

Dangerous Tornadoes Kick Off the Summer



Our employees and their families know that without notice, their jobs can change from the normal 8-hour daily routine, to a chaotic and adrenalin-filled stretch of days or weeks with long working hours and very little sleep. Such was the case when storms plagued the area during the third week of June. On consecutive days, tornadoes ripped across Northeast Nebraska taking lives and destroying property. On the early morning of June 17th, two Cedar-Knox crews traveled to the Pilger area to help neighboring Public Power utilities restore electricity to their customers after the twin-twister event they endured. Our linemen were equipped and prepared for a lengthy stay, but their plans changed again that evening when a storm cell developed and intensified south of Hartington and slowly crawled across southern Cedar County between Coleridge and Laurel. Unfortunately, the Cedar-Knox crews that were out assisting others in need, had to return home to work on the many damaged lines in our own district. Roughly 200 Cedar-Knox poles were destroyed and many miles of lines were strewn around like tangled fishing line.

The Power Restoration Process

During and immediately after a storm, crews do what it takes to temporarily patch lines together to restore power as quickly as possible to residences and other essential services that need it. Because of our system planning, we are able to back-feed many circuits from other sources to restore power quickly. Public Power Districts in Nebraska are fantastic about helping each other out when a storm strikes and we were fortunate to be assisted in the initial storm restoration process by crews from North Central Public Power in Creighton and also the Nebraska Public Power District crews from various locations in Nebraska. Many other area Public Power Districts were still busy repairing their own damages from the Pilger storm.

After the initial push to get the essential services on, the next several weeks (some-

times months) are spent making permanent line repairs and construction to other services that still need power including the many irrigation services that require heavy 3-phase lines to be re-built. The irrigation season is upon us and the Cedar-Knox linemen continue to work extra hours to restore service to irrigations as soon as possible, so that customers can start their pivots when they need to water crops or move the systems.

The Bigger Picture

Our hearts go out to the people that lost, or had damage to their homes, farms and crops in this devastating storm. Reports are that no one was killed or seriously injured in our immediate area and for that we are truly thankful. It was very impressive to see the outpouring of support for each other and neighbor helping neighbor as the cleanup process ensued. There really is "No place like Nebraska".



CKPPD will be closed for Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 1.

Regular Hours

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

will resume Sept. 2nd

Tom Potts Assists at NECC

May 2014 – Tom Potts, lead journeyman lineman for Cedar-Knox PPD assisted at Northeast Community College training the beginners class for Rubber Glove Hotline work.





Recipe Corner

Apple Monkey Bread

- 3/4 Cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 Cup packed brown sugar
- 1 T ground cinnamon, a pinch of nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 4 (7.5 oz) cans refrigerated biscuits (40 biscuits total)
- 1 1/2 cups diced and peeled cooking apples
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/3 cup apple cider
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Instructions

1. Spray inside of a 4 quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In a large bowl, mix together granulated sugar, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of the sugar mixture in the bottom of the prepared slow cooker. Set the remaining sugar mixture aside.

2. Cut each biscuit into quarters. Add biscuits and apples to sugar mixture in the bowl, tossing to coat. Add mixture to slow cooker. Sprinkle with any remaining sugar mixture. In a small bowl stir together butter, apple cider, and vanilla; pour over biscuits.
3. Cover and cook on high-heat setting for 2 to 2 1/2 hours or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. Turn off slow cooker. Carefully remove lid so that condensation does not drip onto bread. Cover opening of slow cooker with paper towels and place lid on top. Cool for 10 to 15 minutes. Run a knife around the edge of slow cooker, then move bread to serving platter.
4. Spoon any topping from the cooker onto bread; cool slightly. Serve warm. Serves 14-16.

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Employees Anniversaries

Matt Sudbeck and Mike Lammers celebrated 20 years as a Cedar-Knox Employee in May 2014. Matt is a Crew Foreman and Mike is in charge of Load Management and metering. Congratulations to both of them.



John Freeman came to Cedar-Knox PPD as an employee 10 years ago as an apprentice lineman and now is journeyman lineman and works in our metering department. Congratulations, John.



Congratulations!

Stork Report



Quinn Sue Neuhalfen was born May 3, 2014 to Dustin and Laura Neuhalfen, she weighed 9 lb 3 oz and 20 inches long. Dusty is a lineman for Cedar-Knox PPD and Laura teaches Technology classes at Cedar Catholic High School. Quinn is their first child and we wish them well. Congratulations.



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