

Manager's Report

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Cuming County Public Power District



It is a unique honor to have an avenue, this space, from which to expound upon thoughts and ideas regarding business, the Power District, and/or life in general. I'll be completely honest with you all; I'm going through kind of a strange chapter in my life. You see my youngest daughter, my baby, is going to graduate from High School in a few short weeks. I just sent her to her last Prom, will soon see her perform in her last High School Musical, and have dealt with the combination of pride and sadness that goes through each of these "lasts" for the past school year. I could not be more proud of the young lady she has become. Despite not being perfect parents, my wife and I are extremely blessed to have witnessed who she has become.

I think that most of what I'm seeing is a result of some simple rules that we have tried to impart. The first is a statement: If you do not go after what you want, you'll never have it. This is basic but it is amazing how many times in life we all find ourselves without simply because we never tried or went after what we wanted or needed. It is much easier to wait on something to come to you, but if the first step toward the goal is taken, it doesn't need to come near as far.

Secondly: If you do not ask, the answer will always be no. Again, basic. Many times, we are without because we didn't ask. I know that the answer can still be no to an asked question, but the answer is always no to the unasked. If it's worth

considering as an option in life, then it is worth the risk to ask.

Third: If you do not step forward, you'll always be in the same place. A person simply cannot get ahead by staying exactly where they are. The dreams and goals in life require movement and action. It is hard to step out on faith and leave the comfort of a current situation, but all the wonderful and exciting new things in life are out there waiting for us to move towards them.

Per L.R. Knost, "It's not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It's our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless." I am truly blessed to have three big-hearted caring children who make the world less cruel just by being in it. Though the world teaches us that the expected behavior is cruelty and heartlessness, it is a worthy endeavor to rise above and look out for one another. For the young, it is more natural to be kind. Unfortunately, as we get older, we teach other behavior that isn't so pretty.

I know that this is a departure from the normal writing you open this magazine to read. Bear with me and I'll get back to the business of business next month. For now, take a minute and congratulate a graduate and spend some time with the next generation. It will do your heart good, and there's much benefit in that. Thanks for taking the time to read today!

CCPPD's 80th Anniversary Ice Cream Socials

Monday, June 19th Beemer Main Street 12:30pm

Tuesday, June 20th Dodge Main Street 12:30pm

Wednesday, June 21st Bancroft Main Street 12:30pm

Thursday, June 22nd CCPPD Office 12:30pm

Private Investigator:

DIY Home Energy Audits Reveal Savings in Energy and Money

No matter the age of your home, it could benefit from a private energy investigation - also known as an energy evaluation. Cuming County Public Power District offers free home energy evaluations. You can

lights by applying caulk around the edges.

Also, look where walls meet the ceiling. Cobwebs can be an indicator that you have drafts.

Next, poke your head into

or business. This calculator provides you with estimates of energy use costs based on your inputs and allows you to perform energy saving scenarios to pinpoint your opportunities for savings.

HomeEnergyCalculator™

also get started on your own search to find low-cost solutions that could save money every month on your electric bill.

To be an energy “private-eye,” ask yourself a simple question: Does my home feel drafty and cold in the winter, or stuffy and hot in the summer? If your answer is “yes,” then your home probably experiences air leakage.

To track down where those spots are, round up the usual suspects - the culprits, like damaged seals around doors and windows. If you see daylight or feel air, apply caulk and weather stripping to keep outdoor air where it's supposed to be.

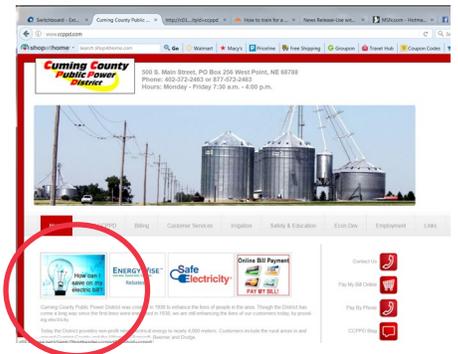
But don't forget spots you might not immediately think of, such as recessed canister lighting and electrical outlets. Outlet insulation kits can be purchased for as little as \$2, and you can fix up your canister

the attic and inspect the crawl space, plus check out your basement for sufficient insulation. How much insulation you need depends on your climate. Check out the insulation calculator from Oak Ridge National Laboratory at www.ornl.gov/~roofs/Zip/ZipHome.html. It's important to remember insulation won't do its job well if there isn't a proper air barrier working in tandem. That means all joints and cracks must be sealed between your living space and insulation.

Finally, look to your light fixtures. LED is a high energy efficient lighting technology, and has the potential to fundamentally change the future of lighting in the United States. Residential LEDs -- especially ENERGY STAR rated products -- use at least 75% less energy, and last 25 times longer, than incandescent lighting.

In addition, Cuming County Public Power District offers a variety of online tools on our website to assist homeowners in reducing their energy consumption. Our online HomeEnergyCalculator enables you to analyze the energy efficiency of your home

The HomeEnergySuite also includes several special purpose calculators which help you measure the amount of electricity used and make comparisons to other models for televisions, LED's, your home's heating system and much more! The HomeEnergySuite is free to use and it's available 24/7. Check it out at



www.ccppd.com and click on “How Can I Save on My Electric Bill?”

To learn more about ways to reduce your electric bill, visit the following websites: Cuming County Public Power District at www.ccppd.com, The U.S. Department of Energy at www.energysavers.gov, or Touchstone Energy Cooperatives at www.togetherwesave.com. You can also call the CCPPD office and request more information. We are here to help!



CCPPD Management Program Graduate

Cuming County Public Power District Assistant General Manager/CFO, Kari Haase, has completed an intensive program in electric utility management with the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP) is a series of workshops offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in



conjunction with the University of Wisconsin. The program guides participants through all facets of the electric industry, including the many changes occurring around the nation.

MIP participants go through three 10-day sessions designed to challenge and educate participants in new, innovative management techniques. Participants leave with a better understanding of what consumers want and how to ensure they get it.

By also covering the unique principles that govern the operations of electric cooperatives, the program helps the District analyze other business ventures it may want to enter as well as enhancing the core organization.

Only rural electric cooperative General Managers and top level management participate in the program. This allows greater emphasis of study on management challenges and the aspects of consumer-ownership that cooperatives enjoy. Participants learn to focus on member value as part of day-to-day decision making.

Kari Haase has completed one of the most exclusive educational programs in the nation for electric cooperative management. Please help us congratulate Kari on completing this intensive management program.

Are those guy wires important?

Farm machinery can clip them. Cows use them as a giant back scratcher... They are so familiar that most of us forget that they are there...

As important as guy wires are, they seldom get the respect they deserve.

A guy wire is the angled wire that stretches from a pole into a connection in the ground, called an anchor.

Anchors come in different sizes to match the tension required on the line. Most of the time an orange or yellow plastic sleeve is placed on the guy wire to make it more visible.

The purpose of the guy wire is to give strength to a power line at the end of a line or a place where the line changes direction. It sounds like a dreaded story problem from math class.

The need for a guy wire and the exact placement is calculated and carefully planned out. When engineers design a power line, they must consider many factors about the guy wire:

- height where the guy wire will be attached,
- tension of the power line wire,
- strength of the guy wire,
- strength of the anchor in the ground,
- length of wire used to connect the pole to the anchor.

Can guy wires be moved if they are inconvenient?

Possibly, but not likely. If a guy wire is moved, it can increase the pounds of force that it is required to hold. Most of the time moving a guy wire will compromise the integrity of the power line.

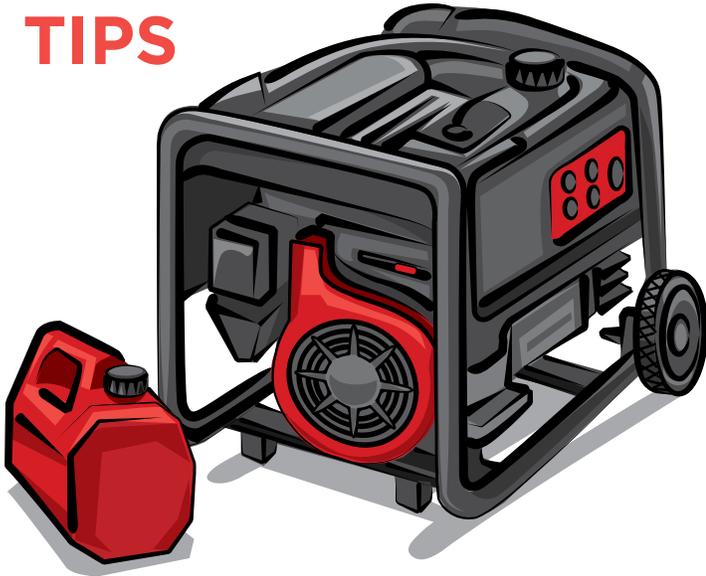


Safety First!
Always wear your
PPE
Committed
to
Safety
Excellence

Always think safety first!

Start thinking generator safety before the storms hit.

GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS



Never connect a standby generator into your home's electrical system. There are only two safe ways to connect a standby generator to your equipment.

Stationary Generator:

An approved generator transfer switch, which keeps your house circuits separate from the electric co-op, should be installed by a professional.

Portable Generator:

Plug appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator.

Set up and run your generator in a well-ventilated area outside the home. Make sure it's out and away from your garage, doors, windows and vents. The carbon monoxide generated is **deadly**.

Use a heavy-duty extension cord to connect electric appliances to the outlet on the generator.

Start the generator first **before** connecting appliances.

Source: SafeElectricity.org



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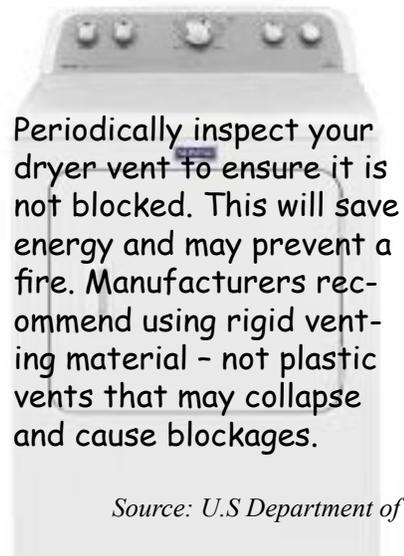
Regular meetings of the CCPPD Board are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month at the office.

Notice of times and date changes are published monthly.

Visit our website at www.ccppd.com

Tip of the Month

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Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material - not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: U.S Department of Energy