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Shirley Fryda Set to Retire After 28 Years of Service



Shirley Fryda has been a familiar voice and face to the customers of South Central Public Power District for over 28 years.

In February of 1995, Shirley started her career at South Central PPD as a receptionist. She assisted electric customers and was also a DirecTV representative. She later moved into the role of Executive Secretary. Her duties expanded to include payroll, bank reconciliation, accounts payable, posting payments and deposits, assisting the Board of Directors and serving as the Wellness Coordinator and Credit Union Representative.

Prior to her career at South Central PPD, Shirley worked at Fritzer Memorial Hospital in Oxford, State Farm in Red Cloud and Superior, and at Superior Deshler Company in Edgar.

Shirley is from Oxford, NE and graduated from Oxford High School. She lives in Nelson, NE with her husband, Ron. Ron is retired after 42 years of service as a Wildlife Specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Shirley and Ron have two sons. Their son, Jason, lives in Kearney, NE with his wife, Anna and their children, Trapper and Gage. Jason is a Retail Business Manager at Brevant Seeds and Anna is

a Communication Strategist at CHI Health. Their son, Nicolas, lives in Kearney, NE with his wife, Megan and their children Paige, Hudson and Archer. Nicolas is a Wildlife Biologist at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and Megan is the Director of Institutional Research & Academic Resources at the University of Nebraska - Kearney.

Shirley's memories during her years at South Central PPD include the numerous calls she took during outages and listening to the radio as the linemen worked long hours in the snow, strong winds, and with low or no visibility. Shirley said, "Trying to get the power restored to our customers was always a very intense situation. It was a good feeling when all the customers were back on, and our employees were back home safe with their families."

Shirley plans to spend her retirement with her children and grandchildren as well as with other family and friends. She plans to play more golf, read and travel.

Thank you for your 28 years of dedication and service at South Central Public Power District, Shirley! Your commitment to our customers during your time at South Central is appreciated more than you will ever know. We hope you enjoy your well-deserved retirement.



LIVE POWER OUTAGE MAP

SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT PROVIDES CUSTOMER ACCESS TO A LIVE OUTAGE MAP ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.SOUTHCENTRALPPD.COM

Lineworker Appreciation Day April 18th

Electric lineworkers provide an essential service. They install and maintain overhead and underground power lines that keep electricity flowing. These specialized workers are on call 24/7 in case severe storms or other circumstances cause the power to go out.

Lineworkers work with high-voltage electricity, often at great heights, in all kinds of weather conditions. Maintaining the power grid is physically demanding. To become proficient, most lineworkers go through a technical training program and first learn on the job as apprentices under the careful eye of seasoned lineworkers who have earned journeyman status.

Electric power line installers and repairers held approximately 126,600 jobs in 2021, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Nearly half of these employees worked for electric power generation, transmission and distribution utilities.

SAFETY COMES FIRST

Lineworkers spend numerous hours in safety training each year and must understand and apply crucial safety regulations.

Protective clothing is required to shield lineworkers since they work around high voltages. Collectively, gear components can weigh up to 45 pounds.

According to the U.S. BLS, electric power line installers and repairers typically:

- Install, maintain or repair the power lines that move electricity.

- Identify defective devices, voltage regulators, transformers and switches.
- Inspect and test power lines and auxiliary equipment.
- String (install) power lines between poles, towers and buildings.
- Climb poles and transmission towers and use truck-mounted buckets to access equipment.
- Operate power equipment when installing and repairing poles, towers and lines.
- Know and implement safety standards and procedures.

When a problem is reported, lineworkers must identify the cause and fix it. This usually involves diagnostic testing using specialized equipment and repair work. To work on poles, they usually use bucket trucks to raise themselves to the top of the structure, although all lineworkers must be adept at climbing poles and towers when necessary. Workers use specialized safety equipment to keep them from falling when climbing utility poles and towers.

Storms and other natural disasters can cause extensive damage to power lines. When power is lost, line repairers must work safely and efficiently to restore service. We salute our lineworkers who work around the clock to keep the power on. Their safety, as well as yours, is our top priority.



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EnergyWise **Lawn & Garden**

- 20% incentive on any new electric chainsaw, tiller, snow blower, or lawn mower (includes riding, walk behind and robotic.)
- Must be brand new and purchased on or after January 1, 2023.
- Incentive amount is based on purchase price (installation, taxes, delivery/shipping and setup costs are NOT eligible).
- Chargers and additional battery purchases are available for the incentive at time of initial mower purchase.





Our linemen work all hours of the day and night, in extreme conditions, to keep power flowing to our customers. They spend time away from their families to take care of others. We are grateful for our crew at South Central PPD and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

THANK YOU!



Cody Barbee
3 Years



Preston Brinegar
4 years



Alan Brown
4 years



Terry Daniels
23 Years



Trey Dasher
8 Years



Leon Fanning
24 Years



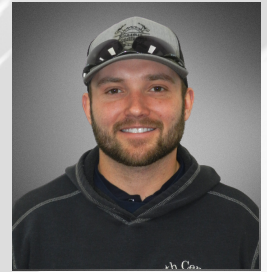
Owen Grube
4 years



Jarrod Hajny
21 Years



Steve Johnson
39 Years



Dalton Kinnaman
2 Years



Tyler Loberg
9 Years



Jim Piper
20 years



Ben Reinke
10 Years



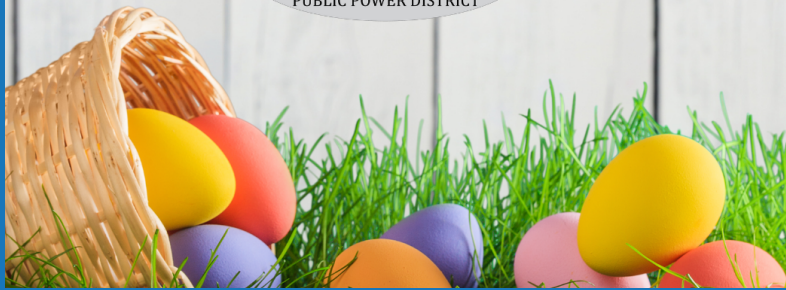
Allen Schiermeyer
34 Years





HAPPY Easter

**OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH.**




Behind Every Lineworker
IS A FAMILY WAITING FOR THEM TO COME HOME SAFE

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South Central Public Power District is held the third Tuesday of each month at 9AM at the District's office in Nelson, Nebraska.

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