



# North Central's News

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General Manager Doyle Hazen

## Everyday Perseverance

I am sure many of you are getting very weary of news of COVID-19, but it is hard to look away when it touches everything in your daily life. At the North Central Public Power District (NCPD) June board meeting, I reported on seven meetings that I had "attended" since the previous meeting in May. All of the meetings were attended via ZOOM, MS Team Meeting or GOTO meeting. I think that people are starting to realize some of the meetings that were driven to in the past, with a couple of hours of windshield time each way, could easily have been done as an online meeting. I still see the good of meeting face to face, but some of these meetings have an adverse meeting time to windshield time ratio.

Per Nebraska DHHS, the number of new cases of COVID-19 in the NCPD area in the past 14 days (as of July 10, 2020) was one in Holt County, four in Knox County, two in Antelope County and three in Pierce County. These are relatively low numbers in the larger scope of things. As with anything else, if it affects you or your loved ones directly, it is a big deal. We need to keep looking on the

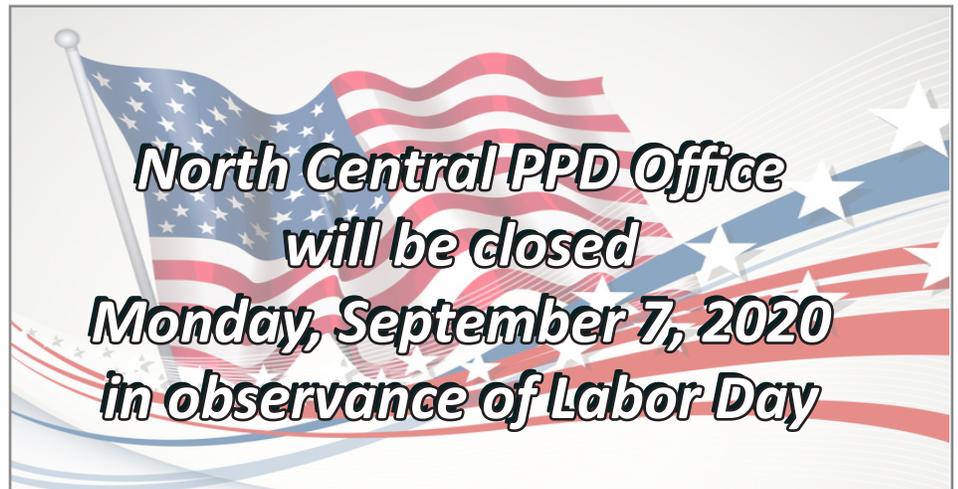
upside and know that we will get to a point where these difficult days will be behind us.

The people that are working in the health industry, people working in emergency services, and all essential workers deserve recognition for their perseverance and everyday motivation to do their jobs in the service of others. It is great when someone makes a great save or they finished a difficult project. However, the hard thing to do is the everyday commitment and determination it takes to go to these jobs and perform to the required level. Really, this applies to anyone that has to gut it out day in and day out against adversity and still meet all of the objectives put in front of them.

For those who have been affected by the economic realities of the pandemic, you should be recognized for your grit and your hard working persistence to go out and provide for your family. This is an every day occurrence and if we can all lend a hand to make sure everyone makes it out the other end of this issue, we can all be a better community.

NCPD continues to work with its customers in their time of hardship. If you are having difficulty paying your power bill on time, please contact the office. As always, NCPD will work with you to make payment plan arrangements.

Take time to count your blessings. Best wishes until next time.



# Annual Pole Testing to Begin

Global Utility Services will be performing distribution line pole tests starting in August. They will be testing poles in the North Central Public Power District (NCPPD) service territories of rural Page and the villages of Orchard and Royal.

You will see the Global Utility Services pick-ups and ATVs along the county roads. Please be aware of these workers and drive carefully.

Most utility poles are made of wood and their constant exposure to the environment takes a toll. Wind, moisture, and soil conditions all can distress or decay wood. Regular pole inspection and treatment helps to spot and take care of any problems before they become critical situations.

Global Utility Services is a professional firm out of Columbus, NE, that is an expert in pole evaluations. Employees from Global Utility Services will be identifiable by company logos, equipment, shirts and hard hats and will carry identification. For more information, stop in or call the Operations Department at NCPPD at 800-578-1060.



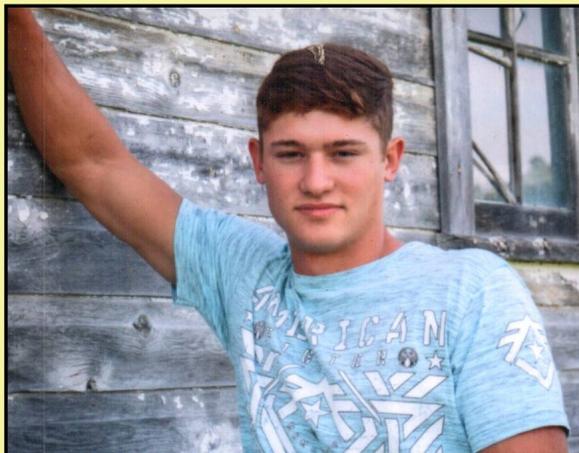
## Hazen Awarded

### Peter E. Thomassen Scholarship

Thad Hazen has been selected by the Board of Directors of North Central Public Power District (NCPPD) to receive the Peter E. Thomassen Scholarship. Thad will receive \$500 per semester towards his academic tuition at Northeast Community College (NECC) in Norfolk, NE. He is the son of Doyle and LaDonna Hazen of rural Verdigre.

The Peter E. Thomassen Scholarship was established in 1990 in honor of the late Peter E. Thomassen for his dedicated years of service to the NCPPD. Thomassen was the NCPPD's first General Manager serving in this position for 36 years before retiring.

NCPPD has awarded this scholarship for over two decades to recipients who have selected the electric utility industry for their career. Ten of the recipients of this scholarship who have complete the utility line program are or have been employed at NCPPD. To be eligible to be considered for this scholarship, students must be enrolled in the Utility Line Program at NECC and must be a customer or a dependent of a customer of North Central Public Power District. North Central encourages individuals who are looking for a rewarding career, enjoy working outdoors, are safety conscious and who like a challenge to consider a career in the electric utility industry.



Thad Hazen

## New Employees at North Central PPD



Jayce  
Ellenwood

**Jayce  
Ellenwood**  
Apprentice  
Lineman

**Jayce Ellenwood** - son of Justin and Marne Ellenwood, came from Genoa, NE. He graduated from Twin River High School in 2016. Jayce graduated from Northeast Community College in 2018 with an Associates of Applied Science in Utility Line. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and being outside. He started work for NCPPD in 2019 when the 2019 flood hit. He continues to be an asset for the company.



Tristan  
Albers

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Intern

**Tristan Albers** - son of Todd and Brenda Albers, comes from Hartington, NE. He graduated in 2018 from Cedar Catholic High School and will be starting his second year of the Utility Line Program at Northeast Community College. He enjoys hunting and fishing. Tristan plans to work in the utility line field after graduation.



Cody  
Yawn

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**Cody Yawn** - son of Dee Dee Yawn and Greg Unger, comes from Pierce, NE. He graduated from Pierce High School in 2018 and will be starting his second year of the Utility Line Program at Northeast Community College. He enjoys fishing, hunting, boating and hanging out with friends. Cody plans to work in the utility line field after graduation.

# Area Celebrations Continue Despite Covid-19



Linda Sokol,  
Energy Advisor

North Central Public Power District (NCPD) is celebrating 75 years of business in 2020. NCPD had planned to attend the parades in each of the towns it serves to promote and celebrate this accomplishment. As a result of the Covid-19 virus, that is no longer a possibility. NCPD is reviewing how to accommodate its plans to attend and celebrate in each town.

On Friday, June 12th, NCPD participated in the Road Trip Rendezvous in Verdigre, NE. Participants travel throughout northeast Nebraska while spotting businesses with official Road Trip Rendezvous signs and official numbers for a chance to win \$1000. This ends August 31, 2020. KEXL radio station was on hand to do interviews and promote Verdigre businesses. The day ended with a Cruise Night that was enjoyed by many participants and spectators. NCPD has served the town of Verdigre since 1955 and is proud to support this community.

On Saturday, June 13th, NCPD participated in the City of Plainview's FFA Alumni Vendor Show that was in conjunction with its Highway 20 HotRod Association Car Show. NCPD had the spinning wheel rolling and lots of prizes and popcorn were handed out. It was hot and windy, but that didn't prevent people from looking at all the beautiful cars. NCPD acquired the City of Plainview's electrical system in December of 2018. NCPD is glad to be a part of and support this community.



Energy Advisor Linda Sokol spins the wheel to award prizes. (left)

People enjoy frozen treats. (below left)

KEXL/KIX/WJAG radio set up in Verdigre. (below right)



*From our homes to yours . . .*

## Honey-Garlic Chicken Foil Pack

### Ingredients

- 2 lb chicken wings and drumsticks
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 Tbs honey
- 1 Tbs soy sauce
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped

### Directions

Heat gas or charcoal grill. Spray large sheet of foil with cooking spray. In large bowl, mix 2 lb chicken wings and drumsticks, 1 teaspoon vegetable oil, 2 tablespoons honey, 1 tablespoon soy sauce and 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped; toss to coat. Place chicken on foil. Bring up 2 sides of foil so edges meet. Seal edges, making tight 1/2-inch fold; fold again, allowing space for heat circulation and expansion. Fold other sides to seal. Place packs on grill over medium heat. Cover grill; cook 25 minutes, turning once halfway through cook time. Remove packs from grill. Carefully fold back foil.





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### Payment Arrangement Notice

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