

# CURRENT FLASHIES

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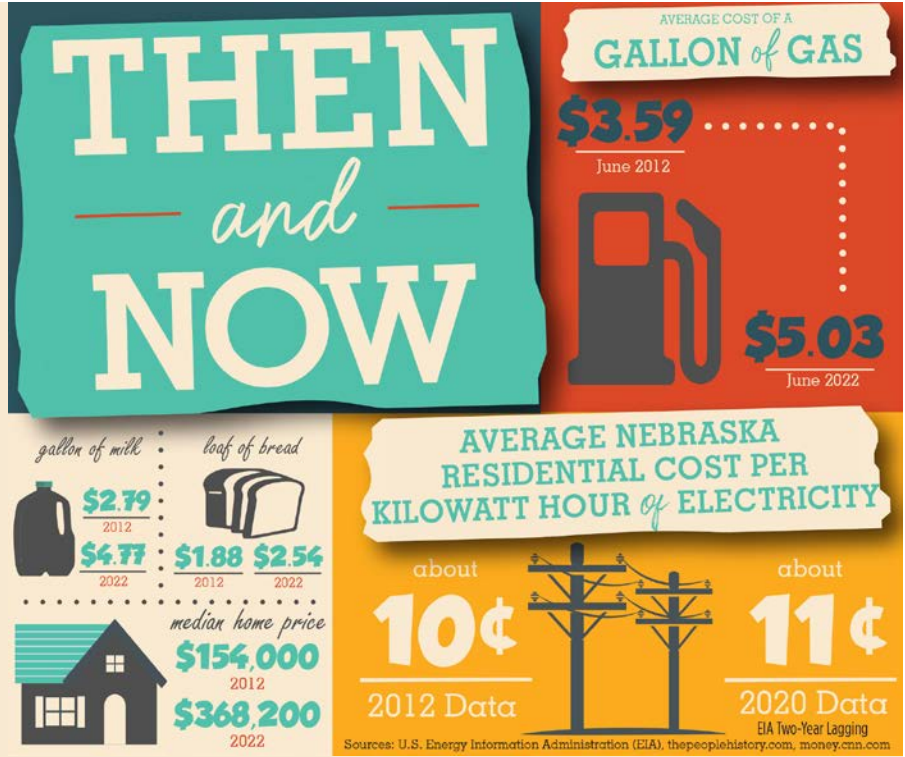
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## Value of Electricity

*We feel it at the pump....the grocery store... and everywhere. Costs are on the rise.*

Although costs have increased a lot over the last ten years, electricity delivered to Nebraskans by their local public power utility continues to be an unbelievable value. Since 1936, electric rates in Nebraska have only gone up, on average, five cents per kilowatt hour.

Cedar-Knox PPD is proud to say our average residential cost per kilowatt hour of electricity is only **8.0¢**; well below the state average.



## How to pay your bill through the App...



The CKPPD mobile application (App) is a convenient solution for our customers. You can sign up for the app through the QR code (right). Use the camera function to scan the code, and then follow the link to register. Information needed to register is your account number with CKPPD and your phone number.

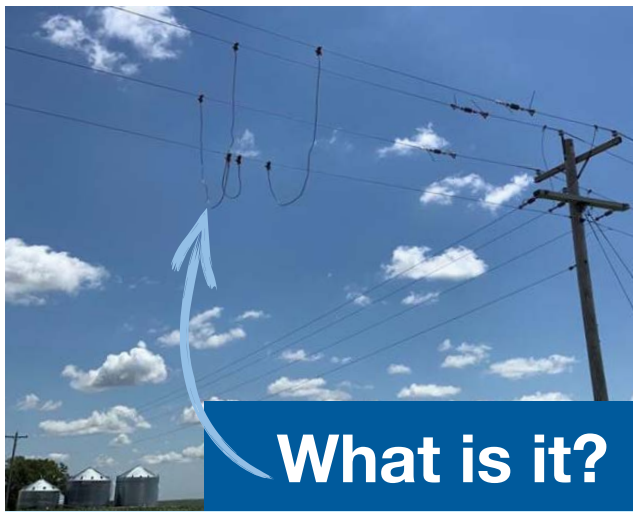
After you have accessed the app, follow the steps below to make a

payment. By doing just a few clicks your bill can be paid when you want! Need some assistance with this function, give us a call at **(402) 254-6291**. CKPPD staff can help explain any questions that you may have.

**Have you tried the CKPPD App?** Download our app from the store (scan QR code) and pay your bill at your own convenience!



- 1. Log in and click** (Make a Payment)
- 2. Select account**
- 3. Select payment method** (BANK)
- 4. Submit payment**
- 5. Celebrate your bill was paid!**



## What is it?

Have you ever driven by the CKPPD crew or along a power line and wonder “What is that?”.

Well, here’s one of the things you may have seen. The picture shows three smaller wires hanging on the line to the left of the pole. These are what we call personal grounds. The crew uses these to ensure that if the line they are working on would accidentally become energized, the voltage will be taken to ground before it reaches them. The grounds are just one of the many pieces of equipment we use to help keep us safe on a daily basis.

## AVOID UTILITY SCAMS

Scammers will threaten you with everything from shutting off your power to your home to legal action. Don’t fall victim to these types of scams.



- Never give personal information to an unknown caller or visitor. Our representatives have access to the details they need to service your account.
- Demands for immediate payment for wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards, or cash reload cards should immediately raise red flags.
- If you think you’ve been contacted by a scammer falsely representing CKPPD, please let us know as soon as possible by calling (402) 254-6291.



## Congratulations

Director Karl Koch was presented with his Board Leadership Certificate he earned at a recent Board Meeting. The Board Leadership Program is the second part of the NRECA’s three-part Director Education Program, consisting of courses that focus in greater depth on specific industry and governance issues including such things as: risk management, power supply, parliamentary procedure, technology and policy development. We thank Karl and all the Directors for taking their time to ensure our board members have a diverse set of knowledge and skills relevant to governing the electric industry.

## Full-Time Employment

Paul Burbach has been hired as a full-time apprentice lineman as of June 29, 2022. He graduated with an Associate’s Degree in Utility Line from Northeast Community College in May and had completed his summer internship requirements with us last summer. We were fortunate to have Paul work with us during breaks from college throughout the year.

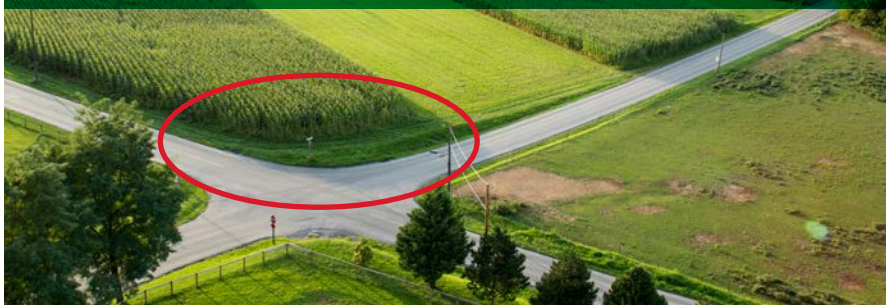
Paul is the son of Dale and Mary Burbach of Crofton, NE. He enjoys trap shooting, hunting, fishing, farming with his dad, as well as spending time with his family and friends.

We are glad to welcome Paul to our CKPPD family!



## Intersection Safety

Be aware at rural intersections - tall corn creates blind spots. Always stop and look twice. #NeverGiveSafetyADayOff



Know what’s below.  
Call before you dig.

State law requires anyone digging to put in a locate request 3 days prior to digging for all planned excavations with exception of emergency tickets. Locates help prevent damage to underground facilities owned by utilities and also protect contractors and the general public from personal injury and possible life-threatening circumstances that can occur when utilities are damaged due to dig-in incidents. Locates shall be submitted by calling 811 or online at [www.ne1call.com](http://www.ne1call.com) before we will locate the proposed dig area. CKPPD is not responsible for locating private/customer owned wiring after the meter. If you are in need of these wires being located, please contact your local electrician.