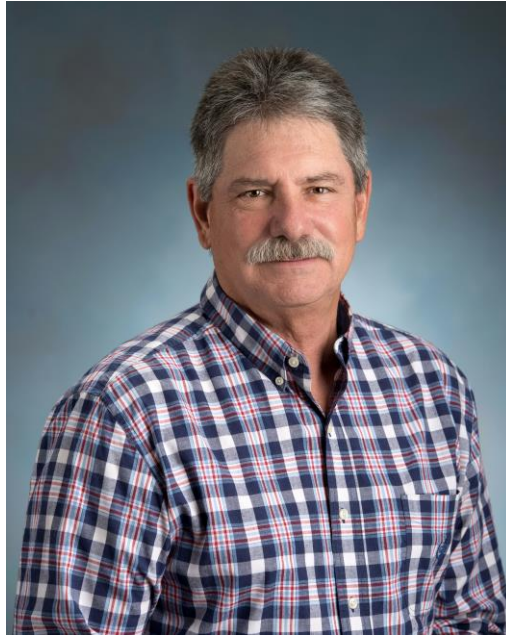


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**LIBERTY UTILITIES – EMPIRE DISTRICT
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF MARK VAVRA**



JOPLIN, MO – August 10, 2018 – Mr. Mark Vavra retired from the Company on June 30, 2018, following 38 years of service.

Mr. Vavra began his career in October 1979 as a Clerk in Joplin. During his employment, Vavra also worked as a Warehouseman, Groundman, Lineman, and Electrician. In 1989, Mr. Vavra was promoted to Electrician Foreman, the position he held at retirement.

Mr. Vavra graduated from Memorial High School in Joplin, Missouri, and attended Missouri Southern State University.

Mr. Vavra and his wife, Shela, have one son.

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