

## Be Aware of Hazards around Irrigation Equipment

While irrigation equipment helps farmers combat dry spells and summer heat, it also introduces electrical hazards, including contact with overhead power lines, short circuits, and lighting strikes. Safe Electricity wants farm owners and workers to be aware of potential hazards and take steps to stay safe.

Take time to survey your surroundings. Look up and around, and make note of any power lines that could be close enough to come into contact with equipment. Maintain proper clearances.

The combination of water and electricity is also hazardous. The sprays of water from irrigation systems should not be near overhead power lines. Because the impurities in water serve as conductors of electricity,

a stream of water reaching non-insulated wires will become the path for the deadly voltage and can energize the entire irrigation system.

Wiring maintenance should also be a safety priority. Read all operator manuals and follow the manufacturer's suggestions for inspection and maintenance. When working on the system, always turn off the power first. Also, make sure all equipment is grounded. Call a professional electrician to check the pump and wiring and to complete any needed repairs.

Storms can also pose dangers for irrigation systems and those who operate them. Stay away from the piping during lightning activity. Keep an eye on weather forecasts, so that you can plan to stay safely indoors during a thunderstorm.

- If fuses continually blow or circuit breakers repeatedly trip, have a professional check the wiring. This could indicate a potential electrical hazard.
- Avoid moving irrigation equipment on windy days when pipes could blow into nearby power lines. Keep pipes horizontal to the ground rather than vertical to minimize the risk of contact with power lines.
- Store unused irrigation pipes far away from power lines or electrical equipment.
- Position irrigation pipes at least 15 feet away from power lines.
- Position the water jet streams so that there is no chance of them spraying onto power lines. If this happens, the entire system could become energized, creating a danger for anyone nearby.

If an irrigation pipe comes in contact with a power line, never try to remove it yourself. Stay away from the pipe, and call your local electric utility for help.

For more information on electrical safety, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).

Safe Electricity provides these additional precautions to help ensure the safety of those working around irrigation equipment:



## Calendar Photos

I know we just started a new year, but now is the time to be thinking about taking pictures that you would like to submit to Cedar-Knox PPD for our next calendar in

2019. Or perhaps you have a current picture that you would like to share with us.

Only requirements are that they depict local scenery or events in Cedar and Knox counties and that you submit them to us via email as a file with a .jpeg extension.

If we use your picture, you will receive a small prize from us, and recognition for the picture.

Deadline to submit pictures to [carolmac@hartel.net](mailto:carolmac@hartel.net) is August 10, 2018.



## Fun at the parade...



*CKPPD Employee John Freeman with his son Levi participated with CKPPD Truck in Laurel Q125 parade.*



# Recipe Corner

## Fried Ice Cream Cake



### Ingredients:

- 1.75 quart container vanilla ice cream
- 3 cups crushed corn flakes measure it AFTER they are crushed
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ cup salted butter (1 stick)
- ½ cup coconut (optional)
- 8 oz container whipped topping (COOL WHIP) thawed
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

### Instructions:

1. Take the ice cream out of your freezer and let it sit on counter for about 30 minutes (until softened.)

2. Crush and measure out corn flakes. To the crushed corn flakes add ½ cup coconut.
3. Add sugar and cinnamon to crushed corn flakes and coconut and stir or shake it up in a ziploc bag until thoroughly coated.
4. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium-low heat.
5. Once melted add the corn flake mixture.
6. Stir constantly for about 4-5 minutes until lightly golden brown. Do not walk away and do not turn up the heat. You don't want the sugar to burn.
7. Take off heat and allow to cool.
8. In a large bowl, combine softened vanilla ice cream, whipped topping (I reserved 1 cup

of whipped topping for serving) and vanilla extract.

9. Use a large spoon and stir until thoroughly mixed.
10. Spread half of the cooled corn flake mixture into the bottom of a 9 x 13 baking dish. Just press down with your hand until it is evenly spread out.
11. Then pour ice cream mixture over corn flake mixture.
12. Spread out evenly.
13. Finally, top with remaining corn flake mixture.
14. Cover and pop into freezer for at least 4 hours to let it all set up.

### Recipe Notes:

When ready to serve, cut into squares and serve with a dollop of whipped topping and drizzle of honey or chocolate and caramel sauces!

## Reggie Hochstein Celebrates 25 Years

**R**eggie completed 25 years of employment at Cedar-Knox PPD recently. Reggie has held these positions, starting with Apprentice lineman, Journeyman lineman and currently Director of Maintenance.

Reggie is responsible to oversee all installation, test, repair calibrations and programming of all substation equipment, transformers, voltage regulators and sectionalizing equipment. Coordinates development of the system work plans and annual construction budget.

Reggie and his wife Mandy have a 10 year old daughter, Hazel. Reggie lives on a farm and enjoys all types of hunting in his spare time.



*Congratulations Reggie!*

## \*\*\* Notice \*\*\*

Summer hours will end August 31st, 2018 before the September 3rd Labor Day Holiday. Office and crew hours return to 8:00am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

## Call us!

When calling CKPPD be sure to use either 402-254-6291 or 800-891-5196. We have several lines but these are the only two numbers you should ever use to call us during regular hours and especially after hours. Your call **will not** go through after hours if you don't use one of these two numbers, **800-891-5196 or 402-254-6291**. Thank you.

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