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BUTLER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

BUTLER PPD'S MISSION IS TO PROVIDE SAFE, LOW COST, RELIABLE, EXCELLENT ELECTRIC SERVICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE AREAS THAT WE SERVE.

October is Public Power Month

October is Public Power Month, and it's a great time to celebrate what makes public power so special — especially here in Nebraska!

Did you know Nebraska is the only state in the nation powered by 100% public power? That's something we can be proud of!

So, what makes public power different?

Public Power is owned by you. Unlike investor-owned utilities, public power utilities are not-for-profit entities. The customers we serve are also the owners of the utility. That means the focus is on providing our customers with safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

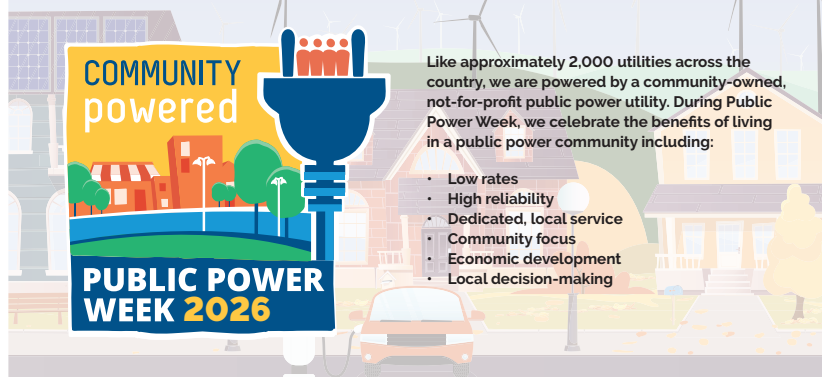
Public Power is locally governed. Public Power Districts are governed by a Board of Directors made up of customers that we serve. Those directors are elected by the customers. This local representation helps ensure decisions are made with our customers in mind.

Public Power helps keep electricity affordable. Nebraska customers continue to benefit from some of the lowest electric rates in the country. In 2024, Nebraska had the third-lowest average residential electricity rate in the nation, at just 9.07 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Public Power invests in reliability. Because public power utilities are not-for-profit, surplus revenues are put back into the system to maintain equipment, improve infrastructure and strengthen reliability. And that investment makes a difference — Nebraska consistently ranks among the top states in the nation for electric grid reliability.

This October, we're proud to celebrate Public Power Month and the many benefits that come with being part of Nebraska's 100% public power state! Butler Public Power District is proud to be your public power provider.

October 4-10 is Public Power Week... and we have reason to celebrate!



Like approximately 2,000 utilities across the country, we are powered by a community-owned, not-for-profit public power utility. During Public Power Week, we celebrate the benefits of living in a public power community including:

- Low rates
- High reliability
- Dedicated, local service
- Community focus
- Economic development
- Local decision-making

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Youth Energy Leadership Camp

Every year Nebraska Rural Electric Association hosts the Youth Energy Leadership Camp. Butler Public Power District sponsors a student to attend from our service territory. This year, Mitchell Hellerich had the opportunity to attend camp, and he came home with a better understanding of how electricity is generated and delivered to our homes.

One of Mitchell's favorite parts of the camp was touring Gerald Gentlemen Station and seeing the McConaughy/Kingsley Power Plant. He said the tours helped him see the different ways electricity is generated and better understand how that electricity eventually makes its way to his home. Mitchell also enjoyed meeting other students and making new connections throughout the week.

Mitchell encourages other students to consider attending Youth Energy Leadership Camp, especially those who may be interested in a future career in the electric industry. The camp provides students with an inside look at the industry and the different job opportunities in the industry.

Even if a career in electricity isn't in your future, Mitchell says the camp is still a fun and educational experience. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and see how the electric system works and experience things you may not get the chance to see every day.

Thank you, Mitchell, for sharing your experience with us! We're so glad you had a great time at camp and hope your experience inspires you and other students to learn more about the electric industry and the opportunities it has to offer.



TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, which is the perfect time to take a fresh look at your passwords. Forget the old advice about cramming passwords with symbols and random capitalization. Today's cybersecurity experts recommend using longer passphrases. A password made up of four or five unrelated words is easier to remember and much harder for criminals to crack than a short, complex password. Use a unique passphrase for every account and enable multi-factor authentication whenever available for added protection.

Source: NIST



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Don't let phantom energy haunt your electric bill this October. Many electronics continue using electricity even when they're turned off. TVs, gaming systems, coffee makers and phone chargers can quietly draw power around the clock. While each device uses only a small amount, the energy waste can add up over time. Before heading out for Halloween fun, unplug devices you don't use regularly or plug them into a smart power strip that automatically cuts power when equipment is off. It's a simple trick that can help keep phantom energy waste in check.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Tips for a Safe Harvest



Harvest season brings hard work and can be an exhausting, but rushing the job to save time can be extremely dangerous (even deadly!) when working near overhead power lines. We urge farm operators and workers to keep the following safety tips in mind:



Use care when operating large machinery near power lines.



Inspect the height of equipment to determine clearance.



Always keep equipment at least 10 feet away (in all directions) from power lines.



Remember to lower extensions when moving loads.



If a power line is sagging or looks to be dangerously low, please call us immediately.

Source: SafeElectricity.org

THE BENEFITS OF PUBLIC POWER

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Read the statements about the benefits of Public Power. The words in **red** can be found in the puzzle above.

- Decisions are made at the **local** level.
- Nebraska ranks one of the lowest rates in the nation for **cost**.
- Surplus revenues are reinvested into the system infrastructure to help keep your power **reliable**.
- Public Power Districts are not for **profit**. There are no stockholders.
- Public Power Districts place high priority on **customer** service.

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October Events

- October 4th - Sts. Peter & Paul Duck Dinner, Abie, NE
- October 18th - St. Anthony's Duck & Pork Dinner, Bruno, NE
- October 22nd - Steve Hicks Agency, Stuff the Truck, David City, NE

*If you have an upcoming event that you would like listed, please let Amanda know.
To avoid deadlines, please contact her two months prior to the event.
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