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With Area Service Centers in Sargent, Callaway, Stapleton and Theford

Auditing Energy: Small Measures, Real Savings

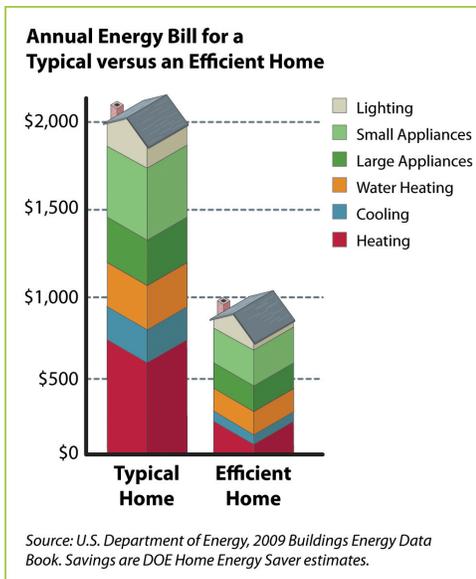
By Rick Nelson, General Manager

September sends the kids back to school, and it brings me back to the radio. My first radio broadcast for the fall begins with the Nebraska State Fair. Starting on September 1, I will be on KCNI/KBBN on the 1st and 3rd Friday mornings of the month at 8:30 a.m., during the "Get Up and Go, Breakfast Show" with Dave Birnie and Tim Donnelly.

I'm looking forward to these programs this fall. I will have more guests from NPPD to talk about generation and transmission, and many other topics. I will also try to get a few guests to talk about energy efficiency and energy legislation.

As always, I'll be talking about energy efficiency and other energy related topics with Dave and Tim; and, I will be taking your calls on the radio show.

Speaking of energy efficiency, it's a good time



to get your furnace inspected. For Custer Public Power customers, CPPD has a rebate to put towards getting your heating and air-conditioning inspected. Always

remember to change your filters at least once a month; and, depending on the season, try to set the thermostat a few degrees warmer in the summer and a few degrees colder in the winter.

If you think about how much energy a few degrees of room temperature would save when multiplied by thousands of homes, it really does make a difference.

Custer Public Power continues to promote the Energy Efficiency Rebates and Incentives.



These are available for your home, business, and irrigation. We want you to check out the many energy efficient rebates and incentives that we offer, from heat pumps to insulation for the attic. You can go to our web page at

www.custerpower.com and click the Rebate Program link. That link will take you directly to the programs that are offered, along with the application and information on the Rebates and Incentives. Be sure to check the dates that each application needs to be received by and the job completed. Some Rebates and Incentives are time sensitive.

If you're planning on a project this fall before the weather turns too cold, make sure to give us a call so we can get you a rebate for qualifying items. Insulation is very popular, along with caulk to seal up those open areas. Also, a little weather stripping along the door can make a big dent.

NREA Summer Youth Energy Leadership Camp

This summer three high schoolers from North Platte, Taylor, and Tryon got together for a fun, worthwhile experience that took place in the beauty of the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey, Nebraska.



Representing Custer Public Power District were Clay Johnson from North Platte, JD Meeks of Taylor, and Aubrey Schultis of Tryon.

The Rural Electric Youth Energy Camp included 53 highly motivated high school-aged men and women from Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota and Colorado whose rural homes are served by one of the Nebraska Rural Electric Association's member-systems, such as Custer Public Power District.



Participants experienced educational and recreational activities, leadership training, environmental awareness, character building and social interaction. Through workshops and guest speakers, students learned about energy generation, electric safety, and careers in the rural electric program.



One of the highlights of the camp was the tour of the Gerald Gentleman Power Station near North Platte and the Kingsley Hydro Electric Power Plant near Ogallala.



The week was intermingled with fun activities, including sports tournaments, canoeing,



dancing, and some free time to socialize and make new friends. In addition, leadership was stressed when students

compete to win a free trip to Washington D.C. as ambassadors and/or return to the next year's camp as a junior counselor.

For more information contact, Tarin Burrows at 888-749-2453; or check out our website www.custerpower.com and look for Youth Activities & Scholarships.

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Nebraska is a pretty big state, and it's time we stopped trying to heat the Great Outdoors during the winter months.

We have done a fair number of commercial energy audits and home audits. Make sure to look at our website, and click on the Energy Advisor link to see how your house stacks up on energy efficiency. After completing the Energy Advisor analysis, give us a call to schedule an audit of your house, school, business, or government building.

Together we have the power to make a difference. Think about it, is there one little thing you could do now to save a kilowatt hour?

Listen to the Custer Power radio shows during the "Get Up & Go Breakfast Show" on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 8:30 a.m. on KCNI and KBBN starting in September. Also, Custer Power will be doing radio shows with KBear on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month around 8:45 a.m.



Jerry Marple Retires from Custer Public Power



November 10, 1980, Jerry Marple started his career with Custer Public Power District on the Construction

Crew. He worked his way up to Crew Foreman, and eventually to Purchasing Agent. Jerry stated, "He has too many stories he could share about his work experiences, and not enough space for them all." He is grateful to have a job that provided him with the resources to live and raise his family comfortably.

In retirement, the tentative plans are to do some

traveling and spend time with grandkids and family. He is looking forward to doing projects for his family and himself, and the "honey-to-do list". Also, Jerry will be catching up on golf with his friends. He is looking forward to the opportunities that retirement will offer; and, maybe a job that he hasn't done before.

Congratulations, Jerry enjoy your retirement!

Custer Power Empowering our Employees...

Dustin Miller will be replacing Jerry Marple as Purchasing Agent. Dustin has worked for Custer Public Power since 2006. He had been working as the IT/GIS Specialist for CPPD.



Dustin Wycoff accepted the position as Staking Technician. Dustin has worked for Custer Public Power since 2008. Taking his place as Lead Lineman will be Jamie Hurlburt.

Jamie "Pete" Hurlburt will be taking over the Lead Lineman position. Jamie has worked for Custer Public Power since 2008 as a Journeyman Lineman.



Congratulations, to **Gordon Needs** for completing the requirements for his Journeyman Lineman Certification.

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Farmers' Market Corn Toss

Prep: 25 min Total: 25 min

What You Need

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 small sweet onion, chopped
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 2 ears corn on the cob, kernels removed
- 1 large zucchini, sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1/4 cup KRAFT Grated Parmesan Cheese, divided

Make It

HEAT oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add onions and red peppers; cook and stir 3 min. Stir in corn and zucchini; cook and stir 5 min. or until all vegetables are crisp-tender. Remove from heat.



STIR in parsley, black pepper and 2 Tbsp. cheese.

TOP with remaining cheese.

Kraft Kitchens Tips

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Substitute fresh basil for the parsley.

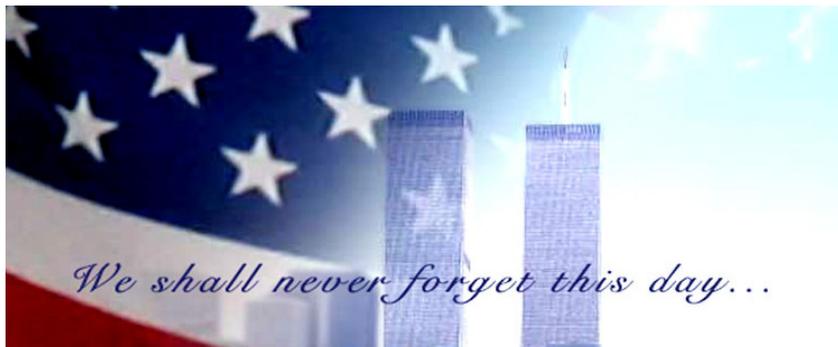
Prepare using 2 small zucchini.

Nutrition

Total 6 servings, about 2/3 cup each

Per Serving

Calories 90 Total fat 4.5 g Saturated fat 1.5 g Cholesterol 5 mg Sodium 95 mg Carbohydrate 10 g Dietary fiber 2 g Sugars 4 g Protein 4 g Vitamin A 20 %DV Vitamin C 35 %DV Calcium 8 %DV Iron 4 %DV



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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 10:00 a.m. in the main office in Broken Bow 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 Thedford, Nebraska.

