

## From the Desk of the Manager

### Think Safety this Spring

I often use the pillar terms in Public Power: Safe, Affordable, and Reliable. While I often touch on how affordable and reliable we remain, I found it very fitting to touch on the Safe part of our mission statement this month.

As we enter into the spring season, it brings the return of agricultural equipment in the fields and on the roads as well as preparing irrigation systems for operation for the season. Residential outdoor activities also begin such as, moving ladders, trimming or planting trees, getting on roofs and working on homes. I would like to remind everyone that you should be no different than our employees at Cedar-Knox and safety should always be your #1 priority. Please look up and pay attention around you at all times, not only at the power lines but also at any other hazards that present a danger to you or others. Every year we spend many hours and dollars trying to prevent contacts or incidents involving our equipment and yet we continue to see too many preventable accidents that seem to

happen. We run newspaper, radio, newsletter, and bill stuffer ads trying to remind customers to look up and look out. Last year, we put out reusable window stickers to be placed in equipment to remind operators to look around and what to do if a contact should occur. These can be found at some of the local agricultural businesses or we still have them at the CKPPD office. If you are interested in some, please let us know and we can get them to you.

While I am sure like me, most of you are tired of hearing about COVID-19 and to wash your hands, don't touch your face, and social distance, etc. I felt I needed to inform our customers of the precautions we are taking to be sure that both safety and reliability continue. Below is a list of response actions Cedar-Knox has taken and I would like to reassure our customers that service to you still remains one of our highest priorities.



Mike Lammers

- To limit the person to person spread of COVID-19, we temporarily closed our office to customers, vendors, and sales associates, which will be evaluated daily going forward.
- Customers are encouraged to utilize technology during these uncertain times. Take advantage of being able to make your payments via our secure website at [cedarknoxppd.com](http://cedarknoxppd.com), like us on Facebook for up-to-date information in regards to our office and crew operations, or contact us to sign up for automatic monthly payment of your electric account(s) from your checking account or credit card.
- We have taken steps to be prepared in the event we have a significant impact to our staff or the community.
- Customers should be on the lookout for suspicious emails, phone calls, mail, or persons impersonating business employees. Unfortunately, scammers have been hard at work lately to take advantage of others during this time. If you get a call from someone claiming to represent Cedar-Knox, and they make demands for payment, please hang up and call us at 402-254-6291.
- Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

While we may never know what accident or virus we may have prevented by our safety efforts, we must continue our due diligence. We know that safety does take a bit more time, but it must remain our #1 priority and a team effort at all times to be effective and ensure that we all get to go home to our families every day. Take care and stay healthy.



**May is Electric Safety Month**

**It's the law!  
Call 811 Before You Dig!  
Or 800-331-5666**



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**



- Cedar-Knox designed a pandemic plan to maintain the health and safety to our employees that ensures that business operations continue on without interruption.
- Planning for a health emergency with a pandemic plan is a very unique endeavor, as it requires us to prepare to operate potentially with a smaller workforce, limited support services, and with an unknown end date in the future.

# Employee News

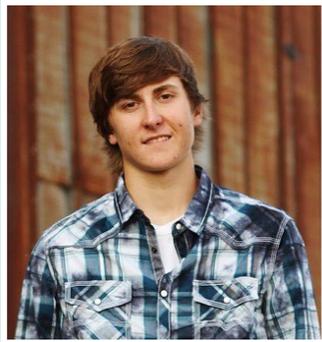
## 15 Years Service Anniversary

**DUSTY NEUHALFEN** will have 15 years of service with Cedar-Knox PPD on May 16, 2020. Dusty is a Journeyman Lineman. Congratulations Dusty and Thank You for your dedication to CKPPD.



## Summer Co-op Intern

**TREVOR WATTIER** from Grand Island, NE, but originally from Laurel, is our summer co-op intern this year. He is between his first and second year of the Utility Lineman Program at Northeast Community College. All students are required to do a summer internship. Trevor will intern with us this summer and return to complete the utility program in the fall. Welcome Trevor!



## New Hire

**CHASE DETTMAN** has been hired as an apprentice lineman for 1,000 hours of work with Cedar-Knox PPD. Chase is from Central City, NE and will graduate from the Utility Lineman Program at Northeast Community College this month. Congratulations and Welcome Chase!



## Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Cedar-Knox PPD is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Cedar-Knox Public Power District Memorial Scholarship. This is a two year scholarship for students in the Utility Lineman Program at Northeast Community College in Norfolk. Recipients this year are **PAUL BURBACH** and **CARTER LAMMERS**.

Paul, son of Dean and Mary Burbach, is a senior at Crofton Community School. Carter, son of Kelly and Mary Lammers, is a senior at Hartington-Newcastle Public School.



Paul Burbach



Carter Lammers



*Congratulations*

*to both of them and we wish them well in their futures!*

**Our office  
will be Closed on May 25th  
in honor of Memorial Day.**

**Payment Arrangement Notice** – If you are unable to pay your electric bill by the due date, please give us a call at 402-254-6291 or 800-891-5196. We will be glad to set up a payment arrangement with you. We are always glad to work with our customers, we just need you to initiate the conversation. Thank you.

**Summer Hours** will begin the day after Memorial Day (May 26) and run until Labor Day. Crew Hours are **7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** and Office Hours are **7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

If you have an outage or emergency after business hours, be sure to call **402-254-6291** or **800-891-5196**. You must dial one of these numbers to go through our after hours phone system. Thank you.