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# David Duncan joins Loup Power District

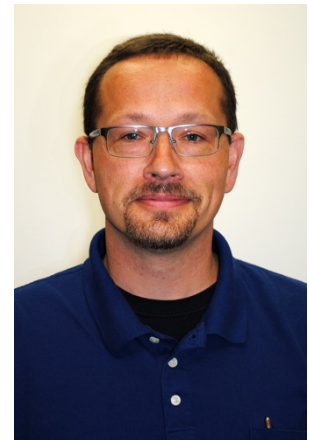
**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — David Duncan of Columbus has joined Loup Power District as Automotive/Equipment Mechanic for the Shop and Transportation Department at the Columbus Service Center.

He replaces Mark Hanel who transferred to Machinist Welder.

In his new position, Duncan is responsible for the direct maintenance and repair of all district vehicles and equipment throughout the four-county service territory of the District.

He earned his Associates Degree in Automotive Technology from Metropolitan Community College in Omaha.

Prior to joining Loup, Duncan was a Ford service technician in Columbus for more than 20 years.



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# Yrkoski Marks 30 Years at Loup

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — John Yrkoski of Columbus was recently recognized for 30 years of service to Loup Power District.

Yrkoski joined Loup in 1987 as a Maintenance Man on the Columbus Canal Crew based out of the Columbus Service Center. In 1991, he was promoted to Equipment Operator. In 1992, he transferred to his current position of Meter Reader based out of the Columbus General Office.



As a Meter Reader, Yrkoski takes monthly readings of all electrical meters in the four-county area that the District serves. Since the District converted all meters to digital, reading meters now involves using a hand-held electronic device that then transfers the readings to the District's main computer for processing and billing.

Yrkoski is a native of Fullerton and a graduate of Clarks High School.

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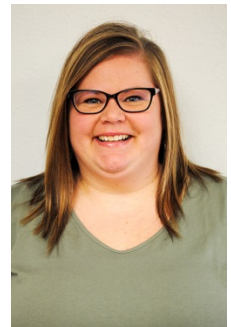
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# Sup Marks 5 years at Loup

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — Sheila Sup of Albion was recently recognized for five years of service to Loup Power District.

She joined Loup Power District in 2012 as a Customer Service Representative at the Albion Office.

As a Customer Service Representative, Sup's responsibilities include greeting customers; processing payments; setting up, transferring, or closing service; taking service calls; and preparing reports.



Sup is a graduate of Boone Central High School. She attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and earned a BA degree in Communications Studies.

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# Hoefelman marks 5 years at Loup

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — Jared Hoefelman was recently recognized for five years of service at Loup Power District.

Hoefelman joined Loup in 2012 as a Lineman at the Humphrey Retail Operation. He was promoted to Journeyman Lineman in 2015.

As a Journeyman Lineman, Hoefelman is member of the crew that is responsible for the construction, operation, and maintenance of electric transmission and distribution systems and substations in the Humphrey area.



A graduate of Lakeview High School in Columbus, Hoefelman earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Utility Line from Northeast Community College in Norfolk. He also holds an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electrical & Electromechanical Technology from Southeast Community College in Milford, Nebraska.

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# Knopik promoted to Journeyman Lineman

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — Cameron Knopik has been promoted to Journeyman Lineman at Loup Power District.

In order to reach Journeyman level, a lineman must work through the steps of the lineman progression schedule demonstrating competence in the field. Requirements include length of employment, work performance, supervisor's recommendation, and appropriate test scores.

Knopik joined the District in 2014. He is a member of the line crew that is in responsible for the construction, operation, and maintenance of Loup's electrical transmission and distribution system in the Albion Division.



Knopik is a native of Fullerton and a graduate of Fullerton High School. He earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Utility Line from Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

Prior to joining Loup, Knopik worked as an Apprentice Lineman for Butler County Public Power District in David City and for the City of Stromsburg as Electric Commissioner. Knopik also worked for Loup during the summer of 2012 as a temporary Apprentice Lineman.

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# Ferris recognized for 35 years at Loup

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — Lance Ferris of Monroe was recently recognized for 35 years of service to Loup Power District.

Ferris joined Loup in 1982 as a Maintenance Man at the Genoa Headworks. In 1985, he was promoted to Assistant Dredge Operator. The following year, his title changed to Equipment Operator.

He was promoted to Dredge Operator in 1988. In 2015, Ferris transferred to Equipment Operator at the Columbus Service Center.

As Equipment Operator, Ferris works with the Columbus canal crew to oversee maintenance of the Loup Power District canal east of the Genoa to Tailrace east of Columbus. He operates heavy equipment including loaders, crawlers and graders.

Ferris and his wife, Teresa, have seven children and 14 grandchildren.

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# Brandl retires from Loup Power District

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — Dave Brandl of Columbus retired from Loup Power District after 36 years of service.

Brandl joined Loup in 1981 as a Machinist/Welder at the Columbus Service Center. His duties included fabricating parts and equipment, repairing equipment and vehicles, welding, machine work, and maintenance work.

Some of the District's hydro equipment is more than 75 years old and repair parts are difficult to obtain. Brandl often rebuilt the old equipment and created new parts as needed.

A graduate of Monroe High School, Brandl has degrees in business administration and welding technology from Central Community College-Columbus.

He and his wife, Darlene, are the parents of two children: Jason and Lisa.



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# Wegner recognized for 5 years at Loup

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — Jeanne Wegner of Fullerton was recognized for five years of service to Loup Power District.

Wegner is a Customer Service Representative at the Fullerton Office. Her responsibilities include greeting customers; processing payments; setting up, transferring, or closing service; taking service calls; and preparing reports.

A graduate of O’Neill Public High School, Wegner attended Northeast Community College in Norfolk. She and her husband, Joseph, are the parents of three children: Zach, Christopher, and Morgan.



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# Tworek recognized for 5 years at Loup

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — Bryan Tworek of Genoa was recently recognized for five years of service to Loup Power District.

Tworek joined Loup Power District in 2012 as Maintenance Man at the Genoa Headworks. He was promoted to Equipment Operator in 2014.

As Equipment Operator, Tworek is a member of the crew responsible for the maintenance of the Headworks Park, facilities, and equipment. The crew is also responsible for the operation and maintenance of the dredge that removes sand and sediment from the settling basin of the Loup Canal.



Tworek is a graduate of Genoa High School. He attended Central Community College-Columbus where he earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Ag Business.

Tworek and his wife, Shanna, are the parents of a son, Nicholas, and twin daughters, Alyse and Aurora.

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# Reicks recognized for 10 years at Loup

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — Zach Reicks of Columbus was recognized for 10 years of service to Loup Power District.

Reicks joined Loup in 2007 as an Apprentice Lineman at the Columbus Retail Division based out of the Columbus Service Center. Later that year he was promoted to Lineman. In 2011, he successfully passed the Journeyman Lineman test and was promoted to his current position of Journeyman Lineman.

As a Journeyman Lineman, Reicks is part of the crew that is responsible for the maintenance and construction of overhead and underground utility lines. Reicks is also a certified switchman and clearance holder.

A graduate of Columbus Lakeview High School, Reicks has an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Utility Line from Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

He and his wife, Ashley, are the parents of a two sons, Leyton Michael and Camden Lee.

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# Hellbusch recognized for 25 years at Loup

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** Dan Hellbusch of Columbus was recognized for 25 years of service to Loup Power District.

Hellbusch joined Loup in 1992 as a Maintenance Man on the Columbus Canal Crew based out of the Columbus Service Center. In 1996, he was promoted to his current position of Equipment Operator.

As an Equipment Operator, Hellbusch operates the District's heavy equipment and is part of the crew that performs maintenance on the canal system from Genoa to Columbus, works at the two powerhouses when needed, helps build substations, and cares for District parks and lakes.



Hellbusch is a graduate of Lakeview High School. He and his wife, Michelle, are the parents of two children: Dylan and Kaden.

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# Davis recognized for 10 years at Loup

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — Chase Davis of Columbus was recently recognized for 10 years of service at Loup Power District.

Davis joined Loup in 2007 as an Apprentice Lineman at the Columbus Retail Division based out of the Columbus Service Center. He was promoted to Lineman later that year.

In 2012, Davis transferred to Arborist/Lineman on the tree crew at the Columbus Service Center. He is member of the crew that trims trees and maintains line clearances for the District's distribution and transmission system under the direction of the Arborist Foreman.



A graduate of Columbus High School, Davis has an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Utility Line from Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

His lineman training was interrupted after three months in order for him to serve as a member of the Nebraska National Guard. He spent three months training at Fort Riley, KS, and served 13 months in Iraq. Upon continuation of his lineman training, Davis worked at Loup during the summer of 2005 as a Groundman and the summer of 2006 as an Apprentice Lineman.

He and his wife, Tiffany, are the parents of a daughter, Hadley.

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# Linkages Scholarship Recipients Announced

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — Linkages Scholarships were awarded to seven students in the 2017 graduating class at Columbus High School.

The Linkages Program is a nationally recognized program that supports high schools offering a quality program of engineering and technology courses. The Columbus Economic Council, Loup Power District, and local businesses provide support for the program.

The students qualified for the Linkages Scholarship due to the engineering and technical courses they took as well as their grade point average. The scholarship can be used at the student's college of choice for tuition, fees, and/or books.

The 2017 Linkages Scholarships were awarded to the following students.

Gold Level — Harrison Weyers.

Silver Level — Tyler Garbers, James Guilliat, Nolan Kadavy, Logan O'Connell, and Chase Hammons.

Bronze Level — Jorge Pedraza.

Providing important financial support to the program are the following local sponsors: Behlen Mfg., Central Confinement Service (CSC), Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce/Platte County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Columbus Bank, Duo-Lift Mfg., Columbus Hydraulics, First National Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Mastercare Patient Equipment, SiDump'r, TORIN Products; Valmont, Vishay Dale, and the Linkages Program.

Since its beginning in 2004, the Linkages Program has awarded 169 scholarships totaling \$47,245.

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# Hladik retires from Loup Power District

**COLUMBUS, Neb.** — Rick Hladik of Columbus is retiring from Loup Power District after more than 20 years of service.

Hladik joined Loup in 1996 as First Assistant Plant Operator at the Columbus Powerhouse. He was promoted to Plant Operator at the Columbus Powerhouse in 1997.

Hladik was one of six Columbus Powerhouse Plant Operators who watch over Loup's hydroelectric system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from the Columbus Powerhouse control room. The plant operators monitor and control the three generation units at Columbus and remotely control the Monroe Powerhouse.

Plant operators also work closely with the Genoa Headworks to divert maximum Loup River water into the District canal system for power plant generation.

His other duties included coordinating generation with NPPD's control center in Doniphan and monitoring Loup's 115 kV and 34.5 kV subtransmission system. Outside the normal business hours of 8 to 5, plant operators answer customer service trouble calls.

Hladik is a graduate of Columbus High School. He and his wife, Mary, are the parents of four children: Kelly, Kevin, and twins Angie and Abby. They have seven grandchildren.



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