

North Central's News

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General Manager Doyle Hazen

"The more things change, the more they stay the same"

-Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Kar

Over the past year, North Central Public Power

District has

been moving towards the retirement of our General Manager Keith Harvey and previously our Director of Safety and Staking Engineer Art Hickman. Congratulations, Keith and Art. With the depth in our own ranks, and much preparation and education, we have been able to promote from within. We are very happy to have the internal personnel and institutional knowledge available that they bring for the service of our customers.

Over the past 20 years, North Central Public Power District has grown by leaps and bounds. We have grown from 3936 meters in 1999 to 6623 meters in 2019. In the last year alone, we grew by 70 plus irrigation wells. Our board has laid down the policies that allowed us to grow, and Keith provided the work environment for our district to prosper. With all this, we have one more piece that allows our well-oiled machine to keep spinning, our employees. Despite our growth, we have continued to become more efficient. In 1999 we

had 21 employees. Today, in 2019, we have 21 employees. I have worked here as the Manager of Finance and Administration and now as the General Manager, going on my 25th year. What has amazed me is the ability of our employees, on all levels, to work well together as a team. To attest to this teamwork, office personnel have got up before 4 a.m. in the morning to put together breakfast for our linemen, assisting line personnel from other districts, and crews from other states helping with our storm damage. Not because that was in their job description

(because it wasn't), but it was what needed to be done. Our line crews go out in the worst weather to "get the lights back on." Sometimes they are working over 24 hours straight. Through team work and everyday devotion, the men and women employees of this district provide you, our customer, with service and reliability to a very high standard. We will continue the level of service you, as our customer, expect and deserve.



Hoffmann Attends NREA Youth Tour

Jacob Hoffmann, son of David & Donna Hoffmann of Plainview, recently attended the Nebraska Rural Electric Association Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Some of the sites he took in were Gettysburg Battlefield, Mount Vernon and the Arlington National Cemetery. Thanks Jacob for doing a great job representing North Central Public Power District.

General Manager Keith E. Harvey Retires from NCPPD

After 20 years with North Central Public Power District, General Manager Keith E. Harvey retired at the end of June. Keith came to NCPPD in 1999 from Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc. where he had been the office manager. Prior to that, Keith had taught both high school math and science and college levels in business, math, science, and medical disciplines. He also worked as an electrical and production foreman in the blast furnace facilities of a large steelmaker.

During his tenure, NCPPD has almost doubled the amount of meters served. Commercial and industrial services have doubled, irrigation services have more than doubled, seasonal services have increased slightly, and residential services have increased by a third. This is a reflection of the efficiency and productiveness of NCPPD under his leadership. Keith said the work ethic at North Central, and in this community, remains the best of all the places he has worked. Keith and his wife Diana plan to relax a while before doing some traveling, with Creighton remaining as their home base.



General Manager Keith E. Harvey and his wife Diana at his retirement party.



Keith receives an award from the NCPPD Board by Acting-President Gordon Fulton.



Retired NCPPD Board member Richard McManigal congratulates Keith on his retirement.

Harvey Receives Service Award from NPPD

During North Central Public Power District's May board meeting, General Manager Keith E. Harvey was recognized by Nebraska Public Power District's board. Representing NPPD were Director Barry DeKay, Ken Kurry, Vice President of Customer and Corporate Services and Larry Arnes, Wholesale Account Manager. Barry DeKay presented Mr. Harvey with a plaque displaying the NPPD Board resolution recognizing Mr. Harvey for his years of service to the Nebraska electric industry and his retirement.



NCCPD General Manager Keith E. Harvey receiving a plaque from NPPD Director Barry DeKay.

Electrical Safety Program Poster Winners



Linda Sokol,
Energy Advisor

The 2019 North Central Public Power District poster winners for the School Electrical Safety Poster contest are: Jordyn Ebel, daughter of Dan and Melissa Ebel of Creighton; Riley Miller, daughter of Cory and Kim Miller of Verdigre; Mackenzie Mosel, daughter of Dave and Lonna Mosel of Plainview; and Gage Vesely, son of Jason and Angela Vesely of Verdigre. The students submitted their art work after NCPPD presented a safety program at their schools. The winners were selected from a group of entries from all the participating schools. These winning students were invited to a North Central PPD Board of Director's monthly meeting

and received a check for \$25. Congratulations and thanks for participating in the Poster Contest.



NCCPD Board President Brent Stagemeyer with poster winners: Jordyn Ebel, Riley Miller, Mackenzie Mosel and Gage Vesely.



Creighton Kindergarten Class visit

From our homes to yours . . .

Make-Ahead Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta

Ingredients

- 1 lb uncooked rotini pasta
- 3 cups shredded rotisserie chicken
- 1 bottle (16 oz) ranch dressing
- 1 cup crisply cooked & crumbled bacon
- 2 cups shredded Italian cheese blend

Directions

Cook and drain pasta as directed on package. In large microwavable bowl, mix pasta and remaining ingredients. Microwave uncovered on High 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted and mixture is hot and steaming.

To freeze: Spray 2 (8-inch) disposable foil cake pans with cooking spray. Cook and drain pasta as directed on package. In large bowl, mix pasta, chicken, dressing and bacon. Divide mixture between pans. Top with cheese. Spray pieces of foil large enough to cover pans with cooking spray. Cover pans with foil, sprayed side down. Place foil-covered pans in gallon-size re-sealable freezer plastic bags, or wrap in double layer of plastic wrap. Label and freeze. To bake: Thaw pan(s) overnight in refrigerator. Heat oven to 350°F. Remove from plastic, and place foil-covered pan(s) on cookie sheet. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until instant-read thermometer inserted in center of mixture reads 165°F. If baking from frozen, bake 60 to 75 minutes.





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flatbed scanner. Call 402-358-5112 and ask for Sherrie.

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Upcoming Events



Celebration Days -Orchard	July 26-28
Antelope County Fair -Neligh	July 30-Aug 4
Pierce County Fair -Pierce	July 30-Aug 4
Holt County Fair -Chambers	Aug 6-10
Knox County Fair -Bloomfield	Aug 8-11
Appreciation Day -Niobrara	Aug 17
Labor Day Celebration -Wausa	Aug 31-Sep 1
Nebraska State Fair -Grand Island	Aug 23-Sep 2
Husker Harvest Days	Sep 10-12

