

From the desk of the Manager

Drought Relief Welcomed by All

Last summer's extremely hot and dry weather pattern was a sobering experience for the farm belt. Irrigation, crop insurance and higher prices may have helped producers cope but there's just a certain gloomy feeling shared by everyone

in a rural community when area fields and pastures are burning up. Fortunately, some timely rains and cooler temperatures made for a more pleasant summer season across our service area this year. Irrigation load control was much more normalized in 2013 and electricity consumption by Cedar-Knox customers has been proportionately down from last year. The drought may have eased-off some, but customer requests for new electric irrigation services certainly have not. Just as our crew put the finishing touches on our newly constructed (16th) substation this spring, focus has shifted to the next new substation construction project to be completed by the spring of 2014. The crews will also be busy continually upgrading feeder circuits and constructing

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lines to accommodate new irrigation requests to be brought on-line next year. Another 4,300 irrigation pumping horsepower will be connected to our distribution system prior to the 2014 growing season.



Dan Leise

A Minute about Safety

As we approach the harvest season I'd like to take a minute to ask each of you to make an attempt to increase your awareness of overhead power lines as you move large equipment through the fields or set augers near storage sites. Also, when installing a new pivot system, please ensure that proper clearance is maintained away from poles, lines and transformers. Making contact with a high voltage line will not only kill or severely injure operators and bystanders, but it can also damage equipment and interrupt service to hundreds of consumers. Obviously, farm equipment is not getting any smaller so increased awareness is a must. Please maintain clearance when operating around lines and stay safe this harvest season.

Whether you are beginning the harvest, or venturing off to school events and sporting activities, please watch for heavy equipment on the roadway and have a safe and wonderful fall season.

Pride in Public Power

It is Great to Live in a Public Power Community!

More than 47 million electric customers in the USA light up their homes, businesses and countryside with "public power"—Electricity that comes from community owned and operated utility. Our goal is to provide reliable and safe, not-for-profit electricity, at a reasonable price, while protecting the environment.

Public power is at the forefront of deploying new electric grid technologies, cyber security systems, renewable energy resources, and energy saving programs aimed at keeping the power on and restoring it quickly when an outage does occur.

We are managed by directors that are elected by the citizens of the communities we serve. Our utility is directly accountable

to you and all the people we serve. We do our jobs right because you make sure we do.

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We live here, we work here, and we volunteer here. We are dedicated to our role of ensuring success of OUR community.

Take Pride in being a Public Power Community. We take pride in serving you.



Happy Halloween!



Recipe Corner

PEACH CRISP

Prep: 20 min. **Bake:** 40 min. Yield: 6-8

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed

FILLING:

- 2 cans (15-1/4 ounces each) sliced peaches
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch

TOPPING:

- 1-1/2 cups old-fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 5 tablespoons butter, cubed

Directions

In a large bowl, combine the flour, brown sugar and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly. Pat into a greased 9-inch, square baking pan. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Meanwhile, drain the peaches and reserve juice in a small saucepan. Stir in the sugar and cornstarch until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat; stir in peaches.

Pour into crust. For topping, combine the oats, brown sugar and flour. Cut in the butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over filling. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly.



Sheriff Koranda, Hartington EMT and Cedar-Knox Personnel in Mock May Day exercise.

Cedar-Knox PPD recently held a Mock May Day. We invited Cedar and Knox County Emergency Managers, along with local EMT's, firemen, and local law enforcement officers. The purpose was to run through a May Day Call that we might get from our crew from start to finish in an effort to help all involved to better understand what happens and everyone's role. After the Mock May Day, all met and discussed the process. Because of the dense fog that day, the Life Flight Helicopters from Sioux City and Norfolk were unable to participate, which is just an example of what could happen in a real situation.

Energy Saving Tool

We want to encourage you to visit our website, cedarknoxppd.com.

Besides other useful information on the site, there is a Home Energy Suite link that we think is very worthwhile. This tool gives you valuable information in ways to save electricity through appliance, lighting, heat pump and television calculators.



The Home Energy Calculator gives you estimated energy savings under various scenarios, such as upgrading your heating and cooling systems or adding insulation to your home. Provide current information on your home, then click calculate to establish your "base home" energy costs. Change your inputs to create new scenarios and calculate again to see potential energy savings.

The Home Energy Library gives even more valuable information regarding home utility costs. Check it out and save.

SAFETY IS ALWAYS IN SEASON



This season, before work on the farm reaches its peak, spend a little time locating all overhead power lines and electrical facilities. A quick look around could be a life saver.

Communication is Key

We have had some reports from customers about problems getting through to us via phone after hours and weekends. We would like to address this issue by reminding our customers that if you call after hours you must use **402-254-6291** or **800-891-5196** to get into our after-hours automated phone system. That is the only way that you can get to our trouble crew, billing department or voice messaging to leave message for our staff after hours.

If you dial after hours using another one of our lines that you might know, the phone will just ring and ring. So remember, call **402-254-6291** or **800-891-5196** if you are trying to reach us after hours.



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