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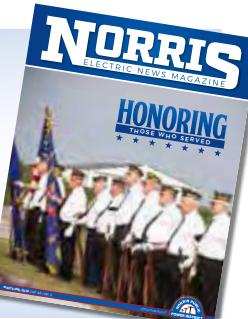
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ON THE COVER

A respectful goodbye. The Beatrice American Legion Post 27 Color Guard honors Frank "Jr." Roland Thimm, a fallen WWII Veteran. It is important to keep courageous service members in the U.S. Armed Forces in our thoughts and never forget their sacrifice.

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Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Toll Free: 1-800-827-8099

Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Remembering Earl Parks

March 27, 1930 – March 18, 2018



Earl joined the Norris Public Power District in 1962 and retired in 1995. Earl served as a Chief Area Serviceman serving customers in northwestern Gage County, southern Saline County and portions of Jefferson County.

Our sympathies go out to Earl's wife Karen and his family.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Lincoln Leadership Team recognized the District's linemen who often work around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep the power flowing and protect the public's safety. Linemen are the heart of NRECA's cooperatives and public power districts.

We're So Grateful ...

We all just want to thank you for everything you do and take the time to let you know how much we think of you.

In honor of you on National Lineman Appreciation Day, we send our message of gratitude. You go above and beyond night and day, in rain, snow and shine to get the job done. You truly are heroes to so many and we appreciate all you do.

Thank You -

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), Lincoln Leadership Team

Commitment to Safety



Bruce Vitosh
General Manager & CEO

Rural cooperatives and public power districts across the country continuously focus on employee safety and provide safety education for customers and the public.

May is National Electrical Safety Month. This gives the District another opportunity to further educate customers and the public about being safe around electricity.

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"Nothing is so urgent or important to justify taking shortcuts or not taking the necessary time to ensure the safety of every team member, the public or ourselves."

Trevor Wehrer
Manager of Operations and Safety
Norris Public Power District

Many accidents occur annually due to electric shock hazards, such as overloaded electrical outlets, inappropriate use of extension or power cords and drowning from electric shock. Another electrical hazard is created when someone contacts the District's electrical equipment through a vehicle accident or when operating equipment.

The District experiences a public contact incident with electrical equipment on average, every twelve days. Incidents include when someone driving a vehicle or operating equipment accidentally hits or contacts a District pole, meter loop, overhead conductor, underground cable or guy wire. When these accidents occur, the people involved are immediately in danger and should follow all safety precautions.

Like District employees, citizens have family members and friends that depend on them and expect them to return home safely from their travels, jobs and other activities. Norris encourages you to make a commitment to safety like our employees.



STEP POTENTIAL

What you need to know:

A downed line does NOT have to be arcing or sparking to be energized and dangerous.

Even if you do not touch lines or equipment, you can still be killed or seriously injured.

360° Electricity can flow 360° around it.

What is step potential?

If a person connects two different points of this gradually decreasing voltage by walking away, stepping out of a vehicle, or touching the vehicle and ground at the same time, electricity flows through the individual (path to ground).

Stay safe.

If you're in a car accident that involves downed lines, stay in the car. If you come upon a scene with a downed line, stay far away and call 911 to have the utility notified.

Norris Public Power District 2017 Public Contact Incidents

Season	District Equipment Damaged	Incident Detail	Repair Cost	Duration of Power Outage	Number of Customers Affected
Winter	Underground cable	Operator dug into underground cable while repairing water leak	\$ 3,862	25 hours: 57 minutes	1
	Pole and overhead conductor	Driver lost control of vehicle on ice and hit pole	\$ 1,792	None	None
	Underground cable	Operator dug into underground cable while repairing water leak	\$ 1,189	None (Cable disconnected prior to contact)	None
	Overhead conductor	Driver lost control of vehicle causing damage to overhead conductor	\$ 1,922	53 minutes	42
	Overhead conductor and transformer	While customer was cutting down a tree, a branch fell into an overhead line	\$ 1,629	2 hours: 12 minutes	10
	Pole	Operator caught pole with grader	\$ 739	1 hour: 18 minutes	1
	Pole	Operator caught pole with grader	\$ 1,109	1 hour: 29 minutes	1
	Pole and underground riser conduit	Driver lost control of vehicle on ice and hit pole	\$ 356	None	None
Spring	Pole and underground riser conduit	Driver lost control of vehicle on ice and hit pole	\$ 3,586	1 hour: 21 minutes	23
	Pole	Driver lost control of vehicle and hit pole	\$ 7,520	6 hours: 26 minutes	128
	Pole	Operator hit a pole with farm equipment	\$ 1,460	2 hours: 31 minutes	9
	Meter loop	Operator caught meter loop with farm equipment	\$ 637	2 hours: 19 minutes	1
	Underground cable	Operator dug into underground cable during a culvert project	\$ 773	2 hours: 58 minutes	4
	Pole	Operator caught pole with farm equipment	\$ 1,595	None	None
	Meter loop	Operator caught meter loop with farm equipment	\$ 1,250	47 minutes	1
	Overhead conductor and pole	Operator caught overhead conductor with dump truck	\$ 591	1 hour	59
	Pole and security light	Driver hit a pole and left scene of accident	\$ 1,581	3 hours: 22 minutes	75
	Guy wire	Driver lost control of vehicle and hit guy wire	\$ 198	None	None
Summer	Overhead conductor	Operator caught overhead conductor with farm equipment	\$ 175	1 hour	1
	Overhead conductor	Operator caught overhead conductor with truck boom	\$ 774	2 hours: 30 minutes	2
	Pole	Operator pulling pivot down road caught a pole	\$ 1,349	1 hour: 6 minutes	15
	Underground cable	Operator dug into underground cable during dirt work	\$ 6,633	52 minutes	3
	Overhead conductor and meter loop	Operator caught overhead conductor with dump truck	\$ 760	3 hours: 10 minutes	1
	Guy wire	Operator caught guy wire with farm equipment	\$ 125	44 minutes	32
	Underground cable	Operator dug into underground cable while repairing sewer	\$ 392	40 minutes	2
Fall	Underground riser conduit	Operator caught underground riser conduit with mower	\$ 2,081	4 hours: 18 minutes	2
	Overhead conductor	Operator caught overhead conductor with farm equipment	\$ 401	50 minutes	1
	Underground riser conduit	Operator caught underground riser conduit with mower	\$ 928	None	None
	Pole	Operator hit a pole with farm equipment	\$ 6,737	None	None
	Pole	Operator hit a pole with farm equipment	\$ 1,288	None	None
Total Repair Cost					\$54,992

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff Juranek

Area IV Foreman - Seward

Jeff began his career as a Lineman in 1998, working at Butler County Public Power District. On May 1, 2003, Jeff was hired by Seward County Public Power District. On June 1, 2009, he was promoted to the position of Crew Chief and received a second promotion on May 10, 2013 to the position of Foreman. On May 1, 2017, Seward County Public Power District merged with Norris Public Power District and Jeff continues working as a Foreman in the District's Area IV office in Seward.

Jeff and his wife Jenny have two children, Amelia (8) and Hudson (6). In Jeff's spare time, he coaches his kids' soccer teams. Jeff's hobbies include camping, hiking, fishing and hunting. He also enjoys working on old cars, trucks and Harley Davidson motorcycles. The Juranek family recently moved to an acreage near Seward and he enjoys doing various improvement projects at home.

"Since the merger with Norris, I have really enjoyed meeting and working with my new coworkers and learning new technology."



Cory Lamprecht

Area II Assistant Supervisor - Centerville

Cory graduated from Northeast Community College with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Utility Line. Following graduation, Cory began his utility line career with the District on June 1, 1998 as an Apprentice Lineman at the District's Area III office in Beatrice. In 2000, Cory transferred to the District's Area II office in Roca. On June 6, 2005, Cory was promoted to Area II Maintenance Foreman. On January 29, 2018, Cory was promoted to the position of Area II Assistant Supervisor.

Cory and his wife Jennifer live on an acreage with their two children, Paxton (10) and Neleigh (8). In Cory's spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing and playing golf.

"I am privileged to have been given the responsibility to oversee members of Norris' team. My role as a supervisor is to support my coworkers and ensure that they have what they need to work safely and succeed. I'm proud to lead and work with so many talented people who are all dedicated to serving the customers of the District."



Derek Kinnett

Area II Lineman - Centerville

Derek began working at the District as an Apprentice Lineman on May 12, 2008 at the District's Area II office in Roca. On May 12, 2012, Derek achieved the position of Journeyman Lineman.

Prior to working at the District, Derek worked for Lincoln Electric System. Derek is originally from Waverly and graduated from Northeast Community College with

an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Utility Line.

Derek and his wife Aubrey, have two children, son Aden (10) and daughter Riley (6). Derek's hobbies include going for bike rides with his kids, golfing and going to races.

"The thing I enjoy most about Norris is the people that I work with."



working in Beatrice, Overland Park, Kansas and Lincoln. On June 16, 2008, Emily was hired as the District's Administrative Coordinator.

Emily is responsible for a wide variety of tasks and responsibilities including providing administrative support to the District's General Manager and CEO, management staff and Board of Directors. Emily also manages the District's social media content and coordinates the District's energy efficiency services.

Emily resides in Wymore with her husband Justin. Combined they have four children; Sadie (17), Ruby (13), Olive (11) and August (3).

Emily Shockley

Administrative Coordinator - Beatrice

She serves on the Southern School Board, leads junior/senior high youth group at Wymore Church of Christ and is president of Southern High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) booster club.

"My years at Norris have been thoroughly enjoyable. It's a privilege to work for an organization that is progressive and continually looking for new and innovative ways to better serve our customers. The dedication and knowledge of the Board, management and employees across the District is inspiring to me. I'm blessed to be part of such a successful company."

Tyler Gjerde

Area II Lineman - Centerville

Tyler is a graduate of Northeast Community College with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Utility Line. Tyler completed his lineman internship program, in 2009 at Norris. Following graduation, he was employed at the City of North Platte for three years. On June 10, 2013, Tyler was hired by Norris as a Lineman at the District's Area II office in Roca.



Tyler and his wife Jenn have one son, Rhett (1). Tyler's hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with his family.

"I've enjoyed my five years at Norris. I have learned a lot and experienced many things in a short amount of time, and I am fortunate to work with such a good group of people. I look forward to many more years working at Norris."

John Humble

Area II Utility Support Technician - Centerville

in Roca. On May 1, 2017, John transferred to the position of Utility Support Technician.

John is a graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Graphic Design. He received a teaching certificate in Art Education from the University of Nebraska.



John and his wife Katie have three children, Malarie (20), Jerad (18) and Linda (14). John enjoys spending time with his family and going to all of the kids' sporting events. The family also enjoys fishing and hunting for mushrooms. In his spare time, he works on restoring antique tractors and a 1955 Chevy truck.

"Over the last five years, I have been given the opportunity to meet many of the District's customers. Each day on the job is different, which I really enjoy. I am fortunate to work with the linemen who have taught me a lot about electricity."

Congratulations

**Jeff, Cory, Derek, Emily, Tyler and John on reaching significant milestones
in your service to Norris Public Power District.**

QUILTS OF VALOR



Mary Kostal, Maxine Burroughs, Marilyn Keilig, Ann Freese and Kim Ostermann, members of Freedom Quilters of Nebraska, display a quilt that was recently finished and is ready to be awarded to a veteran.

America's veterans who served our great country and protected our freedoms are being awarded with Quilts of Valor. A Quilt of Valor explicitly says, "thank you for your service, sacrifice, and

viewing a movie, she next saw a scene with the soldier wrapped in a quilt. The soldier's demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and wellbeing. The message of

Maxine Burroughs, Mona Vitosh and Shirley Haner volunteer sewing Quilts of Valor. Quilting groups are a form of face-to-face networking and have been in place since before the Civil War. Now with the power of the Internet, Catherine Roberts has a modern, nationwide supply and distribution network for the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

"valor" in serving our nation in combat.

Quilts of Valor began in 2003, and became a national non-profit organization in 2005. The movement was started by Catherine Roberts who had a dream while her son was deployed in Iraq. She dreamt of a soldier in despair, and as if

Catherine's dream was quilts equal healing.

Volunteers across the nation donate their time, talents and materials to create quality-made patriotic quilts. Quilts have been sent to all fifty states from volunteers in every state. Each quilt is sewn by dedicated volunteers who join bits of fabric together one piece at a time. Stitched in the corner of each quilt is a label with the recipient's name, branch of service and years served. Completed quilts may be awarded locally to veterans in the quilt maker's community or donated to the



Red is for victory, white is for purity and blue is for loyalty.

Foundation. Individuals and groups may also ask the Foundation to select destinations for completed quilts.

Ann Freese, owner of Quilt Stitches, hosts regular sew days for volunteers to work together. She also spends numerous hours herself sewing and assisting volunteers who are at different ages and are at varying levels of sewing ability. "Awarding a Quilt of Valor to a veteran is an honor. When a veteran is wrapped in a Quilt of Valor, the ceremony is emotional, makes an impact and creates lasting memories for all involved. I praise the volunteers who sew the quilts and make it all possible. One quilt at a time, the Quilt of Valor volunteers

Claire McGrury is nine years old and volunteers piecing together Quilts of Valor. Claire has been sewing for two years. Quilting is one of her projects for 4-H.

are making a difference," said Ann Freese.

Currently there are approximately sixty veterans waiting to be awarded a quilt. Each quilt on average, takes twenty-five hours of labor and costs around two hundred to two hundred fifty dollars to make. Since the Foundation's inception in 2003, over 185,800 quilts have been awarded across the United States to Veterans and active duty personnel. The quilts are a symbol of comfort, healing and appreciation.



To volunteer contact:

Quilt Stitches

(Quilt Of Valor Certified Quilt Shop)
Ann Freese
505 Court Street
Beatrice, NE 68310
(402) 223-1916
quiltstitches@windstream.com

Note: You may volunteer your time and talents making Quilts of Valor at Quilt Stitches in Beatrice. The group meets the third Thursday of each month. Monetary donations are also accepted.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

For more information about the Quilts of Valor Foundation, visit www.qovf.org. You may use the interactive map located on their website to locate an active volunteer group or quilt shop in your area.

Important Irrigation Information

What do the lights on the load control device mean?

GREEN LIGHT – The green light should always be illuminated and means the device is in normal operating mode and power is available.

RED LIGHT – When the red light is illuminated on the device, it shows that the irrigation service is being managed and power is not available.



Service Regulation 900

Irrigation customers are prohibited from making any change in the District's load management equipment, or to their own equipment, which will cause the District's load management system to fail to interrupt the connected load when required by the District. Customers are considered to be responsible for any action taken by their employees, service personnel or other agents in which the same result occurs.

Monitor Energy Use with SmartHub

Energy usage can be monitored on a monthly, daily or even hourly basis with the use of the SmartHub app on your home computer or on your mobile device.

Download the SmartHub app on your mobile device or signup online for access to your account online.

Chemically Treated Crops

If you experience an outage and harmful chemicals have been applied to the field, the District will need to know the re-entry time. The re-entry time is the minimum amount of time that must pass between the time a chemical was applied to an area or crop and the time District personnel can go into the area.

Daily Load Management Messages

For the most up-to-date load management information, visit www.norrisppd.com. Click on the IRRIGATION/LOAD MANAGEMENT tab and from the drop-down menu, click on DAILY LOAD MANAGEMENT MESSAGE.

Billing Breakdown

Norris Public Power District provides retail electric service to 48 communities in six counties. The District leases the electric facilities from 32 of these communities and owns the electric facilities in the remaining communities.

The District operates, maintains and provides capital improvements in the villages with leased electric facilities as if the electric facilities are owned by the District.

with a 12% lease fee being assessed by a majority of the villages.

The District returns 100% of the lease fees collected to the villages for use by the villages at the discretion of the local village boards.

State statutes require the District to assess a gross revenue tax of five percent on gross revenues received from retail sales of electricity to customers located within the corporate limits of incorporated villages.

Some of the taxing authorities that receive their share of the gross revenue taxes include the local school district, village, county, community college, township, natural resource district and others. The portion of the gross revenue tax that is returned to the

villages may be used for general purposes at the discretion of the local village board.

The gross revenue tax that is collected by the District is paid to the County Treasurer who distributes the funds proportionately based on the mill levy of the taxing authorities within the villages.

Gross revenue taxes required by the State and lease agreement fees set by local village boards do have an impact on customers who are billed these charges monthly. **However, all these taxes and fees collected remain in the local area.** Leaders who represent the village citizens are authorized to use these funds collected in the most beneficial manner for the citizens.

Lease Payments Total Nearly \$1.1 Million Dollars in 2017

In 2017, Norris Public Power District returned lease agreement fees collected by the District totaling approximately \$1.1 million dollars to communities electrically served within the District's service territory.

The fees represent a percentage of the revenue generated by the sale of electric power in each of the communities. Communities use the money at the discretion of the local village boards.

Adams	70,732	Byron	15,172	Diller	*	Odell	*	Staplehurst	27,822
Alexandria	12,785	Carleton	57,855	Filley	*	Panama	*	Swanton	14,629
Barneston	*	Clatonia	29,247	Firth	61,320	Pickrell	21,883	Tamora	27,006
Beaver Crossing	47,650	Cordova	21,860	Garland	23,997	Pleasant Dale	29,695	Tobias	12,149
Bee	18,668	Cortland	43,018	Goehner	25,661	Plymouth	64,012	Utica	113,586
Belvidere	15,130	Davey	6,431	Hallam	31,243	Raymond	16,872	Virginia	14,266
Blue Springs	35,035	Daykin	24,583	Liberty	*	Roca	11,740	Western	29,950
Bruning	104,581	Denton	**	Malcolm	27,698	Sprague	7,835	TOTAL	\$1,064,111

*Norris owns the electric facilities in this village; therefore, no lease fees are collected.

**Norris leases the electric facilities from Denton. However, Denton currently assesses no Lease Agreement Fee.

Norris serves nine unincorporated villages that are not included in the listing.

Keep Yourself from Having to Dig Out of Trouble

If you had a new fence to install at home, you would likely research property lines, ordinances and fence types. Then, you would get to the point of purchasing, prepping and assembling materials to get work started. However, you would still not be ready to dig. There is a very important step missing - calling 811.

"Before starting any digging project, call 811," advises Trevor Wehrer, Norris Public Power District, Manager of Operations and Safety. "It is a free service that will have buried public utilities marked on your property so that you can safely dig around them. Just call 811, or submit an online request at www.ne1call.com at least two business days before you plan to dig."

Digging without having utility lines marked can result in damage to gas, electric, communications, water and sewer systems. Checking the safety of a location before you begin digging is important for both professionals and homeowners. It helps prevent accidents on projects of all sizes and scopes.

When contacting 811, make sure that you have clearly identified your planned digging area and outline it in white paint or flags if possible. The service uses ground-penetrating radar to search for and locate the buried

public utility lines that are on your property. Lines will be marked with flags or paint. The color indicates the type of utility located. After the area has been marked, the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) reports that you have less than 1 percent chance of causing damage if you respect the markings.

If you have any private utilities, you will need to hire a private utility locator. Some examples of private utilities include: underground sprinkler system, invisible fences, data communication systems, private water systems or gas piping to a garage.

If you do not know what facilities are on the property, look for clues to tell you what might be underground, like a propane storage tank, gas meters, a detached garage or outbuilding with lights, a grill or pool, manhole lids, storm drains and pavement patches.

Even if you had an area marked before, call to have the area checked again. Natural changes to the soil, such as erosion or root growth, can alter the depth and location of buried lines. Once all buried lines have been marked, respect the boundaries, and dig carefully.

Keep yourself from having to dig out of trouble and call 811 before your digging project begins.



OPERATION ROUND UP

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT GOODWILL FUND

SECOND QUARTER AWARDS

ORGANIZATION/AGENCY	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
American Legion Post #49 - Utica	Veteran's Memorial Monument	\$1,125
Burrows DeBoer VFW #10042 and Auxiliary - Adams	Flag Poles	1,125
Davenport Lions Club	Electronic Event Sign	1,125
Wymore Cemetery Association	Trees	1,125
Adams Rescue	Patient Loading System	1,125
Raymond Central Music Boosters	Enclosed Trailer	1,125
Southeast Community College - Student Senate	Automated External Defibrillator (AED)	1,125
St. Paul's Lutheran PTL - Beatrice	Chairs	1,125
Horses for Healing Inc.	Horse Therapy Equipment	1,125
Kids Connection Inc.	Recirculation Pump	1,125
Pickrell Historical and Betterment Association	Freezer	1,125
Plymouth Splash Pad	Aquadome Water Feature	1,125
Blue Springs Ball Diamond Association	Mower	1,125
Daykin Volunteer Fire Department	Ice Machine	938
Cordova Community Club	Women's Restroom Flooring	920
Bruning Public Library	Computers	825
Gage County Emergency Management Agency	iPads	825
Blue Springs Cemetery Association	Rock and Concrete	435
Forest Acres Quilting Club	Fabric, Batting and Thread	188
Thayer County Health Services	Active Shooter Kits	188
Freedom Quilters of Nebraska	Fabric, Batting and Thread	188
Beatrice High School	Post Prom Activities	50
Dorchester Public Schools	Post Prom Activities	50
Malcolm Public Schools	Post Prom Activities	50
Meridian Public Schools	Post Prom Activities	50
Tri County High School	Post Prom Activities	50
Crete High School	Post Prom Activities	50
Centennial High School	Post Prom Activities	50
Diller-Odell High School	Post Prom Activities	50
Fairbury High School	Post Prom Activities	50
Wilber-Clatonia High School	Post Prom Activities	50
Southern High School	Post Prom Activities	50

TOTAL \$19,682

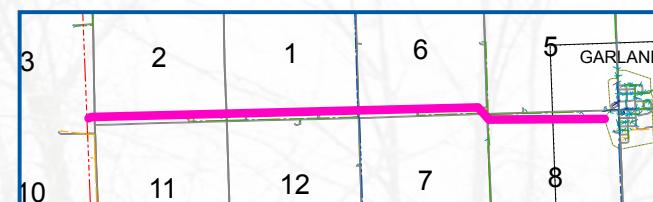
Third Quarter

**Application Deadline:
June 29, 2018**

**Board Meeting Date:
July 10, 2018**

Cutting, Clearing and Cleaning Path for Construction

The Garland tap construction project is a four mile subtransmission line rebuild with a single phase underbuild. The project will take place along Old Mill Road, between 252nd Road and Norris' Garland Substation, located west of 196th Road in Seward County. The project will allow the District to rebuild a subtransmission line that is in poor physical condition due to age and is the lone feed for the Garland



The Garland construction project – a four mile, subtransmission line rebuild – will take place along Old Mill Road, between 252nd Road and Norris' Garland Substation, located west of 196th Road.

Substation. The new subtransmission line will feature larger conductor than the existing line being retired. The new conductor will be a twisted-pair configuration, which is less susceptible to icing and heavy snow events. The new larger conductor will also have an increased current carrying capacity.

Before construction can begin, the right-of-way

Norris Public Power District Right-of-Way Department

Kent Zimmerman*
Right-of-Way Supervisor

Jeremy Doty*
Lead Right-of-Way Operator

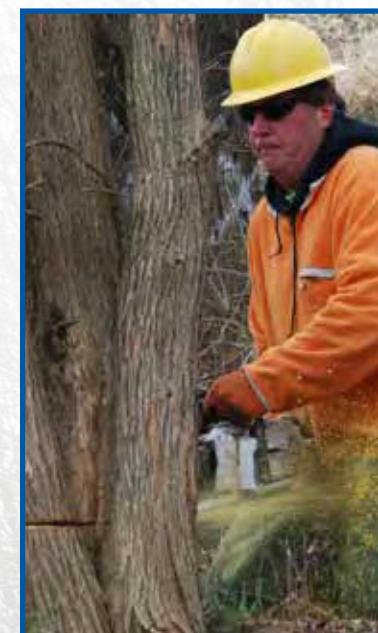
Kevin Frerichs
Right-of-Way Operator

*Certified Arborist: Nebraska Arborist Association

Right-of-way clearing for the Garland tap construction project began on April 18, 2018.

Norris respects the property of its customers and will notify the property owner of the need for tree trimming or removal before work is started. However, in unusual or emergency situations, it may be necessary to trim trees without notification in order to restore service or eliminate safety hazards.

The right-of-way must be kept clear of trees, shrubs and vines to provide a safe access for District personnel. Avoid planting trees under or near overhead power lines and make sure there are no buried wires before digging in the area to plant your new tree.

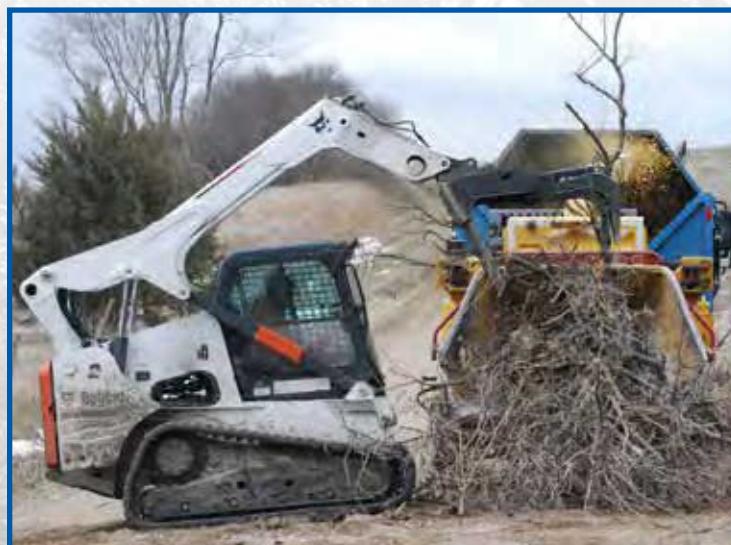


Kent Zimmerman cuts down a tree that is located directly under a power line.

needs to be cleared of trees and other vegetation. Safety is the number one reason for cutting down trees around power lines. Electricity always seeks a path to ground. Conductors of electricity include water, human bodies, tree branches, metal poles and ladders. If you come into contact with electrical equipment and become part of this path, you may be injured or killed.

After safety, another responsibility of the District is reliability. Proper tree clearance is critical to ensure the District stays ahead of tree and vegetation growth which can cause blinking lights or outages. With over 5,500 miles of overhead transmission and primary distribution lines, Norris' right-of-way department works year-round trimming and removing trees.

"Customers depend on safe, reliable electric service every day and that means maintaining an aggressive right-of-way clearing plan. One tree coming into contact with power lines can affect service for hundreds of customers. Maintaining proper clearances in the right-of-way under power lines prevents customers from being inconvenienced in the future and linemen having to clear fallen trees after a major storm," stated Right-of-Way Supervisor Kent Zimmerman.



Jeremy Doty feeds tree debris into a chipper. If Norris requires that trees need to be trimmed or removed, all branches and wood cut from the area will be removed from the property.



Remembering the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our nation this Memorial Day, May 28, 2018

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY
MAY 26

13th Annual Run 4 Fun in Odell Odell City Park

10K, 5K or 1 mile - all races start at 8:00 a.m.
Packet pick-up and sign-in at 7:00 a.m.
Register online at www.getmeregistered.com/Run4FunOdell
For information contact Julie Feist at (402) 641-5746

Tallgrass Prairie Fiddle Festival

Homestead National Monument of America
Workshop at 10:00 a.m.
Competition at 12:00 p.m.

Hallam Area Garage Sales

Friday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Lunch specials and maps available

Cattlemen's Ball

Hergott Farm
6235 Road P, Hebron
www.cattlemenball.com

FRI-SAT.
JUNE 1-2

Abate #7 Steele City Ride-In Bike Show

All day
Ride the scenic byways and camp for the weekend
For information call (402) 442-2233

Fairbury Museum Grill Fest

1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Music and BBQ meal
For information call Ben McBride at (402) 300-1318

SATURDAY
JUNE 2

Rock Creek Trail Days

Rock Creek Station Historical Park
Stagecoach rides, live music and reenactments
For information call (402) 729-5777

Rock Island Rail Days

Rock Island Depot, Fairbury
Ride on the miniature railroad and enjoy exhibits
For information call (402) 729-5131

SAT-SUN.
JUNE 2-3

Cruise Into The Oldies Downtown Fairbury

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Any make of vehicles welcome
Bonham Theatre "American Graffiti" movie at 4:00 p.m.
For information contact Jan Klaus at 402-300-0541

SATURDAY
JUNE 9

SAT-SUN.
JUNE 9-10

Community Garage Sale

1 mile south of Highway 33 and SW 14th
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
To benefit the Sprague-Martell Recreation Fund
For information call (402) 560-7734

SATURDAY
JUNE 16

Plymouth Tractor Pull

72245 578th Avenue
For information call (402) 806-2179

SAT-SUN.
JUNE 16-17

Jayhusker Antique Auto Club 50th Annual Swap and Flea Market

Chautauqua Park - Beatrice
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
For information call (402) 223-2945 or (402) 228-0343

SUNDAY
JUNE 17

One Room School Celebration

Homestead National Monument of America
2:00 p.m.

FRI-SUN.
JUNE 22-24

Homestead Days

Homestead National Monument of America
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. each day
Music, living history and Civil War encampment

SUNDAY
JUNE 24

Pleasant Dale American Legion Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Biscuits and gravy, pancakes, eggs and sausage

THUR.-SAT.
JUNE 28-30

122nd Annual Diller Picnic

Carnival, tractor pulls and parade
www.dillerpicnic.net

FRIDAY
JUNE 29

Pony Express Re-Ride

Riders will be going through Jefferson Co. 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
For information call Kevin Riggle at (402) 729-5629
www.xphomestation.com

FRI-SUN.
JUNE-JULY 29-1

Family Camp - Camp Solaris

13440 S. 25th Street, Roca
Three days and two nights of family fun
For details or to register visit www.CampSonShineMemories.org

TUES.-WED.
JULY 3-4

48th Annual Shriner's Flea Market

Fairbury City Park
July 4th Parade at 10:00 a.m.
VFW fireworks at dusk
For information call Wayne at (402) 729-3221

SATURDAY
JULY 7

Firth Fire and Rescue 5K Run

Firth Fire Station
7:00 - 10:00 a.m. free will donation pancake feed
Packet pick up begins at 7:15 a.m.
5K starts at 8:00 a.m.
StarCare will land at 10:00 a.m.
Sign up at www.getmeregistered.com

SAT. - SUN.
JULY 7-8

Steele City Living History Weekend

Blacksmithing and living history demonstrations
For information call (402) 729-5131

SUNDAY
JULY 15

Tractor Show

Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Fairbury
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
For information contact Julianne Endorf at (402) 446-7486

FRI-SAT.
JULY 20-21

Western Old Settlers' Picnic

Car, tractor and craft shows, parade and tournaments
For information call (402) 433-5300

COUNTY FAIRS	
Gage	July 25th - 29th
Jefferson	July 12th - 15th
Lancaster	August 2nd - 5th
Saline	July 18th - 22nd
Seward	August 9th - 12th
Thayer	August 1st - 4th

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