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**General Manager Doyle Hazen**

## A Bit of Sanity

It is early March and everything in the world is in a state

of panic and upheaval. The stock markets are in a tail spin, the price of fuel is at historic highs, and the supply for many goods are spotty at best. However, the team at North Central Public Power District (NCPPD) has tried to bring some sanity and stability to your world through the reliable delivery of cost-effective electricity.

As explained in the December 2021 newsletter, NCPPD has reduced your electricity cost by about seven percent from last year. NCPPD is ready to do the necessary things to be a good partner in getting through these rough times. As a partner, your help is also needed.

It has been a challenge to obtain many of the materials and equipment necessary for the growth and maintenance of the district. Currently, hanging transformers are at a 70 week delivery lead time and padmount transformers are at 180 weeks for orders that are place today. The Operations Department has worked to obtain everything needed to progress as normal for the next year. With the expanded lead times for some material, NCPPD is being

vigilant in ordering and working hard to ensure all the equipment necessary to meet your electricity needs are in inventory.

It is the intention of NCPPD to be transparent in the process of moving forward in this situation. If you have the best information, you can make the best decisions. The Operations Department at NCPPD asks that anyone having possible builds in the future, please let the office know as soon as possible so that a practical time line for your build can be given.



At present, there has not been issues with meeting demand for new builds, but this will change as the economic and political environments become more uncertain. To meet the objectives for your given project, please call early in the planning stages. Give NCPPD the information needed to help you meet your expectations.

The challenges going forward will make managing projects more difficult, but working together as partners, NCPPD can help you accomplish your goals.

## Managing Trees Under Power Lines and Updating No Spray List



*NCPPD ROW/Maintenance employee Brian York.*

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 the 85-1 Creighton Rural Sub and the 85-8 Kennedy Sub north of Page.



# High Voltage Demonstration Provided in Plainview

North Central Public Power District (NCPD) worked in conjunction with the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department to put on an electric safety training demonstration for area volunteer firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). These individuals, known as First Responders, are typically first on the scene in an emergency and face the greatest risk from electrical contacts. Without the proper training, First Responders

can endanger their own lives while trying to help others. This training is designed to help First Responders understand the potential dangers involved with power lines and how to keep safe when performing a rescue.

A high voltage demonstration trailer was used to simulate a variety of situations that involved working safely around electric power lines while performing rescue procedures. The training session shared strategies

for working safely around overhead power lines, downed power lines and vehicle/pole accidents and how to handle certain emergencies involving electricity.

Educating the public on how to stay safe around power lines is a top priority for NCPD. If there is a group that is interested in having a high voltage demonstration presented, please contact the NCPD office for more information.



Asst. Operations Mgr. Tim Hoffman presents safety procedures to fire fighters.



Journeyman Lineman Sam Davidson demonstrates contact with an energized line with a glove and metal bar as Apprentice Lineman Elijah Norman assists.



## Contractor Hired for Tree Removal

North Central Public Power District (NCPD) has contracted C&N Firewood & Tree Removal, LLC, from Plainview, NE, to cut and remove trees in the villages of Orchard and Royal. Trees are one of the leading causes of power outages. Tree trimming and removal is a proactive approach to this ongoing problem.

Customers are reminded to report any potential issues concerning trees and power lines. NCPD works continuously to ensure its customers have safe and reliable electric service.



# Youth Energy Leadership Camp Application Available



Linda Sokol,  
Energy Advisor

Every year North Central Public Power District (NCPD) 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 18-22 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 10, 2022. 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.

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](http://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.

NCPD'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 the NREA Youth Tour in Washington D.C.



## NCPD Attends Farm & Home Shows

### Verdigris Farm & Home Show



Energy Advisor Linda Sokol tests the electrical knowledge of a young customer.

### Creighton FCCLA Home Show



Energy Advisor Linda Sokol and Lead Billing Clerk Trudy Bearinger display informational flyers.

*From our homes to yours . . .*

## Bacon Cheddar Slab Quiche

### Ingredients

- 1 box refrigerated pie crust thawed
- 8 eggs
- 1 ½ cups half-and-half
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup chopped cooked bacon
- ½ cup sliced green onions
- ¾ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- ¾ cup shredded Parmesan cheese

### Directions

Heat oven to 450°F. Spray bottom and sides of 15x10x1-inch pan with cooking spray. Remove pie crusts from pouches. On lightly floured surface, unroll and stack crusts one on top of the other. Roll to 17x12-inch rectangle. Fit crust into pan, pressing firmly into corners and sides. Fold extra crust up and over edges of pan. Seal any tears in crust. Bake 6 minutes; remove from oven, and cool 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 375°F. In large bowl, beat eggs, half-and-half, salt and pepper with whisk. Sprinkle bacon, green onions and cheeses on top of pie crust. Carefully pour egg mixture over top. Bake 28 to 32 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean and crust is light golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.





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**FOR SALE:** Antique hay rake, steel wheels, no seat, \$223. Call 402-649-8860.

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1/2" sides \$60. All located Norfolk area. Call 402-649-8860.

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.

## Employees Recognized for Years of Service



Receiving Years of Service Awards at the 2021 Employee Banquet were Lead Billing Clerk Trudy Bearinger - 15 years; Manager of Finance & Administration Brent Eggerling - 15 years; Line Crew Foreman Garrett Hanefeldt - 10 years; and Journeyman Lineman Brad Strope - 15 years.