

Announcement:

Mike Lammers has been named as new Cedar-Knox PPD General Manager since being named Interim in August. Mike has 23 years of experience and completed the MIP (Management Internship Program) in 2017. Congratulations Mike!

Reminder:



Martindale Memorial Scholarship Deadline approaching, March 1st. Please fill out your application with Northeast Community College if you are attending in the fall in the Utility Lineman Program.

From the desk of the Manager

It is with great honor and respect to the late Dan Leise that I accepted the position of Cedar-Knox PPD General Manager, following the December 13, 2017 board meeting. I will forever be grateful for Dan's mentoring and tutelage throughout my career thus far.

My family (wife Laurie, kids Koby (20), Kaden (17), Jaelyn (13), and McKinlee (10)) and I have been proud to be with the Cedar-Knox family for my 23+ years and I am looking forward to the new challenges and endeavors of this position. I have evolved from being a Journeyman Lineman, Meter Technician, Head of Load Management, Director of Technology Integration,

and most recently, Operation Coordinator before being named Interim in late August. I plan to keep up the great traditions of delivering excellent customer service and reliability, at affordable prices as efficiently and safely as possible. Cedar-Knox PPD has always strived for these goals and with the great staff of employees we have, I feel we can continue to achieve each and every one of these goals in 2018 and well into the future. I am still transitioning into the position but feel free to reach out to me anytime.



Mike Lammers

2017 Year in Review

I know we all say it, "Where has the year gone?" So many things have happened this year it is hard to fathom. I looked back at the past year, 2017 Current Flashes Newsletter and here are some of our headline topics:

- No rate increase for 2017
- Mike Lammers graduated from the Management Internship Program
- Jared Wiebelhaus is recipient of the Harold Martindale Memorial Scholarship
- Gary Wiese, Purchasing Agent and Safety Coordinator retires
- 35 years of service for Dan Leise, General Manager
- Added three new babies to our CKPPD family, Corinne Becker (Eric and Miranda), Hayes Neuhalfen (Dusty and Laura), and Ruby Freeman (John and Audrey)
- Dan Leise our General Manager, passes away after tragic accident
- CKPPD 80th Anniversary Open House
- Interim Manager, Mike Lammers announced.

As with our own personal lives and families, there are good and bad that happen to us all. We feel blessed for all the good things on our list and sad for the bad, losing Dan Leise, but still grateful that we all knew him and were honored to have worked with him. Count your blessings, cherish those little moments and hope you all have a Great Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

– Written by Carol McGregor



Recipe Corner

Honey Mustard Chicken with Mushrooms

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup of grainy course mustard
- 1/4 cup smooth yellow mustard
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 Tbsp avocado oil or olive oil
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 8-12 oz fresh sliced mushrooms *
- 2 cloves garlic, minced *
- 2-3 pounds boneless skinless chicken (light or dark, cut into large chunks)
- salt and pepper

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. In a small bowl, combine the mustards and honey.

3. In a large skillet, add the oil, onions, and mushrooms.
4. Sauté over medium heat until golden and tender.
5. Add the garlic and cook for an additional 1-2 minutes.
6. Grease an oven-safe baking dish (like a glass 9 X 11 pan).
7. Add the chicken and the onion/mushroom mixture.
8. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
9. Pour the honey mustard mixture on top.
10. Bake for about 40 minutes – until the chicken is browned on top and cooked through. Serve hot. Over rice is great!

Calendars Still Available

Every year we have been doing a Cedar-Knox PPD Calendar. We still have some left and have them available at the front desk. The pictures are all from our service territory and we had some talented photographers send us some great shots. Come in and pick one up.

Generator Safety

- Portable generators come in handy during long-term power outages. However, if you do not know how to use them properly, they can be dangerous. Safe Electricity has the following tips too use generators safely. Contact a qualified vendor or electrician to help you determine what generator is best-suited to your needs.
- If you are installing a permanent generator, it must have a transfer switch. The transfer switch prevents energy from leaving your generator and going back into power lines where it could harm a lineman, a process known as “back-feed.” A qualified electrician should install your generator and transfer switch.
- If you have a portable generator, operate it outdoors in an area with plenty of ventilation. Never run a generator in a home or garage. Generators give off deadly carbon monoxide.
- Do not plug a generator into the wall.
- Turn off or disconnect all appliances and lights before you begin operating the portable generator. Once the generator is running, turn your appliances and lights on one at a time to avoid overloading the unit. Remember, generators are for temporary usage, prioritize your needs.

Safe Electricity suggests that these safety guidelines and basic operating instructions be posted in the home and with the generator. Remember to read and follow manufacturer’s instructions with all your electronics.

Anniversary Celebrations...

Jeff Feilmeier

Jeff celebrated 5 years as Cedar-Knox PPD employee November 1, 2017. Jeff is now a Journeyman Lineman. Jeff is married to Taylor and they are expected their first child very soon.

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Troy Joachimsen

Troy celebrated 20 years with Cedar-Knox PPD on December 1, 2017. Troy is Lead Journeyman Lineman. Troy enjoys family time with his wife Tonya and five boys. Thanks for your years of dedication Troy.

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