



General Manager Doyle Hazen

The Elections are coming! The Elections are coming!



Unless you have been residing under a rock or have been incommunicado, you are well aware that the election cycle has come around. By the time this is published, we should be within 45 days of the election. The General election will be Tuesday, November 3, 2020. This year's election, as with all elections, is an important process for choosing our leaders in government. The only way that can be impactful and true is through the participation of our citizens of this great nation. I strongly encourage people to vote this year to support the individuals that will bring forward the issues and support your views (for the most part). If nothing else, vote so you can reserve your right to gripe if things don't turn out in the end. If you don't participate in the process, you have abdicated your rights and voice in our democratic government for this round of voting.

Some people may not have voted in the past so they may need to register. October 16, 2020 is the last day to register to vote in Nebraska by mail or online. The last day to register is determined by being the third Friday

before elections. You may also register in person until October 23, 2020. Nebraska has a site that will allow you to register online at: sos.nebraska.gov/elections/registering-vote. There are several ways that you can register and it explains how and what information that you will need to complete the process. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) list to answer common questions.

As a customer of a public power district, you have a say in your governance. North Central Public Power District (NCPPD) is a public entity, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska. NCPPD is made up of seven board of directors who

are publicly elected. Generally, the directors are up for election every six years with terms alternately up every two years. You may access North Central PPD's board information at www.NCPPD.com/about/board-of-directors.

Customers are also represented on Nebraska Public Power District's (NPPD) elected board. Information is available for NPPD's board at www.NPPD.com/about-us/board-of-directors.

Harvest time is coming and with that long days and short nights, or is it short days and long nights? Take time to be safe and stay aware of your surroundings. Stay safe.

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Make your voice count

Remember to vote this election year.

NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020

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RURAL VOTES COUNT

High Voltage Demonstration Conducted at Central Valley Ag

Each year in the United States, hundreds of people are killed and more than 10,000 are injured from electrical accidents in the home. At work, electricity causes more than 300 deaths each year. These experiences are not "freak accidents." In fact, most electrical injuries can be avoided, provided you take the time to learn some safety skills.

North Central Public Power District (NCPPD), in conjunction with Elkhorn Rural Public Power District (ERPPD), was asked to perform a High Voltage Demonstration for local farmers, customers, and employees at the Central Valley Ag office near Royal, Nebraska.

NCPPD's High Voltage Demonstration is available to educate the public on the importance of electrical safety. The high voltage safety demonstration shows some of the dangers of coming in contact with overhead and underground electrical equipment using a kite string and

a tree branch. The demonstration also shares strategies to working safely around overhead power lines, downed power lines, and vehicle or pole accidents. Perhaps the most eye

catching part of the demonstration is how the hot dog, that simulates human flesh, is burned when coming in contact with high voltage lines.



Marc Ahlers and Ryan Kitzelson from ERPPD and Jeff Moser and Sam Davidson from NCPPD conducted the High Voltage Demo.



IRRIGATION SERVICE REMINDER



North Central PPD wants to remind all irrigation customers to open their main disconnect handle at the end of the season. This will isolate the irrigation customers' underground wires. If the irrigation is equipped with auto restart, we also recommend to open the disconnect handle at the irrigation panel. Have a safe and productive harvest.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



Left: General Manager Doyle Hazen, and linemen Brad Strobe and Cody Thoene cut watermelon.

Below left: Trudy Bearinger gave away NCPPD items at the Page, NE Watermelon Feed.



Below: Cody Thoene and son Otto participated in the Orchard Celebration Parade



Deadlines Approaching for Available Grants



Linda Sokol,
Energy Advisor

- The USDA has announced the deadlines for the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant applications. For Grants of \$80,000 or less the deadline is October 31, 2020, and for all other project sizes the deadline is March 31, 2021.
- The Diesel Irrigation Engine Replacement Rebate program through the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy will open sometime in October with a January 2021 deadline.

If you are interested in applying for either of these grants or have any questions please call Linda Sokol at 402-358-5112.



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

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From our homes to yours . . .

Skillet Chicken Parmesan

Ingredients

- ¾ cup pancake mix
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 egg
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 3 tbsp olive or vegetable oil
- 2 cups Italian herb pasta sauce
- 1 cup shredded Italian cheese blend

Directions

In shallow dish or pie plate, mix pancake mix, Italian seasoning and Parmesan cheese. In another shallow dish or pie plate, beat egg. Coat chicken with pancake mixture, then dip into egg, and coat again with pancake mixture. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add chicken; cook 4 to 6 minutes, turning once, until golden brown. Cover; cook 8 to 10 minutes longer, turning once, until juice of chicken is clear when center of thickest part is cut (170°F). Remove from skillet to plate. Add pasta sauce to skillet. Place chicken on top of sauce. Sprinkle with Italian cheese blend. Cover; cook 2 to 3 minutes or until bubbly and cheese is melted.





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FOR SALE: Farm Aid Feed Wagon, Model #430. One owner and always in a shed. Call 402-340-9830.

FOR SALE: 2001 Ford F-350 pickup 4x4 wheel drive, crew cab, new tires, 5th wheel hookup. Asking \$2000. Call 402-373-2266.

FOR SALE: Horse Trailer 5'x20'. New floor. \$1800. Call 402-373-2266.

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.



Winter Rates

On October 1st winter rates will go into effect. These rates are lower than summer rates and will be in effect for the next eight months (October through May).



Thanksgiving

November 26-27, 2020

Christmas

December 24-25, 2020

New Year's Day

January 1, 2021

