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Cedar Knox PPD Sends Teens To Youth Energy Camp

HALSEY — The Youth Energy Camp was held this year July 13-17 at the 4-H Camp at Halsey, Nebraska. Every year CKPPD is happy to send teens from our service territory to this camp. While at camp, the participants have many fun activities: a cook-out, a dance and banquet, sporting activities, and time to make many new friends. At the same time, they learn interesting things about the electric industry as well as tour two power plants. The ultimate reward is a chance to win a trip to Washington D.C.,

which Nanette Heimes a CKPPD camper did win this year. She attended the camp along with Travis Arens and Matt Graham.

Travis is the son of Mike and Michelle Arens of Hartington. Matt is the son of Dallas and Rebecca Graham of Belden. Nanette is the daughter of Mike and Ceil Heimes of Hartington. Nanette competed for the DC trip by writing a short essay on the Electric Industry while at the camp, and out of nearly 100 campers she was among three that were chosen for the trip



Nanette Heimes, Hartington; Travis Arens Hartington and Matt Graham, Belden; enjoyed Youth Energy Camp this summer in Halsey.

to Washington DC to represent the National Rural Electric Cooperative.

As Free as the Wind Not Exactly

Wind is going to be an important part of Nebraska's energy future, but it is not free and it is not always available when we need it.

To give you an idea of the size of the challenge, if you wanted to replace all of Nebraska's coal-fired electricity with wind, you would have to put up several thousand large wind turbines and build hundreds of miles of new transmission lines. That would cost at least \$20 bil-

lion, making electricity in Nebraska far more expensive and less reliable.

No one would seriously propose such a thing, but it does illustrate an important point: striking the right balance to provide abundant, reliable electricity as cleanly and inexpensively as possible is a complicated, difficult task.

We believe that a combination of electric generating resources is the right answer. Wind will be part of that mix, but

it is not the whole answer to our energy challenges.

We are working hard to bring the right solution to you, and we urge you to visit www.nrea.org to learn more.



Check us out!

Cedar-Knox PPD is happy to announce we have updated our website, www.cedarknoxppd.com with a whole new look. We have added new things, but also kept some existing useful information. We hope you check it out. You can submit your meter reading via this site as well as check irrigation load control status. All our Energy Efficiency Programs are listed there also. If you miss a "Current Flash" issue, the last 12 months are archived there. Hope you enjoy it and find it informative and useful. [Website: www.cedarknoxppd.com](http://www.cedarknoxppd.com)

Attention: Self-read customers

Our billing department will soon be implementing a scanning process of your payment stubs.

Please, clearly write your reading in the provided space, and record all digits including stationary zero if you have that type of meter.

Employee Notes



Cedar-Knox PPD had three coop students this summer. They were Jeff Feilmeier, Tim Wieseler and Zachary Kramer. This summer program allows utility line students to gain valuable experience by working at a utility company such as Cedar-Knox PPD.

— Avoid Fraud and Scams —

Identity theft and scams are on the rise. One of the easiest ways to get information is to ask for it. Why get all messy digging around in trash cans, if you can call or e-mail someone and ask for their credit card and social security number? It happens every day, so beware. Don't ever give your personal information to someone contacting you unless you have initiated the transaction.

Cedar-Knox PPD office is also very serious about protecting your information. New Red Flag Rules require us to ask for information when you call in such as your account number. If your spouse or someone that you do want to have access to billing information inquires on your account they should be listed as an applicant. If you are not sure if they are on the account, just give us a call or note their name on your next correspondence with us. This will avoid unnecessary questions by us, for you to access your account information.

Irrigation Season 2009 —

The 2009 irrigation season has been an interesting one to say the least. We now serve approximately 800 irrigation systems in the District. Even though irrigation numbers have been increasing, we have been able to keep our "controlled" peak demand steady at about 30 megawatts for several years now. The purpose for controlling peak loads is that we are required to pay a demand charge to our power supplier based on our highest usage level during peaking hours. Energy sales are off slightly this summer due to the cooler temps and plentiful moisture, so keeping our peak demand

proportionately low is important to help control costs.

We controlled on 9 different days this summer for a total of 54.5 hours. Four of those days were in July, while the other 5 were in August. This is almost 50 hours less control than last year. We controlled one night until 10 p.m. and one night until 9 p.m. – all other days were released earlier.

As temperatures rose during the second week in August – so did our energy demand. Forecasts were calling for a couple of days of extreme heat followed by rain and cooler weather – possibly

John and Audrey Freeman are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Evelyn Sue Freeman. She was born August 22, 2009 and weighed 7lbs 13.5 oz. John is a lineman for Cedar-Knox PPD and Audrey is a teacher at Cedar-Catholic High School. We welcome Evelyn into our family at Cedar-Knox PPD and wish them well.



20 Year Milestone

Doug Miller and Corey Stratman both have recently celebrated their 20 year anniversary with Cedar-Knox PPD. Doug is Crew Forman and Corey is a Field Engineer. Congratulations to both, and thanks for your work and dedication.

Energy Efficiency - Tip of the Month

Only 20 percent of homes built before 1980 are properly insulated. You can increase the comfort of your home while reducing heating and cooling needs up to 10 percent by investing in proper insulation and sealing air leaks.

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bringing an end to the control season. That's when we asked for a few hours of additional control on some systems that were not scheduled to be off. We estimate that these willing customers helped us shave about 3 megawatts from our peak demand by allowing us just a few hours of extra control on a single day. This saved the District and - ultimately the ratepayers, some money. Special thanks go out to the irrigation customers that volunteered for these extra control hours. Public Power is your power and by working together, we can all help keep costs low.