

CURRENT FLASHES

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No Lost Time Award

Never Give Safety A Day Off. This is the safety slogan the employees of Cedar-Knox PPD live by, both at work and at home. Safety is a top priority and part of the mission statement of Cedar-Knox Public Power District.

Cedar-Knox PPD has reached a milestone worth celebrating. No lost time accidents for three years in a row. Three years with no injuries to an employee while at work, that has kept them from returning to their work is quite an accomplishment. While we have had the occasional slip, trip, or scrape; we are proud of the focus on safety our employees live out in their daily lives.

The District takes pride in providing safety training and education, but it is the employees that make this accomplishment happen. The employees regularly attend safety meetings to discuss unsafe practices

and suggestions for improvements. Accidents do and will happen, but taking the time to discuss them together helps to ensure that these incidents do not happen again in the future. Before beginning jobs for the day, the crew hold tailgate discussions to go over the dangers and hazards of the job they will be working on. This helps to ensure everyone is on the same page and the work is carried out safely and efficiently each day.

Employees are always looking after themselves, but also each other. The goal for each and every day is for everyone to go home safely to their families at night. Congrats and job well done to all employees!



Paperless Billing Contest!!!

IT'S PAPERLESS

Fewer bills in your mailbox result in less clutter. If you need a copy of your bill for your records, you can easily print one at any time.

IT'S ON TIME

Never worry about postal delays. You will know the new amount due earlier in the month than others waiting on a paper bill.

IT'S GREEN

Paperless billing is better for the environment.

IT'S CONVENIENT

Review your account at any time. You'll receive a monthly e-mail or text notification when your bill is ready for viewing.

IT'S FREE!!!

Switching to paperless billing is easy. Customers can sign up through our mobile options on their own time. However, if you need help, Cedar-Knox Public Power office personnel will be happy to assist. Call us Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (402) 254-6291.

ONLINE - Login to your account at www.cedarknoxppd.com. Select the "Alerts" tab at the top of the screen. Select the account you'd like to change from the drop-down option under

the "Account Selection" heading. Then, click the check box by Statement Available and the Electronic Only option. Provide the email or text number you'd like to be notified by and then click the Update button at the bottom of the screen

APP – Download the Cedar-Knox PPD App from the App Store. Login/register your account, select the account you'd like to change from the Account button at the bottom. Then click the Notification Sign-Up tile. Click on the Update

button, provide the email, text number, and PIN. Finish out by clicking on the Update button.

Those that choose to sign up for paperless billing will be entered into a drawing for a **\$50 bill credit** and a CKPPD goodie basket. The contest will begin March 1, 2022 and will end on April 15, 2022. Customers who already utilize paperless billing will automatically be entered into the drawing. CKPPD employees and immediate family members are not eligible.

Employee Appreciation & Awards Banquet

Cedar-Knox took the opportunity this past month to set aside a night to appreciate our employees, both current and retired, Directors, and all spouses for everything they have accomplished, not only in 2021, but 2020 as well. We honored those that have reached milestones, not only in their careers, but with their families as well. Those who have left our family too soon were also remembered during the evening. We admire our employees and directors for their dedication and were glad to provide a well-deserved social evening of recognition.



DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

We want to continue to spotlight our Directors to ensure you know who represents you.



Phil Nielsen

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER

AREA SERVED: Division 3 (Knox County)

YEARS OF SERVICE: 15 Years

FAMILY: Wife, Deb - 2 children - 4 grandchildren

MILITARY SERVICE: Lieutenant in a Transportation Company in the US Army for over two years

THREE WORDS YOU WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE CKPPD?

1. Efficient
2. Consistent
3. Reliable

WHAT HAVE YOU GAINED FROM BEING A DIRECTOR AT CKPPD?

I have gained a better knowledge of the generation, distribution, and transmission of electric energy. Also, I have developed a better appreciation of the skill and expertise of all the CKPPD employees.

WHAT INTERESTED YOU INTO RUNNING FOR THE CKPPD BOARD?

For years I have been impressed with the CKPPD employees and their good worth ethic, so I wanted to be associated with a company like that!

Youth Leadership Camp

The NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp will be held in Halsey, Nebraska July 18-22.

This is an opportunity for youth currently in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade of our area to get hands-on experience with the electrical industry. The program gives the attendees the chance to learn about different aspects of our system with demonstrations, activities, and even a tour of Gerald Gentleman Station and the Kinglsey Hydro Power Plant. Students from across the state are even given the chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C. The camp is free and transportation will be provided by CKPPD.



Previous campers we have spoken with described the camp as fun and wished they could go back. Cedar-Knox Public Power has sent several employees over the years to serve as camp counselors. They too appreciated the experience. Please call Mary at (402) 254-6291 or email maryl@cedarknoxppd.com to apply by May 1st.

NOTICE: Please remember this spring to look up and look out. Do not plant near or under power lines or in the county right of way. Please do not swing in and out and around the power poles. The danger and risk you are taking do not outweigh the minimal gain in crops planted, and this hinders our ability to get to our poles if we need to. Thank you for your cooperation.



Electric Powered Lawn & Garden Incentive Program

Consider upgrading your conventional, gas-burning mower with a new electric or battery-powered option. Consider the following advantages:

- Lower energy costs
- Less maintenance
- Quieter operation
- Eco-friendly

If you decide to purchase a new battery-powered or electric corded lawn mower, please contact us. You may be eligible for an incentive for up to 20% of the purchase price.

SCHOOL VISITS

Safety is number one at Cedar-Knox Public Power. Over the past few weeks, CKPPD employees have taught the importance of electrical safety to almost three hundred 5th and 9th grade students from over 6 different schools in the CKPPD service area.

Safety is an aspect that we take very seriously. We feel it is important to educate and protect the youth of our community. Matt Sudbeck and John Freeman led the groups through on-site or in-school demonstrations of what happens when a vehicle or farm accident occurs. Students were allowed the chance to have hands-on experience with some of the lineman gear. This gives the kids an idea just how difficult tasks can be with the necessary personal protective equipment in place.



Matt Sudbeck and John Freeman giving a safety demonstration of a tree burning in the power line.



A student tries to pick up a washer wearing personal protective equipment.

Matt Sudbeck said, "Fifth graders usually ask lots of questions as they enjoy gaining the knowledge and I like to speak to the 9th graders so that they are aware of the hazards associated with a power line accident since they are or will be driving soon."

Cedar-Knox Public Power District reaches out annually to the schools in our district; however, if you have a group that would be interested in a tour or demo, please contact our office. We can be contacted at (402) 254-6291.