Administrative Assistants Day - April 21

Cedar-Knox PPD recognizes all office staff on Administrative Assistants Day each year. **Pictured: Back Row:** Lynette Pinkelman, Benefits Administrator; Jackie Kathol, Accountant; Mary Lammers, Office Manager. **Front Row:** Pamela Heikes, Billing Specialist; Stacy Knutson, Receptionist.



## Reminder APRIL 30TH

The last day to make irrigation changes to control without being charged a penalty.

## 5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

### 1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



### 2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



### 3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



### 4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



### 5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



# Prescriptive Irrigation EnergyWise Program

*Grow More While Using Less*

Irrigation is the lifeblood of many Nebraska farms. Over half of the estimated 155,000 center pivots and linear tower irrigation systems are in the State of Nebraska. As we move into the future, producers are challenged more than ever to manage costs and increase yields in order to achieve sustainable operating margins. Producers have come to count on the time and cost savings pivots and linear systems bring. These systems also reduce energy and water use when compared to traditional irrigation methods. In as few as five seasons, sand, grit and other abrasive materials in irrigation water can impact your system's application uniformity.

As an EnergyWise partner, we want to help producers make the most of the energy needed for irrigating with all-electric systems. A **\$500 incentive** can be earned, when producers replace all of the systems' existing outlet components such as sprinkler heads, sprayers, rotators, plates, pads and nozzles, and regulators on qualified systems.

To qualify:

- The systems must be a minimum of four (4) sections in length with water supplied by an all-electric pumping system.
- The majority of the systems' existing nozzles, sprayers or sprinkler heads must be at least five (5) years old. For verification, a copy of the pivot's most recent sprinkler/nozzle report (usually kept inside the pivot control panel) must be provided with a completed application and qualifying proof-of-purchase documentation).

If you have any questions regarding the Prescriptive Irrigation EnergyWise Program, please contact Matt Sudbeck at 402-254-6291 or 800-891-5196.

## 2021 Youth Energy Leadership Camp

Cedar-Knox PPD is accepting applications from area 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students whose parents are rate payers to Cedar-Knox to attend the Youth Energy Leadership Camp (YELC). Camp will be held July 19-23 at the 4-H Camp in Halsey, NE.

The five-day camp is set up to give young people a better understanding of the rural electric program, electric power generation and the legislative process, while enjoying traditional camp activities such as basketball, volleyball, canoeing, a banquet, a dance, and more. Camp expenses and transportation are provided by Cedar-Knox PPD.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lammers at 402-254-6291 or 800-891-5196. The deadline to apply is May 7th. Don't delay – apply today!!



## Paul Burbach – Intern



Our intern student this year is Paul Burbach, son of Dean and Mary Burbach of Crofton, NE. He is currently completing his first year

of the Utility Lineman program at Northeast Community College. Paul has begun working on Fridays during the remainder of the school year and will work full-time at CKPPD this summer. All students in the Utility Lineman program are required to do a summer internship. Paul will complete his internship with us and then return to finish his studies in the fall. Welcome to CKPPD, Paul!!!



## YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parents \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your sponsoring rural electric system \_\_\_\_\_