



General Manager Doyle Hazen

Is the Grass Greener?



It seems that it is human nature that we are always looking over the fence for a better deal. We see others getting something that we want, but fail to see the green grass under our feet. In 2018, USNEWS rated Nebraska in the top ten for Power Grid Reliability. Nebraska as a whole has an average of 99.9 % reliability with, on average, less than one hour of outage per year. Those numbers are at times taken for granted, but considering the number of miles of line and meter density in our rural areas, that is a feat.

As new renewable generation is being built in Nebraska in both wind and solar, our generation mix continues to change. In the past five years, carbon dioxide emissions from our industry have dropped by 18.6% in Nebraska. Yet, on average, Nebraska homeowners continue to spend about \$3.45 per day for electricity. Hopefully, our power supplier can continue to service our generation needs with an affordable mix.

Although we can appreciate the green grass we have, North Central Public Power District (NCPPD) is

aware of the condition of the agricultural economy and the impact it has on our customers. As I spoke of in January, NCPPD has taken steps to keep as many dollars as possible in its customer's pockets. This month alone we have credited \$28,561 in Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) credits to our customers' accounts.

Your economic success is important. Occasionally I hear from our

customers, but I know with each call there are several others that do not speak. We care about your priorities and if you have concerns or suggestions as to how we can do a better job of serving you please communicate. Until next time...safe travels and better today's.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/rankings/infrastructure/energy>



Paperless Billing- Allows you to receive email notifications about your bill and your account without receiving a paper bill in the mail.

Sign up for paperless billing by logging into your online account and clicking on e-bill under the my account tab or by contacting the North Central PPD office at 402-358-5112.



NCPPD's Office
will be
CLOSED
Memorial Day
May 25, 2020



NCPPD ROW/Maintenance employee Brian York.

Managing Trees Under Power Lines and Updating No Spray List

Power outages can occur when trees grow into or fall on power lines. This is not only an inconvenience, but can be very costly.

North Central PPD manages these invasive trees by spraying under and around its lines. This helps to control the underbrush from growing into the lines and to give linemen better access to the poles. If you have property that needs to be on NCPPD's No Spray List, please call the Operations Department at 402-358-5112 or 800-578-1060.

Brian York, NCPPD ROW/Maintenance employee, will be working in the rural Niobrara and Verdigre areas this summer.

North Central PPD accepting sealed bids on 287D Cat Track Skid Loader

North Central Public Power District is taking sealed bids on a 287D Cat track skid loader. This machine was purchased new in the spring of 2014 and currently has 2028 hours showing. The machine will be sold "as is" with no attachment. All sealed bids must be submitted to the NCPPD office no later than 4:00 P.M. on **April 9, 2020**. Bids will be opened on April 10, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. For further information, or to inspect the item, contact Matt Fritz at 402-358-5112. NCPPD reserves the right to reject any and all bids.



DO YOUR PART TO HELP KEEP LINEMEN SAFE



Never plug a generator into an indoor or outdoor wall outlet, which can cause voltage to back feed.



Workers need to efficiently and safely restore power when it goes out; please be patient.



Do not post signs on a utility pole, especially with staples and nails, which can puncture protective gear.



Slow down and move over in utility work zones. Crowding workers can cause accidents.

Learn more: [SafeElectricity.org](https://www.SafeElectricity.org)

Youth Energy Leadership Camp Application Available



Linda Sokol,
Energy Advisor

Every year North Central Public Power District (NCPPD) makes a trip to the Nebraska Rural Electric Association's Youth Energy Leadership Camp available to teen applicants. This year's camp will be held July 20-24 at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in the Halsey National Forest, Halsey, NE.

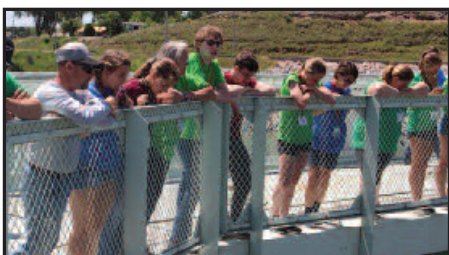
If you have a student in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade that would like to attend, the deadline for submitting an application is May 1, 2020. The Youth Energy Leadership Camp is established as an operating rural electric system and provides a "hands-on" approach to member-owned businesses. The students will join high school stu-

dents from Nebraska and Wyoming, along with adult counselors and junior counselors. The adult counselors are employees of rural electric systems who donate their time and talents to the camp. The junior counselors are selected by their peers to return to next year's camp.

A highlight of the camp involves a tour of the Kingsley Hydro Station at Lake McConaughy and Gerald Gentleman Station, a coal-fired power plant at Sutherland, NE. Recreational activities include basketball, volleyball and canoeing, with a banquet and a dance.

An application form can be obtained on our website www.ncppd.com under the Youth Programs link, at your local school from your guidance counselor, or contact our office and we will mail or email it.

NCPPD's board of directors will review the camp applications and select which students will be invited to the camp. Students that attend the Leadership Camp are then eligible to apply for a chance to go to NREA Youth Tour in Washington D.C.



From our homes to yours . . .

Bierocks

Ingredients

Frozen roll dough, thawed, but still cold (about 24)
2 lbs ground beef
1 medium onion, chopped
1 medium cabbage, shredded
1 package (16 oz) mozzarella cheese cubes
Salt & pepper
Worcestershire sauce
Butter (optional)

Directions

Brown ground beef, onion, and cabbage. Cook until tender. Drain and add salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce to taste. Cool. Heat oven to 350 F. Flatten two rolls of dough into a 6-inch circle being careful not to stretch too thin. Place about 1/3 cup of filling and a cube of mozzarella cheese into the center of each circle. Pull edges of dough over filling and pinch to seal so the filling does not leak out. Place rolls (pinched side down) on a large baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake until golden brown, about 25-30 minutes. Brush baked rolls with melted butter, if desired.





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FOR SALE: Jiffy 12 volt Ice Auger with 6" & 8" auger. \$100. Call 402-360-2225.

FOR SALE: Two 18.4-38 tires with tubes. Will work for duals. \$100. Call 402-360-2225.

FOR SALE: Two 8 ftx10ft heavy duty hay feeders with hay saver bottoms. Like new. Call 40-640-0114.

FOR SALE: Dogtra Element 300m dog training collar. Never used. \$100 (which is less than half of original price). Call 402-841-6825.

FOR SALE: 24 ft Wil-Rich Field Cultivator. Call 402-340-9830.

Do you have something to sell or are you looking for something in particular? You may call, send or email (bargain.barn@ncppd.net) your description of what's for sale or what you are looking for to

our office. The ad will run in the Bargain Barn section free for one month. Please include name and telephone number. No commercial ads will be accepted, personal items only.

**The deadline for making
changes to your
Irrigation Load
Control Schedule
is April 1, 2020**



Autopay Blitz Winner

We have a Winner! Allen Leader from the Niobrara area won the North Central PPD Automatic Bank Payment (ACH) Blitz Promotion. Allen received \$100 credit on his account. We had over 100 new enrollees during the promotion period from December 1st to March 1st. Thank you to all who signed up - it's a great way to save you time and hassle. If you would still like to sign up for Autopay, contact the North Central PPD office at 402-358-5112 or 800-578-1060. Congratulations Allen!

