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From the GENERAL MANAGER'S desk

“The summer started out hot and dry in June, and July is looking to be the same. I do not need to tell anybody that, we have been living in the heat and hot dry winds for several months. We are still in a cycle of record heat and drought conditions. This has pushed everything to limits that we haven’t seen before.”

As much as I hate to admit it, particularly this early in the summer electrical loading season, the pattern we are experiencing in 2021 resembles 2012. Here is an excerpt I found in the September 2012 magazine:

“We have to be able to get through next year first with temporary solutions like mobile generation and shifting load. But that is a short-term solution. The long-term solution is building transmission lines to handle the load. We will be seeing more from NPPD on that issue in the near future.”

Nine years ago, NPPD and

SPP identified solutions to avoid the short-term and long-term issues with loading on NPPD’s transmission system. The solution for the short term was estimated to get our loading on the transmission system to 2025 and that has been completed. The long-term solution was to build a transmission line between Gerald Gentleman in Sutherland and a substation in Holt County and that solution has not been done, as of yet.

Unfortunately, Custer Public Power District is finding itself in the scenario that Custer PPD hoped to never be in again - the potential of a repeat of 2012.

NPPD has already moved in 6 MW’s of backup generation into the Ainsworth area in anticipation of electrical loading problems in 2021.

Custer Public Power District has backup generation in the Theford area that was intended to help with multiple outages during the construction of the new Dunning to Seneca line that Custer PPD is build-

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Board Meetings

The regular monthly meeting of the Custer Public Power District Board of Directors is on the last Thursday of each month, beginning at 9:00 a.m.(CDT) in the main office in Broken Bow at 625 E South E on HWY 2.

An agenda for each regular meeting of the board is available for public inspection during business hours.

In the event of matters of an emergency nature or conflicts with other meeting dates, the Board of Directors will set changes. Any change in the monthly meeting date will be posted in the legal notice at the main headquarters building at Broken Bow and at each of the District’s area service centers located in Callaway, Sargent, Stapleton and Theford, Nebraska.

SOMETIMES YOU JUST HAVE TO HAVE FUN

Custer Public Power District's linemen Gordon Needs and Spencer Burk had the opportunity to provide an up-close look at a lineman's equipment and give bucket truck rides to the third grade class at Thedford. The Third grade class had a blast! Truth be told, the linemen had just as much fun as the kids.

For more information on electrical education and safety demonstrations call 308-872-2451 and ask for Assistant Operations Manager Cindy Lindner.



Thedford Service Center - Journeymen Lineman Gordon Needs and Lead Lineman Spencer Burk with the Thedford Public Schools Third grade class. Photo taken by Makenna Brunken, Third Grade Teacher

"I like to see my friends go up in the bucket and gloves were big!" - **Maciel V.**

"I like heights so it was really fun and the equipment was cool! I liked to go 30 feet in the air!" - **Luke M.**

"I liked riding in the bucket truck because it was high up and it was fun to watch my friends go up in the truck. I liked seeing and wearing the gloves and heavy working vest!" - **Hailey M**

"In the bucket truck was a little scary and fun. I saw almost all of Thedford! The equipment was heavy and was cool to try on!" - **Grady L**

"I think it was fun riding in the bucket truck and it was fun seeing my friends go up in the bucket truck. I also liked the vest and the gloves, they were kind of heavy! It was really fun!" - **Emerson P**

"I had so much fun in the bucket truck and waving at my friends. It's fun having a dad that is a line-man!" - **Dani B**

"Riding in the bucket truck was fun because I like heights. The equipment was fun to try on. We got to hold some of the tools and they were heavy!" - **Misti P**

"I was in a bucket truck and it was fun because we went very high! I got to say hi to everyone from the sky! The tools were very heavy and cool!" - **Jennifer S**

"I really like going in the bucket because I like doing things that involve heights, but I wanted to go higher!" - **Gabe V**





9TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA



A LINEWORKERS RODEO

We are pleased to be bringing the 2021 Nebraska Line Workers Rodeo to Custer County/ Broken Bow this year. This will be our 9th annual line workers rodeo and we are expecting it to be the biggest event to date!

The rodeo started in 2012 at the Nebraska State Fair Park in Grand Island and we fielded around 30 competitors from all across the state of Nebraska. Municipalities and Public Power Districts sent their best competitors, and it was the start of a growing event that allows the public to see what it takes to “keep the lights on”. The rodeo also establishes relationships and fellowship among the different electric utility workers from across the state. When emergencies happen that cause power outages, they can lean on these relationships to rebuild power lines for the citizens of Nebraska.

Events consist of Hurt Man Rescue where the line worker climbs a pole and simulates saving a hurt line worker by lowering them with a rope and harness. This is a timed event so accuracy and speed determine the winners.

Other events are arrester/cutout change out and transformer change out where one team member climbs the pole, and the ground team member sends up equipment via a hand line block-and-rope pulley system. There are two divisions which are 1) Journeyman that consists of a two-person team and then 2) Apprentice which is a single-person team. We award trophies to the top three teams in all events and then the top three teams' overall score which is a combination of all events totaled.

The rodeo committee is very excited to be bringing the rodeo to Broken Bow and working with the Custer County Fairgrounds Board has been a pleasure. We feel by having the rodeo out in the more rural parts of Nebraska will help promote “Public Power” which makes Nebraska very special in being the only 100 percent public power state in the Nation. Nebraska has low rates and reliable power and having line workers working together and showcasing their skills in a safe and friendly competition ensures these values for future generations.

Please come on out to the Custer County Fairgrounds on Friday, July 30 to take part in a fantastic Line Workers Rodeo. You will even see teams from Custer Public Power District competing and those guys are used to bringing home some “hardware” (trophies) from past competitions. It's exciting to learn what it takes to “keep the lights on” and hopefully will inspire future generations to consider this exciting and fulfilling career path. Maybe we have some future young line workers that will start dreaming...

See You There, Brian Winfield - Moehn Electrical Sales

RECIPES

SOUR CREAM RAISIN PIE

From Jo Ann Baum's Kitchen

- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 Tbls cornstarch
- Dash of salt
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup raisins
- Shake of cinnamon
- 3 eggs, separated (use egg whites for the meringue)
- 1 9 inch baked pie shell

Cook together the sour cream, sugar, cornstarch, salt, vanilla, raisins, cinnamon and egg yolks, until thick in a double boiler.

When thick, pour into a baked pie shell.

HINT: Make a meringue and put on top bake until brown about 30 minutes at 275*. Watch it closely!

Meringue:

- 3 large egg whites
- 1/4 tsp cream of tartar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 tsp cornstarch
- 1/2 cup sugar

Beat whites at medium speed until foamy. Beat in cornstarch and cream of tartar until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in sugar and vanilla on high speed until stiff but not dry.

Spoon meringue over hot filling to the edge of the crust.

Bake at 275* for 30 minutes until meringue is golden.



CLASSIC LONDON BROIL

Courtesy of BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com

- 1 beef Top Round Steak, cut 1-1 1/2" thick (about 2 pounds)

Marinade:

- 3/4 cup reduced-sodium beef broth
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Herb Butter:

- 4 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1-1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley leaves
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh tarragon or chervil
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

MARINADE:

1. Combine Marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place the beef Top Round Steak and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator for 6 hours or as long as overnight.

HERB BUTTER:

1. Combine Herb Butter ingredients in small bowl, mixing well. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.
2. Remove the steak from marinade; discard marinade. Pat steak dry with paper towel. Preheat broiler. Place steak on rack in broiler pan so surface of beef is 3 to 4 inches from heat. Broil 27 to 29 minutes for medium rare (145°F) doneness, turning once

- Cook's Tip:** To pan broil steak, prepare steps 1 and 2. Remove steak from marinade and pat dry with paper towel. Heat large heavy skillet over medium heat until hot. Rub the steak with an additional 1 tablespoon olive oil. Place steak in skillet; cook 15 to 17 minutes for medium rare (145°F) doneness, turning occasionally.
3. Carve steak into thin slices; top with herb butter and drizzle with pan juices, as desired.



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Marinade that has been in contact with uncooked meat must be brought to a full rolling boil for at least one minute before it can be used for basting or as a sauce.

2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Dylon Baum, son of Jason and Bobbi Baum of Broken Bow graduated from Broken Bow High School in May. Dylon began an internship in the summer of 2020 with Custer Public Power District in the engineering department. He plans on attending the Electrical Power Technology program at Pratt Community College at Pratt, Kansas. His interest in utility line work began after touring Custer Public Power District his Freshman year during Career Days.



Jordan Lemburg finished his degree at Midland University. A short time after finishing his schooling, Jordan knew he wanted to be closer to family and to do something more than a desk job. Jordan has interned with Custer Power for five months and decided that utility line work was what he wanted to pursue. Jordan will be attending Western Nebraska Community College for Powerline Construction & Maintenance Technology in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Custer Public Power District participates in local Career Days with service territory public schools and provides opportunities to job shadow. For more information call 308-872-2451 and ask for Executive Assistant Tarin Burrows or Assistant Operations Manager Cindy Lindner.

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ing. With the developments of an extended drought and hot weather, Custer PPD has decided to keep that backup generation in the area. If this summer turns into 2012, Custer PPD is planning on having some backup generation.

It is still early in the season, but I am concerned. Hopefully, this weather pattern breaks, and moisture comes.

Again, the difficulties of serving electrical load in 2012 were a central Nebraska issue and not just Custer PPD.

After the February loading issues and rolling blackouts, I am a little worried and a little gunshy. Custer PPD had several forced outages in February,

and we are hoping to not be in that situation again. I also do not want to be too alarming, but the scenario is setting up to be similar to 2012 and a repeat of February.

My message from my desk is meant to be a warning of things that could come in July and August. The current situation could change over time. I also think that Nebraska PPD learned a lot from 2012 and is already putting into place short-term solutions, such as backup generation within this problem area. Custer PPD is working hard to be proactive in the developing situation and is confident we will make it through this summer's electrical load. I am hoping that Custer PPD does not have a repeat of 2012 and February. ♦

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CDT
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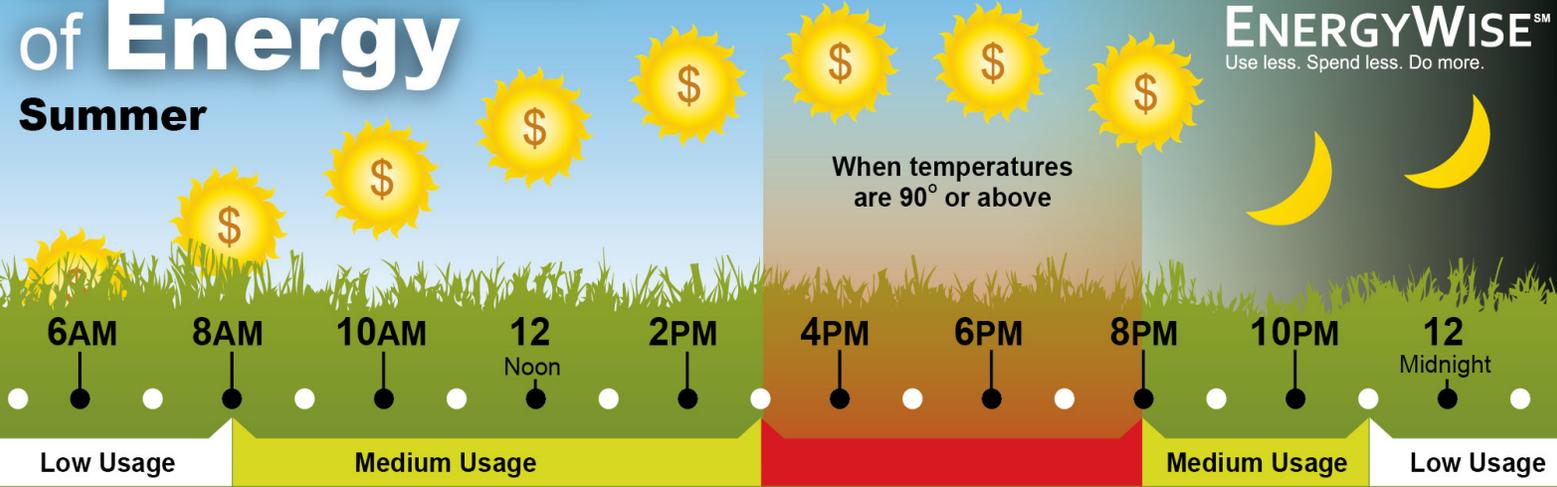
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Nebraska Lineworkers Rodeo will be held at the Custer County Fairgrounds on Friday, July 30, Opening Ceremonies at 10:30 a.m.

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