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# ENERGY

# Picking a Tree Trimmer

Many of you hire a tree trimmer during the summer. There are many reputable tree trimmers in our community, and we offer these tips to help you find someone who will perform quality work with the appropriate licenses and insurance:

Be wary of door knockers. Find out how long a company has been in business. A reputable tree trimmer needs to be fully licensed, bonded and insured. This will protect your property if it's damaged by the trimmer and will protect you if a worker is injured on your property. Ask for proof of insurance and contact that insurance company to make sure the company's premium is current and find out what their coverage limits are. Businesses operating anywhere in McCracken County must have a county issued business license. Businesses operating in the city must also have a city business license. To find out if a company has a license, contact the McCracken County Tax Administration Office at 270-444-4722 and the Paducah Finance Department at 270-444-8595. Having the proper license(s) does not ensure quality work. Get references and go look at the work.

Never contract with a company over the phone. Make sure someone from that company looks at your property and gives you an on-site estimate in writing. Ask if the job includes stump grinding and tree removal. Get multiple bids and never pay in advance. Don't just go with the lowest price. Often, you get what you pay for, and it's important to make sure you know exactly what services are included in the price. If a company tells you that Paducah Power System will have to do some of the trimming, call the PPS Service Department at 270-575-4010 and ask. Paducah Power System is responsible only for keeping the right away trimmed around our primary lines and not the service lines between the pole and the home. It is not up to the tree trimmer to determine what tree work we will perform.

# Hero Helped

We were honored to be a part of the community volunteer effort to help World War II hero and Paducah resident Roy H. Duncan. Mr. Duncan received three Bronze Stars for his war service, and his actions are told in the book, "Ghost Riders".

Papa John's Pizza and the Coast Guard organized volunteers to clean up after the removal of a large tree on Mr. Duncan's property, empty an old out building, tear it down and smooth out the yard. Bringing our backhoe and operators over to help seemed like a small act, compared to his sacrifices and bravery. We thank Mr. Duncan for his service and are so proud of all the other volunteers who showed up to help him.



Left to right: Kenney Hall, PPS, Roy Duncan, Jeff Oliver, PPS.

# \$15 Bill Credit

For the thirteenth year, Paducah Power System customers have a chance to take a bite out of their summer electric bill and help a good cause at the annual Power for Patients blood drive, September 4th and 5th, at the Cherry Civic Center. Presenting donors will receive a one-time \$15



discount on their PPS electric bill. The event runs from 11:30am to 5:30pm both days. If you donated at the annual Donor Days event in July, enough time has lapsed for you to attempt to donate at the Power for Patients drive. All donors receive a free t-shirt. The blood drive is not restricted to PPS customers, but the \$15 discount is available to PPS customers only. There is a limit of one discount per household. To expedite the donation process, you may make an appointment to donate blood.

## Four Team Members Retire

Last month marked the retirements of four long-time Paducah Power employees. Payroll Administrator/HR Specialist Janet Cantrell came to PPS in 1993. She started as a Customer Accounting Clerk and served as the Payroll/Files Administrator before becoming the Payroll Administrator. Cantrell worked in the banking industry before coming to PPS, as did Cindy James, who also retired. James started at PPS in 1995 as a Customer Service Representative and served as an Administrative Assistant for more than twenty years. Service Technician John Burnett came to Paducah Power in 1998 as a Lineman and worked as a Working Line Supervisor before moving to the Service Department. Prior to working for PPS, he was a lineman for TVA for seventeen years. Kenney Hall also joined PPS in 1998 as a heavy equipment operator. He worked for a variety of construction firms before coming to PPS, including his family business.

All four have given excellent service to Paducah Power. We are extremely proud for them to have shared their talents and careers with us, and we will miss them.









# To Schedule A Blood Donation Appointment:



Go to www.redcrossblood.org and look for the red box in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage that says, "Find a Blood Drive". Type in the 42001 zip code and locate the Power for Patients drive. You may also call Andrea Underwood at 270-575-4025.

# Eligibility Requirements for Blood Donation

To give blood you must be healthy, be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and not have donated blood in the last 56 days. "Healthy" means that you feel well and can perform normal activities. For a more complete listing of guidelines and how they are affected by various medical conditions go to www. redcrossblood.org.

#### Reminder



Paducah Power System will be closed Monday, September 2nd for the Labor Day Holiday.