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For Commonwealth's 2023 Progress Meeting, a conscious decision was made to include a team-building activity that could benefit others in some way. To do so, Commonwealth teamed up with VentureUp, a company that specializes in corporate team-building activities. For the team building, VentureUp provided 36 unassembled bicycles in all sizes and colors for employee teams to assemble. Prior to the bike assembly, attendees were challenged with numerous team-building exercises, one of which involved a mouse trap! Please rest assured that no individuals or animals were injured during this particular exercise.



A student at Pershing Elementary School in Lincoln, NE, receives her brand-new bicycle.

The YMCA of Lincoln, NE, was ultimately selected as the recipient in recognition of their work with youth across the city, and, as a result, 36 students at Elliott and Pershing elementary schools (both YMCA Community Learning Center sites) were presented with new bikes, helmets, and locks. Commonwealth also has a relationship with Universal Surety Company & Inland Insurance Company, our bonding company, which has a company member on the board at the YMCA.

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Employees at Commonwealth's 2023 Progress Meeting celebrate after assembling the 36 bicycles.

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“Our commitment to excellence extends to our communities... making Commonwealth better makes us all better,” shared Michael Price, president & CEO of Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest. “As we came together to strengthen our teams, we were able to build 36 bicycles for children that would not otherwise have them. I am extremely proud of our employee-owner teams for working together to make this happen and want to thank the Lincoln YMCA for helping us get these bicycles into the hands of children in need.”

The YMCA of Lincoln leads the Community Learning Center (CLC) programs at local schools—providing after-school care and summer programming to keep students safe, learning, and active while supporting their families. Students are able to participate in CLC programming, which has helped thousands of students improve academically and has provided enriching experiences that they would not have had otherwise.

“Transportation to and from school can be a significant barrier for students, and with Commonwealth’s help, we’ve been able to minimize that obstacle as much as possible,” shared Luke Stege-Tompsett, executive director of the Northeast YMCA. “We’re incredibly grateful for the partnership we have with our Community Learning Centers and the impact these bikes will have on so many students.”

For more information about the YMCA’s Community Learning Center programs, visit www.YMCALincoln.org.



Paul Hoegemeyer, Cathy Maddox, and Erin Stieren deliver the assembled bicycles to the Northwest YMCA in Lincoln, NE.



Ricky Robinson and Ashley Huinker share their personalized signs to be sent with the bicycles.



Employees participate in a team-building activity before assembling bikes.



L to R: Todd Longenecker, Cody Hoobler, Mitchell Yaw, Lance Christenson, Richard Lewis, Cory Leuth, Chris Jensen, Brian Lund.

Commonwealth Hosts Annual Progress Meeting

Cathy Maddox – Ownership Coordinator | Corporate

Commonwealth's Annual Progress Meeting was held on August 24 and 25 at the Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District in Omaha, NE, with over 130 employees and the Board of Directors attending.

The meeting began with Branch and Office Manager meetings to strategize for the remainder of the year and discuss the challenges they face. The afternoon was spent team building, which included building 36 bicycles that were donated to the YMCA in Lincoln.

For the first time, the Board of Directors of Commonwealth was in attendance, and each member was introduced at the Thursday evening reception. President/CEO T Michael Price introduced the board members and encouraged employees to take the time to get to know them and ask questions about their roles on the board.

Friday kicked off with a welcome and introduction by Price, who introduced Scott Storjohann, Commonwealth's Trustee with GreatBanc Trust, who spoke about our Employee Stock Ownership Plan and the role of the Trustee. CFO/Board Secretary Billy Friesen gave a brief overview of the company's finances to date and answered questions from the attendees.



T Michael Price gives a presentation at the 2023 Progress Meeting.

Next on the agenda was a popular tradition: our Branch Managers on the hot seat! Questions were posed to the branch managers on their hits and misses and what challenges (other than lack of manpower) they are facing—not just for the remainder of the year but going into 2024 as well. This event is a crowd favorite for a number of reasons. For those who are new to the company, this is their first opportunity to meet and hear from all the branch managers. For the “veterans” of the company, hearing how a particular branch is competing in the construction market or what challenges that branch is facing is both informative and enlightening.

Five breakout sessions at five different time slots were offered to attendees. The sessions included:

- Commonwealth Academy, presented by Kimberly Somer and Lindsay Selig.
- Identifying & Managing Risks in Construction Contracts, presented by Joel Heusinger from Woods-Aitken Law Firm.
- McCormick Updates, presented by Brian Millard and Nick Page.
- Power BI, presented by Steve Hernandez and Scott Harms.
- Prefab, presented by Eric Hoge, Neil Davidson, Stewart Bohrer, and Troy Savich.

The meeting concluded with an outstanding presentation by Keynote Speaker Nic Bittle, who spoke on Driving Excellence – How the Best Continue to Raise the Bar on Themselves and Others. Nic always has a great message, and everyone leaves on a high note!

This year's meeting was a huge success, and the 2024 meeting will see future expansion of offerings to those attending. Thank you to all who attended!

Omaha Team Provides New LED Lighting Upgrade to NE Humane Society Parking Lot

Jon Folkers – Corporate Business Development Manager | Omaha

Neil Wortmann – Project Manager | Omaha

Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest's (CECM) team in Omaha, NE, was selected by Kiewit Client Services Group to perform a parking lot lighting upgrade for the Nebraska Humane Society. The Nebraska Humane Society protects, saves, and enriches the lives of animals in the Omaha area. The organization provides education, gives sanctuary to animals, encourages adoptions, and promotes responsible pet ownership.

Project Manager Neil Wortmann utilized his coordination and collaboration efforts for this Service-Team project. Project Foreman Kris Gomon oversaw the day-to-day on-site activities for this upgrade project, with assistance from Line Crew Superintendents Mike Daly and Scott Mayher.

This project was time-sensitive due to a pre-existing fundraiser event planned for the end of September. Commonwealth successfully maneuvered this project forward and ensured that our customer's expectations were met and their event would be a success.

The lighting project consisted of upgrading the existing 24 light poles currently in the parking lot with new LED lights. The project was a coordinated effort between our electrical team, line crew personnel, Omaha Public Power District (OPPD), and the City of Omaha. The project started in mid-July and was completed in September.

Details of the lighting upgrade include new bases that were poured for 24 light poles, which were made larger from 18" to 24". Nine existing wooden pole lights had to be removed by OPPD, and CECM replaced them in an alternative location with new metal poles, bases, and an LED lighting package. New bore lines were completed for the new light locations, replacing the overhead wire currently servicing the existing nine wooden OPPD poles. Always promoting safety on our projects, we chose to hydro vac around all 24 light pole locations. This assured our team and our customer that we would not interfere with pre-existing underground utility lines.

Commonwealth also collaborated with Echo Systems on this project, requesting they build a more robust disconnect to accommodate the existing 36kV transformer while meeting the specs of both OPPD and the City of Omaha.

There were challenges along the way with procurement. The lead time for poles went from 3-4 weeks initially to 11-12 weeks. Working with Echo and Central Sales, CECM was able to continue daily work of setting bases and pulling wires as we were preparing light poles to arrive on site.

The collaboration efforts of all team members of Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest (electrical and line crew teams), Kiewit Client Services Group, NE Humane Society, OPPD, City of Omaha, and Echo Systems made this project a success and one that we are proud of.



The Nebraska Humane Society building.



The upgraded light poles in the parking lot.

Lincoln Crews Celebrate Barry Erb

Ty Peterson – Field Operations Manager | Lincoln

Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest's (CECM) team in Lincoln, NE, recently hosted an appreciation barbeque for the men and women who played pivotal roles in the recent shutdowns at both our Nestle and Smithfield Foods sites. These projects required the efforts of 50-60 employees, all working diligently on major component replacements in both manufacturing facilities.



Thank you for all you do, Barry!

During this event, we had the opportunity to honor an exceptional individual who has made a significant impact at CECM. Barry Erb, who had recently celebrated his 10th anniversary with the company, also recently retired from the Army National Guard after 23 years of service. We wanted to recognize and thank Barry for his unwavering dedication and service.

Barry is currently a general foreman at Smithfield, where he splits roles with General Foreman Brady Bridges. His role varies daily, ranging from basic shift maintenance to larger-scale construction equipment upgrades such as robotics or new motor control centers. He enjoys working at CECM due to both his leadership and his freedom. "We are given the tools needed for success," he said, "and it is up to us to ensure that we are successful." Outside of work, Barry spends much of his time taking his nine-year-old son to various sporting activities.

Barry is a vital member of our Lincoln team and continuously puts the needs of his crew and others before his own. We were honored to be able to celebrate this day with him and the rest of our Smithfield and Nestle shutdown crews!

Commonwealth Wins Big at Sarpy County BBQ Event

Justin Hess – Project Manager | Omaha

September brings us many good things: the first day of fall, the NFL, and the annual Sarpy Data Center BBQ competition in Sarpy County, NE! This year was the sixth annual BBQ competition held on-site, and each year, the best pit bosses go head-to-head to try and bring home the trophy and bragging rights. This year, the champion received The Walt Secord Team Award, named after our late employee and friend.



L to R: Dan Cahalan, Mike Lesac, Justin Hess, Rene Santiago.

This event also hosted a family night with activities for kids, a bags tournament, and a live band. The finale of the event was a site-wide lunch, a raffle, and announcing the winners of the competition. Altogether, the team smoked over 300 pounds of meat and served over 250 people. Out of the 14 company teams competing, Commonwealth was crowned the champion!

Events like these allow Commonwealth to show our appreciation for all the hard work these tradesmen and women put in on a day-to-day basis. They are critical to the success that we have at Commonwealth. We are proud to be able to bring the trophy back to the Commonwealth team, especially because it is named after not just a fantastic electrician but a fantastic friend, Walt.

Des Moines Team Renovates First Class Community Credit Union

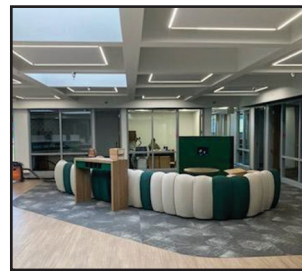
Kurt Umthum – Project Manager | Des Moines

Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest's team in Des Moines, IA, has been working on the final portions of a remodel for First Class Community Credit Union with general contractor Neumann Brothers Construction. First Class, located in West Des Moines, IA, had sustained water damage to its interior during a storm that produced golf ball-sized hail. Due to over 100 impacted locations on the roof due to the hail, the bank's interior suffered extensive water damage.

During the remodeling process, the bank remained open, with offices and the drive-thru tellers still in use. The project consisted of a complete interior demolition and new conduit raceways, wires, lights, lighting controls, and power devices. Commonwealth's Limited Energy Team fully refreshed the structured cabling system and installed a new fire alarm system. Despite a handful of challenges, the project was finished on schedule.

Commonwealth's efforts in the field were led by Foreman Josh Curtis and Project Manager Kurt Umthum, with help from the Limited Energy Team, led by Field Technician Taylor Brown and Project Manager Lance Christenson.

Commonwealth's Des Moines team is excited to have continued the relationship with their partners at Neumann Brothers Construction on another successfully completed project.



The interior of the remodeled First Class Community Credit Union.

Greater NE Branch Holds 9th Annual Golf Outing

Eve Jacobson – Administrative Assistant | Greater Nebraska

The Greater Nebraska Culture Committee presented the 9th Annual Golf Outing this October in Columbus, NE, with the largest attendance to date! Everyone who attended enjoyed great food, employee awards, beautiful golfing weather, and a variety of prizes.

After enjoying a meal, the Greater Nebraska team continued the annual tradition of recognizing three outstanding employees: Dan Greene, the Most Valuable Service Tech; Ryan Ciboron, the Most Valuable Apprentice; and Chase Lovell, the Most Valuable Foreman.

After awards, golf teams were randomly chosen to encourage meeting new people and building stronger bonds throughout the branch. After a few hours of golfing, everyone headed inside for a prize raffle. Prizes ranged from Milwaukee power tools to outdoor gifts and everything in between. Many vendors donated tools, gift certificates, football tickets, and loads of company swag.

Thanks to all who attended! The Greater Nebraska Culture Committee looks forward to continuing this branch-wide event for years to come!



Ryan Ciboron (L) receives the Most Valuable Apprentice Award from Landon Braithwait (R).

Commonwealth Ownership Committee Hosts Back-to-School Supply Drive

Cathy Maddox – Ownership Coordinator | Corporate
Michelle Kaldenberg – Accountant | Des Moines



Hannah Masters and Kasaria Murphy organize donations at the Lincoln branch.

During a Strategic Planning Meeting held earlier this year, the Commonwealth Ownership Committee elected to sponsor a company-wide Back-to-School Supply Drive. Our Des Moines, IA, location's Culture Committee held a very successful drive in 2022, and the committee wanted to build on that success at all locations, including both office and field employees, in the collection of donations.

We are very proud to announce our first Annual Back-to-School Supply Drive was a huge success, with over 6,300 items donated to various schools. Each location chose a school they felt would best benefit from the donations, contacted the school, and received a list of the most needed items. The school administrators our locations worked with were extremely appreciative of our company's willingness to donate and help children who cannot always begin school with all the necessary supplies.

The Des Moines, IA, office was the catalyst for this company-wide initiative, conducting its first school supply drive in 2022 and contributing 1,189 items to Moulton Elementary School, a local school within the community. The experience was so fulfilling that the Des Moines Culture Committee decided to make the school supply drive an annual event.

This year, the Des Moines branch collected and donated 1,500 items, beating last year's total by 311 items. The school supplies were donated to George Washington Carver Community School, which is another school in the community. The supplies will help many students in need and help keep teachers' classrooms stocked.

Our Phoenix location did an outstanding job of not only collecting items but also involving our field personnel and suppliers we work with. Graybar and Wesco, both companies Commonwealth does business with, were very generous with donations of backpacks and other supplies and were very excited to be able to participate in the drive.



The Des Moines team deliver their donations to George Washington Carver Community School.

Meanwhile, Rydalch Electric, a Commonwealth Company in Salt Lake City, UT, expanded on their drive and received monetary donations towards paying for school lunches! This year was Rydalch's first time participating in a company-wide drive, and they collected 335 items.

All nine locations did an outstanding job of promoting the Back-to-School School Supply Drive and collecting and delivering all the donations. Thanks to the drive's success, plans are already in place to expand our efforts in 2024. Many thanks to the Ownership Committee for organizing the event!

Tucson Team Helps Construct Lucid Motors Facility

Del Brewer – Project Manager | Tucson

Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest's branch in Tucson, AZ, has contracted around \$2.3M worth of electrical contracts with Lucid Motors for the construction of the Lucid AMP-1 site in Casa Grande, AZ. While the initial contract was being completed, additional tasks were awarded via Time and Material processes, and has since grown into additional contracts thanks to our good relationship with Lucid Motors and their General Contractors.

The facility houses the finishing assemblies for Lucid Motor Works high-end vehicles. Outfitted with the world's most advanced production line equipment, the factory will have the initial capacity to produce 10,000 cars a year and over 300,000 annually with planned expansion.

Three new multi-level buildings will total about 1,363,600 square feet and consist of a multitude of conveyors to form three main assembly lines. These assembly lines are being built with the purpose of main motor/transmission attachment, interior/accessories attachment, and exterior painting.

General Foreman Robert Ervin was handpicked for this project due to his extensive electrical knowledge, experience, and wide array of skills. He and his team of six to eight electricians have completed multiple value add-ons throughout the electric vehicle factory, including lighting, production controls/motors, and relocation of production lines. Starting in 2024, Commonwealth will also begin the process of installing multiple new robotic conveyor production lines in the facility.

The success of this project is thanks to a great team collaboration between Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest, Dürr Systems, Inc., Lucid Motors, and a joint venture with Lake Erie.

We would like to give special recognition to some of the key Commonwealth field personnel who made this project a success: Low Voltage Project Manager Freddy Carlisle, General Foreman Robert Ervin, Foreman Renee Vallejo, Foreman Ryan Guthrie, Foreman Issac Rojas, Journeyman Wireman Fredrick Berry, and the rest of the Commonwealth team.



The sun rises over the Lucid AMP-1 site in Casa Grande, AZ.



The new facility houses the finishing assemblies for Lucid Motors' high-end vehicles.

Commonwealth Teams Attend Fall Career Fairs to Continue Success of Intern Program

Lindsay Selig – Human Resources Director | Corporate



Steve Ercius (L) and Christian Roberts (R) attend a career fair at Northern Arizona University.



Barb Frank speaks with a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Chris Fisher attends a career fair at Des Moines Area Community College.

Over the past few months, our teams have been busy attending fall career fairs across several states, where we have had the pleasure of meeting numerous talented individuals eager to kick-start their careers.

We are pleased to share that we participated in a total of 18 career fairs this fall. These events provided us with the opportunity to connect with exceptional candidates from diverse backgrounds and skill sets. The enthusiasm and passion displayed by these individuals were truly inspiring, reaffirming our belief in the potential of the next generation of professionals.

Our commitment to finding talent goes beyond career fairs. We will be actively engaging with students through various initiatives, including participation in National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Student Chapter meetings. By collaborating with these chapters, we aim to provide mentorship and guidance to aspiring professionals, fostering a spirit of innovation and excellence.

Additionally, we will be conducting classroom presentations at colleges to assist in educating future potential employee-owners. These sessions will contribute to students' development and empower them with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in the ever-evolving construction industry.

Building on the momentum from our fall activities, we are setting our sights on the future. We are excited to announce our ambitious goal of hosting an internship class of 25 or more for the summer of 2024. We are confident that the exceptional candidates we met during the fall career fairs, NECA chapter meetings, and classroom presentations will play a significant role in shaping the success of our internship program.



Dylan Busby (L) and Jared Colyer (R) represent Commonwealth at the University of Northern Iowa.

As we eagerly anticipate the summer of 2024, we are filled with enthusiasm and optimism. We look forward to welcoming this new class of interns who will bring fresh perspectives, creativity, and innovation to our organization. Here's to a future filled with endless possibilities and shared successes!

Des Moines Team Assists in Equipment Upgrades at Iowa Methodist Medical Center

Ashley Huinker – Project Engineer | Des Moines

Commonwealth Electric's Des Moines, IA, team is excited to assist the Iowa Methodist Medical Center in the process of renovating two spaces within its Imaging Radiology (IR) Department and John Stoddard Cancer Center. Both projects kicked off this summer and will wrap up towards the end of October.

The IR Room 9 project consisted of a complete renovation of the existing room to accommodate the installation of a new piece of imaging equipment. Commonwealth's scope of work included new LED lighting, power, and data throughout the room. The team also installed 185 feet of floor, wall, and ceiling duct to accommodate the numerous conduit pathways needed to feed the new IR equipment.

The project within the John Stoddard Cancer Center is a remodel of one of the Iowa Methodist Medical Center's existing Radiology Oncology rooms. This space is set to receive a new cutting-edge piece of equipment called TrueBeam, which is used to treat cancer through advanced radiotherapy. Commonwealth's scope of work included new LED lighting, power, and data throughout the room, as well as additional floor and wall ducts to accommodate conduit pathways to the new equipment.

The Commonwealth management team consisted of Project Manager Mark Duffy, Low Voltage Project Manager Clint Bailey, and Project Engineer Ashley Huinker. Project Foreman Don Dawson led a crew for the construction of the IR Room 9 project, while Keith Marschel was the foreman for the TrueBeam project. Both Don and Keith's impeccable work ethic and attention to detail were instrumental in keeping both projects' timelines on schedule and in line with the delivery of the new medical equipment.



Project Foreman Don Dawson (L) and Fifth-Year Apprentice Wade Lester (R).



A new piece of imaging equipment within the newly remodeled IR Room 9.

Commonwealth Employees Receive Safety Awards

Todd Longenecker – Safety Director | Omaha



The Greg Woodworth Award of Honor.

Greg Woodworth Award of Honor

Recently, Commonwealth was recognized by our captive insurance as one of the top performers for the 2022-2023 policy year. We received the Greg Woodworth Award of Excellence, which is second only to the James T. Smerz Award of Honor. With 41 other high-performing contractors in our captive, this is certainly a great achievement for our company. Without our men and women in the field having the commitment to work safely each and every day, this award wouldn't be possible.



L to R: Michael Duffy, Don Dawson, Felix Noll, Ashley Huinker.

Commonwealth Cup

Last quarter, we rolled out a new safety recognition program called the Commonwealth Award of Safety Excellence, aka "The Commonwealth Cup." This program is designed to recognize the location with the best safety record each quarter and, ultimately, for the year. Each quarter, the top-performing location is given two prizes to two employees by random draw. With the first full quarter under our belt, we are excited to announce that the first quarterly winner is our Des Moines location! The winners of the random draw were Don Dawson and Felix Noll. Congratulations to the entire Des Moines location for your safety performance last quarter! Keep up the good work!

Omaha Team Runs in Market to Market Relay Nebraska

Gus Fulton – Marketing Coordinator | Corporate

Dan Maca – Senior Project Manager, RCDD | Omaha

Members of Commonwealth's team in Omaha, NE, came together to participate in this year's annual Market to Market Relay Nebraska. This event, recognized as the nation's largest day-long relay, spanned roughly 75 miles from Omaha's Seymour Smith Park to Lincoln's Haymarket Park.



Back Row (L to R): Dan Cahalan, Isaiah Edson, Aidan Colyer, Jared Colyer.

Front Row (L to R): Dan Maca, Edgar Tello, Bethany Arnold, Ellie Schroeder.

Commonwealth's team this year included Omaha employees Dan Cahalan, Dan Maca, Edgar Tello, Isaiah Edson, Aidan Colyer, and Jared Colyer, as well as friends of Commonwealth Bethany Arnold and Ellie Schroeder. Board Member Glen Moss, one of Commonwealth's original owners, drove the van for the team.

This year's relay marked Commonwealth's 16th year in a row of participation. We have fielded a team every year the event has been held, including 2020, when many teams opted to do a virtual run due to COVID-19. This year, we welcomed some younger runners—the Colyer brothers—to the team, both of whom ran cross country in high school. The future of Commonwealth's Market to Market Relay Nebraska team looks bright!

Commonwealth Celebrates Ownership Month

Cathy Maddox – Ownership Coordinator | Corporate

In 1982, the National Center for Employee Ownership decided it would be a fun idea to celebrate Employee Ownership Week. A couple of years later, a poster contest for Ownership Week was introduced. Upon seeing this, The Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) Association embraced the idea, and the week officially became Employee Ownership Month. Today, employee-owned companies around the country celebrate by holding special communication events, playing games, holding picnics, and having fun celebrating being company owners.



The Rydalch Electric team celebrates with root beer floats.

At Commonwealth, we have celebrated Ownership Month with various themes throughout the years. This year, our celebration of Ownership was centered on Oktoberfest! All offices were decorated with blue and white banners, balloons, and various cutouts depicting pretzels, beer, lederhosen, and more! The main focus of the month was education on topics such as Compound Interest, Common Misconceptions about ESOPs, and much more. Each week, a flyer was sent to participants, educating our employees about the actual workings of an ESOP.

Of course, any celebration has to include some fun! In 2023, this included a company-wide pumpkin decorating contest, root beer floats, pretzel and chocolate treats, and many other fun activities. Commonwealth's Employee Ownership Committee members begin working months ahead of October to outline a fun theme and decide on the education and activities that took place for the month. Thank you, committee members, for all your hard work making this a great month!



The Corporate and Lincoln offices enjoyed listening to a live Polka band.



Casey Huff grills brats for the Phoenix branch's Oktoberfest celebration.



The Greater Nebraska team compete in a stein holding contest.



Mark Hollingworth dresses the part for Oktoberfest!

Commonwealth Employees Contribute to Success in the Data Center Industry

Clinton Stoffer – Security Manager | Omaha Data/Communications Division



Jon Bethers has been a key player in helping Commonwealth expand its security capabilities. Thank you, Jon, for all you do!



L to R: Jim Mixan, Gary Carr, Jon Bethers, Zach Armstrong, Ryan Kosalka.

Over the years, Commonwealth has been providing more and more security services in the data center industry. We are currently installing cutting-edge systems at several data centers from multiple office locations across the nation.

Though we cannot publish specific information or share pictures of the sites or systems themselves, we would like to acknowledge a couple of our many dedicated employees who have contributed to the successful installation and deployment of these highly technical security systems. Many of these employees have regularly engaged in continued education to provide the expertise and workmanship these demanding environments require.

Jon Bethers is one of those many team members who has risen to the occasion and repeatedly exceeded our customers' expectations. He has been working for one specific client at multiple sites for several years and has even helped them raise the bar of their standards internally. Jon has also been a key component in training our newer security technicians to ensure that they meet Commonwealth's standard of excellence.

John Coffey is another such employee who has been a key component to Commonwealth's growth within the data center industry. He has continually surpassed client expectations and has helped Commonwealth to thrive in the security space.

Jon and John are both working for the same customer at sites in Omaha and Des Moines, which has been extremely useful to the customer as they are able to share lessons learned and work together to help each other find efficiencies for both sites.

Thank you, gentleman! You make Commonwealth shine with your dedication to providing customers with top-notch service and workmanship. We are proud to have you represent Commonwealth, and we hope those who work with you in any capacity choose to follow the example you are setting.

Kearney Team Provides Work at Kearney SportsPlex

Jacob Svoboda – Senior Project Manager | Greater Nebraska

Commonwealth Electric's team in Kearney, NE, was recently awarded the new Kearney SportsPlex by MCL Construction.

This project is a 209,000-square-foot facility with:

- Eight basketball courts with the ability to be converted into volleyball courts or 20 wrestling mats.
- Bleachers for 3,000 people.
- A 66,000-square-foot area of turf space designed for different arrangements of soccer fields.
- Three net batting cages.
- Four dedicated pickleball courts.
- A 300+ meter, full radius, elevated three-lane running/walking track.

Commonwealth is providing electrical work, low-voltage communications systems, fire alarms, security cameras, access controls, public address systems, and audio/visual capabilities.

General Foreman Preston Skalka is working directly with MCL each day and coordinating with all other trades on site. Commonwealth's Central Engineering department is providing Building Information Modeling (BIM) coordination on the scope of work.

The project is scheduled to be completed in December 2024. If you are traveling West on I-80, be sure to look to the north right after you pass the Kearney exit to see the Commonwealth team in action!



L to R: Preston Skalka, Cole Lewis, Clay Goodwin.



A digital rendering of the new Kearney SportsPlex.

Commonwealth Named Top 50 Electrical Contractor

Gus Fulton – Marketing Coordinator | Corporate



In 2023, Commonwealth ranked among the top electrical contractors in the nation, according to two lists by notable industry publications.

According to Electrical Construction and Maintenance (EC&M), Commonwealth was named #30 in the nation's 2023 Top 50 Electrical Contractors. Commonwealth was ranked #42 in 2022. In Engineering News-Record's (ENR) "Top 600 Specialty Contractors," Commonwealth was ranked #109 overall (#142 in 2022), while being #34 (#42 in 2022) in the Top 50 Firms in Electrical.

"The inclusion of Commonwealth in these industry rankings is a testament to the efforts of our committed employees and employee-owners, as well as the confidence bestowed upon us by our valued customers," said Commonwealth President/CEO T Michael Price.

Congratulations to all our employees on this accomplishment!

Greater Nebraska Service Team Welcomes New Service Manager

Andy Sueper – Senior Service Manager | Greater Nebraska

Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest's (CECM) location in Greater Nebraska is pleased to welcome Dan Ramsdell, service manager for the Grand Island and Kearney area, as our newest service team member.

Seeing significant growth within our branch and the customers we serve, Branch Manager Jake Gable and the Greater Nebraska team felt the need to serve our customers better by pushing our team to grow further west. Because the Greater Nebraska team covers such a wide territory, Service Manager Dustin Allen, who is originally from North Platte, left to manage and expand our services in North Platte, Lexington, and surrounding areas. His relocation provided the opening for a new service manager in Kearney and Grand Island.



Welcome to the team, Dan!

Dan officially joined the service team in July and has done a tremendous job maintaining long-standing CECM customers and creating new relationships.

Dan grew up and graduated in Broken Bow, NE. In 2010, after high school, he pursued a career in the Air Force, where he served our country for 12 years as a Section Chief of the electrical flight in charge of various sections, including airfield lighting, HV line crew, interior electrical, and the fire alarm shop. He worked his way up in his military career and served in San Antonio, TX; Tucson, AZ; Anchorage, AK; and Rapid City, SD; and was deployed twice to Afghanistan and Kuwait.

In Dan's spare time, he enjoys raising his 4-year-old daughter Ava, fishing, hunting, and tinkering with cars. Dan enjoys working at CECM because he feels that it is a well-rounded company with endless opportunities to grow and achieve success. Welcome, Dan, to the CECM team!

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