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General Manager Doyle Hazen

Looking forward to the future

Wow! How the world turns. Since our last newsletter, the world has changed in a way that will be indelibly imprinted on our minds for the rest of our lives. The Covid-19 virus has hit every part of the world. It has taken many lives and affected everyone in some way. There are many negative impacts upon our lives, but I hope that we can see the good that has come from this situation. We have been able to spend more time with our loved ones, not distracted by events outside the home. The time we have had has isolated ourselves in a way that allowed us to appreciate what we have and how precious our lives and our loved ones' lives are to us.

On May 10, North Central Public Power District (NCPD) will have reached its 75th anniversary serving the people of this area. In January, I wrote of the history of the district and now I would like to look forward. With all the new restrictions put in front of the population, I don't want customers to think that NCPD is going to try to reduce its customer

service. We have worked to incorporate technology and implement new processes to keep everyone safe, yet still provide the same level of customer service that was available prior to the restrictions. We have made adjustments with scheduling so that every day all of the employees are working. Work continues with NCPD building over six and a half miles of line that will serve over 30 new customers by June.

In the long term, NCPD continues to develop its four year work plan that will guide in the maintenance

and upgrades necessary to serve its current customers and provide for future growth. One of the proposed improvements to be implemented in the near term will be the upgrade of the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) 115kV substation to accommodate a larger capacity transformer. This will allow NCPD to have more capacity in its district system wide.

The employees of your district, North Central PPD, hope that this finds you and yours healthy and safe. Live your life and enjoy every moment.



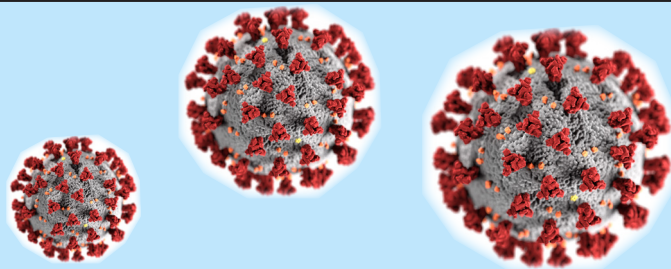

**North Central PPD's Office
will be closed
Friday, July 3, 2020
in observance of
Independence Day**




Then....



Security Measures Taken Against Covid-19



As the nation has adjusted to the COVID-19 pandemic, so has North Central Public Power District (NCPD). Many safeguards have been implemented for the employees in the office and the line crews outside. At NCPD, the main priority is to provide customers with reliable electricity. Several of NCPD's business practices have changed to keep both employees and customers safe from person to person interaction. These changes to operations are made available through technology. At this time, customers are not allowed in the office. A table has been set up in the entrance and the two-way intercom system allows for communication with the office. Payments can be deposited at the drop box on the building or at the drive-through drop box.

When you turn on the news, you are constantly hearing of people working from home. This ability to work from home adds cybersecurity risks to the office environment that didn't exist months ago. Each employee in the front office has tested the ability to work from home if an employee were to contract the virus. It is NCPD's intentions to keep the office open for as long as possible. This method of working from home would not only be safe and secure, but would allow NCPD to provide the same friendly service that you have come to know and expect. Please be aware that North Central always has you, the customer, first and foremost in mind. Every arrangement has been made to make sure that services are provided to you, our most important asset, the customer.

Eric Schroeder
Network Engineer

Youth Energy Leadership Camp Application Deadline Extended



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 June 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 students 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.

(Due to the Corona virus, the application deadline is extended to June 1, 2020. At this time, the camp is expected to be held. It might be canceled at a later date.)

Now....



From our homes to yours . . .

Sopapilla Cheesecake Bars

Ingredients

- 2 cans (8 oz each) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 2 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ½ cup butter, melted
- 1 tbsp ground cinnamon

Directions

Heat oven to 350°F. Unroll 1 can dough. Place in bottom of ungreased 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish. Stretch to cover bottom of dish, firmly pressing perforations to seal. In medium bowl, beat cream cheese and 1 cup of the sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Beat in vanilla. Spread over dough in baking dish. Unroll second can of dough. Firmly press perforations to seal. Carefully place on top of cream cheese layer. Pinch seams together. Pour melted butter evenly over top. Mix remaining 1/2 cup sugar with the cinnamon, and sprinkle evenly over butter. Bake 30-35 minutes or until bars appear set when gently shaken. Cool slightly, about 30 minutes. Refrigerate for easy cutting. Cut into 4 rows by 3 rows. Cover and refrigerate any remaining bars.





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FOR SALE: Kawasaki Eliminator Street Bike VN 125A. Yr 2000. Actual miles 3100. Like new. \$1500. Call 402-358-3229.

WANTED: 500 gal propane tank. Call 402-668-7384.

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.

Tentative Upcoming Events

Kolach Days -Verdigre	June 13-14
BerryPepper Days -Creighton	June 19-21
Appreciation Dayz -Bloomfield	June 20-21
Celebrate the Center of Knox County -Center	June 20-21
Celebration Days -Orchard	July 26-28
Antelope County Fair -Neligh	July 28-Aug 2
Holt County Fair -Chambers	Aug 4-8
Pierce County Fair -Pierce	Aug 6-9
Klown Festival -Plainview	Aug 7-9
Knox County Fair -Bloomfield	Aug 13-16

Summer Rates Start June 1st

North Central PPD's summer electric rate schedule will go into effect June 1, 2020. These rates are effective for the four summer demand months: June, July, August and September. The wholesale, as well as retail, electric rates are higher because Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) charges North Central higher wholesale rates due to their higher costs during this time. It is North Central's goal to keep our summer electric peak demand down to prevent or lessen rate increases in the future.

North Central encourages customers to reduce their electric usage during these months between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. If everyone does their part to reduce usage, hopefully we can continue to keep our electric rates at an affordable level.