

CURRENT FLASHES

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Cedar-Knox employees are dedicated to their jobs. Whether that is restoring power after a storm has rolled through, or answering the phone and assisting customers with billing questions, the pride of helping others is always there. **Cedar Knox employees positively impact the lives of customers through their work responsibilities, but also by generously giving of their time and talents through volunteering.** This may be through emergency medical services, local fire departments, youth sporting programs, large county events, participating in local parades, and more.

In this day and age, time is a precious commodity. Taking time from their busy lives to care for the communities we live, work and play in is something to be appreciated. Volunteers are essential to these local organizations, just as employees are essential to businesses. Without volunteers many of our small-town activities or organizations would not thrive. **Cedar-Knox is proud to have so many employees involved in our local communities helping to make our area of Northeast Nebraska a great place to call home.**



“Nothing is as strong as the heart of a volunteer. – Jimmy Doolittle”

A Career of Service

Pat Feilmeier retired at the end of May after 41 years of dedicated service to Cedar-Knox PPD. Pat has advanced through the ranks beginning as an apprentice lineman and finishing his career as our Line Superintendent. Typically, Pat lined up the crew each day, making sure to complete projects such as: new services, service removals, maintenance work, and infrastructure improvement jobs.



Pat has been a vital part of making sure things were completed on time and that Cedar-Knox PPD addressed the needs of our customers. Pat's commitment to customer service is what made him excel at his job. His knowledge of our district and the many service locations within it, will be missed.

Pat looks forward to traveling some this summer. He plans to keep busy working on various projects in his retirement. If you see him around, please congratulate him on a successful career. Congrats Pat! We hope you enjoy your retirement.

Derecho Rolls Across the State



Photo by Kara Backer

On May 12, 2022, most of Nebraska experienced an unfamiliar occurrence as a derecho rolled across the state. When the wind subsided and the dust cloud settled, Cedar-Knox had approximately 3,000 of our 7,500 customers without power. Transmission line problems were responsible for the majority of the outages, knocking out incoming power to 9 of our 17 substations. The transmission line problems were fixed and substation power was returned three

hours later; restoring power to all but approximately 250 customers. CKPPD did sustain 22 broken distribution poles and numerous other problems due to straight line winds and flying debris. Our crews were able to restore power to all but 3 residential customers by the end of the night and finished final restoration the following morning to those that had received more substantial damage. We appreciate those who reported damage and remind everyone to always stay away from downed powerlines.

Employees on the Move



Troy Joachimsen has been promoted to become the new Line Superintendent. He brings over 24 years of experience with him to his new position and most recently was one of the Foremen on our crew.

“I am truly grateful for the opportunity given to me to be a key part of the team here at CKPPD.”

Troy and his wife Tonya, live in Hartington. They have five children: Easton, Keyan, Dagen, Gavin, and Coven. We are all looking forward to working with Troy in his new role. Congratulations Troy!



Brad Steffen has also advanced to become a Crew Foreman. He has been a lineman for over 20 years, with over 19 of those years at CKPPD. Brad will now lead a crew of employees daily. He and his wife, Jackie, also reside in Hartington with their three children: Brea, Kynlee, and Levi. Thanks Brad!



Nathan Rutar will round out our promotions, becoming a Lead Lineman. He will now take on more responsibilities with and around the crew he is working with each day. Nathan and his wife, Kaly are Hartington residents and have two children at home: Jared and Landon. Nathan has been a lineman for 19 years and with Cedar-Knox PPD for 18 years. Great job, Nathan!!



Summer Intern

Our summer co-op intern this year is Nolan Ohlrich, son of Gene & Angie of Belden. Nolan is between his first and second year of the utility linemen program at Northeast Community College. All students in this program are required to do a summer internship. Nolan will complete his hands-on training with us and then return to finish his studies in the fall.



DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

This is the final installment of the Director spotlights. We hope you have enjoyed getting to know the Directors that represent you.

Karl Koch | BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER

AREA SERVED: Division 1 (Cedar County – North of Hwy 84)

YEARS OF SERVICE: 13 years

FAMILY: Wife, Michelle of 37 years - 5 children and 10 grandchildren

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS: Hartington Rural Fire District (Secretary/Treasurer) and Prescribed Burn Association (Treasurer)

WHAT INTERESTED YOU INTO RUNNING FOR THE CKPPD BOARD?

A desire to serve and represent rate payers. Additionally, I had the desire to learn more about Public Power.

WHAT INFORMATION WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE PUBLIC?

I truly appreciate working with such a great bunch at CKPPD (Directors & Employees). I also enjoy representing the rate payers.

Cedar Knox Public Power District Employees

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Rich Erwin..... President
- Terry Thunker..... Vice President
- Randy Papenhausen..... Secretary
- Randy Carlson..... Treasurer
- Larry Domina
- Ken Eickhoff
- Karl Koch
- Ed Lammers
- Phil Nielsen

EMPLOYEES

- Mike Lammers..... General Manager
- Mary Lammers..... Office Manager
- Troy Joachimsen..... Line Superintendent
- Jackie Kathol..... Accountant
- Pam Heikes..... Billing Specialist
- Lynette Pinkelman..... Benefits Adm
- Stacy Knutson..... Receptionist
- Tim Loberg..... Operations Coordinator
- Mark Kuehn..... IT and Security Director
- Matt Sudbeck..... Purchasing/Safety Director
- Reggie Hochstein..... Electrical Systems Director
- Corey Fischer..... Line Engineer
- Corey Stratman..... Line Engineer

- Doug Miller..... Crew Foreman
- Tom Potts..... Crew Foreman
- Brad Steffen..... Crew Foreman
- Eric Becker..... Lead Line Technician
- Nathan Rutar..... Lead Line Technician
- John Freeman..... Meter Tech/Journeyman
- Forrest Dendinger..... Substation Tech/Journeyman
- Dustin Neuhalfen..... Journeyman Lineman
- Jeff Feilmeier..... Journeyman Lineman
- Jared Wiebelhaus..... Apprentice Lineman
- Chase Dettman..... Apprentice Lineman
- Zach Adcock..... Apprentice Lineman
- Ed Kalin..... Mechanic