

Manager's Report

By Chet McWhorter, CCPPD GM



As of three days ago, I saw my first robin of the spring. By tradition, this means that there will be only one more snow storm of this season. I hope that tradition holds! Even though this winter started late, it has been a rough one. We've all been cold, used our heaters more than normal, and the snow has stuck around a lot longer than any of us have wanted it to. These long hard winters can have a real impact on folks and can make even the happy-go-lucky ones a little cross.

The electrical industry is in a season of change. There are new technologies on every turn that all promise savings of either money, the environment, time, or all the above. Sifting through it all is daunting. I hear often folks saying, "look for the next great thing" "think

outside of the box" "you don't want to be like Kodak". I hope that the next great thing uses electricity, I don't believe that there is a box anymore and I don't want to sell cameras or film! All of that to state that we are constantly looking to new ideas to save you all money and energy. That is an important part of our service to you.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven" this is what Solomon the wise said anyway and I think that he's right. We all see and feel the seasons of the year as the weather does its thing. We have seen and experienced the various and wonderful seasons of life. Businesses even flow through seasons from upstart to maturity. Seasons are the stuff by which we can see, feel, and experience the passage of time. I hope you have a great Spring and that you can take some time to enjoy all the seasons!



Willy Anderson & Tristan Bettenhausen presenting a safety demonstration to Schmader Electric employees.

*Please join us for Jim Yosten's
retirement from Cuming
County Public Power District*

**Jim's
Retirement
Party
Thursday,
April 19th
2-4pm
CCPPD
Office**



Jim Yosten

Partners in Progress



Top left: Chet McWhorter presenting Greg his award. Top right: Greg's family members surprised him by coming to help celebrate his award. Bottom picture: Greg thanking everyone at the Partners in Progress Dinner.



West Point Chamber of Commerce's outgoing President and Cuming County Public Power District's General Manager, Chet McWhorter, presented the President's Shining Star Award to CCPPD's Board President, Greg Strehle. Greg has been active in many organizations and has volunteered his time for many events in the community.

Congratulations also to Wendy Ridder for being recognized as the Young Contributor and Ken & Adeline Hanel for the Community Service Award. The awards are given based on a person's overall contributions

to the betterment of West Point by service in various capacities including but not limited to activities in community, business, civic and church related areas.

We are very fortunate to have so many great community minded people in West Point!

House Move



CCPPD linemen helped with a house move on March 15th.



Retirement Announcement



Long-time Cuming County Public Power District employee, Jim Yosten, has decided to retire. Jim has been with CCPPD since March of 1986.

Many customers may have seen Jim around the substations or fixing a meter. He was the Meter Technician for many years and recently held the position of Working Foreman. Jim started his career at CCPPD as a groundman and moved into a lineman position after learning on the job. He had many duties over the 32 years at the District.

Jim and his wife, Joanie, live on an acreage just east of West Point. They have four sons; Andrew & Jill and grandkids Drew & Jaxon live in Omaha. Their son Danny & wife Kerri & grandchild Braxton live in Omaha. David lives in Lincoln and Mark is in school in Kansas City.



We will miss Jim around the District. He was always the one to say hello to everyone and made sure to make anyone new feel welcome.

We will have a get-together at CCPPD on April 19th from 2-4pm for his retirement, but if you are unable to make it, you can send Jim a card to congratulate him on his retirement. We wish him much happiness in traveling, air-boating, fishing, hunting and spending time with family in his retirement!

Come celebrate with us at the CCPPD office 500 S Main, West Point:

Jim's Retirement Party
Thursday, April 19th
2-4pm

March Ice Storm

Rain moved in to the Cuming County Public Power District starting Friday, March 16th. The conditions were just right for ice to form on the power lines. Just before 4pm was the first call for an outage. The linemen were called out and worked most of the night into early morning. On Saturday, the temperatures rose so the ice started falling from the lines. This caused the neutral line to gallop and clap into the other power lines to cause additional outages. Around 6:30pm on Saturday all power was restored. Thank you to our great customers for being patient. And Thank You to our dedicated linemen for working so many hours to help restore power. As one customer put it, "We have the best around!!"



Photo by Jess Hunke



Photo by Gene Cihacek



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Photo by Scott Haber

Featured CCPPD Employee

Sarah McGill



Sarah McGill began her career at Cuming County Public Power District over 20 years ago. She initially worked mostly in the Customer Service Department handling communications including the newsletter, press releases, event sched-

uling and media contacts. She was moved completely into the Operations Department and now continues to work with irrigation load management, automated metering, a variety of records and dispatching. Most recently mapping has been added to her duties.

Sarah has helped get the maps converted to an electronic format (GIS) and is working daily to keep data accurate. She is also an important part of the team who uses a variety of technologies to assist crews in quicker outage restoration.

Sarah and her husband Jeff live on an acreage just east of West Point. They have two daughters. Rebekah will graduate from Northeast Com-



munity College in May and Hannah will graduate from GACC High School in May. Sarah

enjoys spending time with family, camping and gardening. She has been active in a variety of community events throughout the years. Most recently she has enjoyed working with Middle School and now High School Youth Ministry. She has helped with the GACC Speech Team the past 6 years, and has served as an assistant coach for One Act for 3 years. "It has been a lot of fun to work with my own girls and also so many other local teens. I have loved watching them all as they learn about themselves, their faith and the arts."

Please help me in thanking Sarah for her dedicated service to the District

Nebraska Representative

Josie Dvorak

Josie Dvorak, the Nebraska representative for the Youth Leadership Council attended the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. She participated in the Parade of States, assisted NRECA staff and co-op delegates, and took part in a variety of educational forums.

Below: Photo by NREA



Josie with the Nebraska State Flag during the Parade of States.



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Left: Josie ran into CCPPD board member, Ed Kaup while in Nashville.

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