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SAFETY FIRST!

On April 10th, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative and our Line Superintendent, Scott Luberts, hosted our Annual Informational Meeting on the Hazards of Electrical Contact and What You Need to Know. The meeting was attended by area Fire Departments, Kandiyohi County Emergency Management, Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Department and MN State Patrol. We hold this meeting each year to update and review the dangers of electrical contact and who you should contact, assuring the safety of those we serve.

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BUDGET BILLING

The balance of budget accounts will be billed in July and due August 1st. The new budget amount will be calculated for next year and listed on the current bill. If you would like to be on Budget Billing and have been a member for 12 months, now is the time to sign up. Please call Jan at 1-800-551-4951.

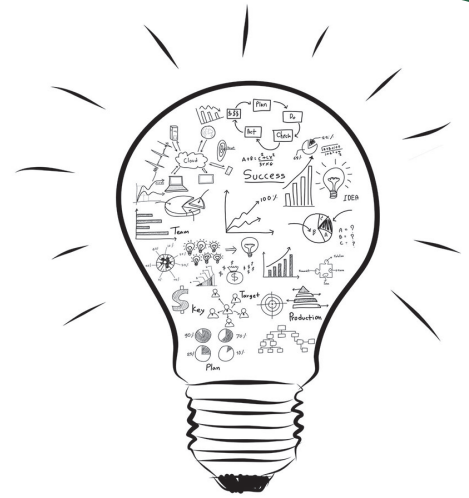


SHARING

ARTICLE BY: SCOTT FROEMMING, CEO

There is a lot of talk about the “sharing economy” these days. That concept has born some amazingly successful businesses such as Uber, Lyft, Airbnb, VRBO, etc. It’s a concept of collectively pooling resources to provide a needed service at an affordable price. Hmm, that sounds a lot like the concept behind electric cooperatives!

Electric cooperatives were formed back in the 1930’s by local communities across the country to provide electric service that no others would provide. They are a private, independent, non-profit utility business that are owned by the members they serve and were established to provide at-cost electric service. They are governed by a board of directors who are elected from the local membership, and who hold monthly Board Meetings where they provide strategic direction, set rates, and determine the policies and procedures that guide the cooperative’s management.



While the concept of a “sharing economy” sounds new, cool, and very progressive, I think of it more as recycling the proven and successful cooperative business model that’s been around for years.

Cooperatives have been sharing the risks and rewards of pooling their resources to provide needed services at affordable prices for years. Those of you who have been long-term members of Kandiyohi Power have been way ahead of your time on this whole “sharing economy” thing.

A great example of sharing is the 13 colonies that banded together, sharing great risk and few resources, to obtain their independence from a much stronger nation. They recognized the strength and power in working cooperatively.



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THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS

Electric cooperatives are responsible for maintaining a safe, reliable electric grid to power the communities they serve. As an increasing number of consumers install grid-connected distributed generation systems, like solar panels or small wind turbines, electric co-ops are prepared to assist members while still maintaining the safety of the grid.

Grid-connected generation systems allow you to power your home or business with

renewable energy, but the system must be connected to the grid to keep power flowing when the sun does not shine or the wind does not blow. In most cases, these systems must be interconnected to feed excess power back into the electric grid.

Co-op members who are interested in distributed generation systems for their home or business should contact Kandiyohi Power Cooperative first. We want to help you choose a system that includes the safety and power quality components necessary to keep you, co-op crews and members of the community safe. If a storm hits and a power outage occurs, for example, distributed generation systems must be able to properly disconnect from the electric grid to ensure lineworkers are not injured or electrocuted while restoring power.

An interconnection agreement must be reviewed and signed before your

distributed generation system is connected to the electric grid. The agreement is intended to ensure safe, reliable and quality electric service for all.

In addition to safety concerns, members who are interested in distributed generation systems should contact Kandiyohi Power Cooperative to review applicable metering rates.

The way we generate and use electricity is evolving. Let's work together to ensure a safe, reliable electric system. Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is here to help. If you have questions about grid-connected generation systems, please contact our office at 800-551-4951 and/or visit our website www.kpcoop.com.

SAFETY NEAR SOLAR

Like any other source of electricity, solar panels can pose potential hazards. Keep these safety tips in mind when you're near solar panels.

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Stay at least 10 feet away from the installation.

Never walk on solar panels.

Never cut any wiring to the solar panels.

Never touch broken or damaged solar panels.

ANNUAL UNITED WAY GOLF FUNDRAISER



A group of KPC employees participated in the annual United Way Golf Fundraiser.

Golfers are Left to Right: Chad Straus, Trevon Grotto, Ryan Nelson, Anthony Stern



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2019 KPC WORK PLAN

Line install on 20th Street between Kandi-Swift Rd & 160th Ave SE

Line replacement along 162nd Ave NW from CoRd 7 to Kandi-Swift Rd

Line replacement along 30th St SE from Kandi-Swift Rd to 160th Ave SE

Line replacement along 160th St from 30th St to CoRd 66 then West to 140th Ave SE

Moving and replacing line along CoRd 40 from CoRd 1 to CoRd 7 due to road move

Line replacement on N Eagle Road from CoRd 9 To HWY 71

Line replacement along 160th Ave NE from CoRd 40 to Chip Swift St NE

Line replacement along CoRd 27 from 11th St to 15th St NW

Line replacement in New London along CoRd 40 from substation to Quince St

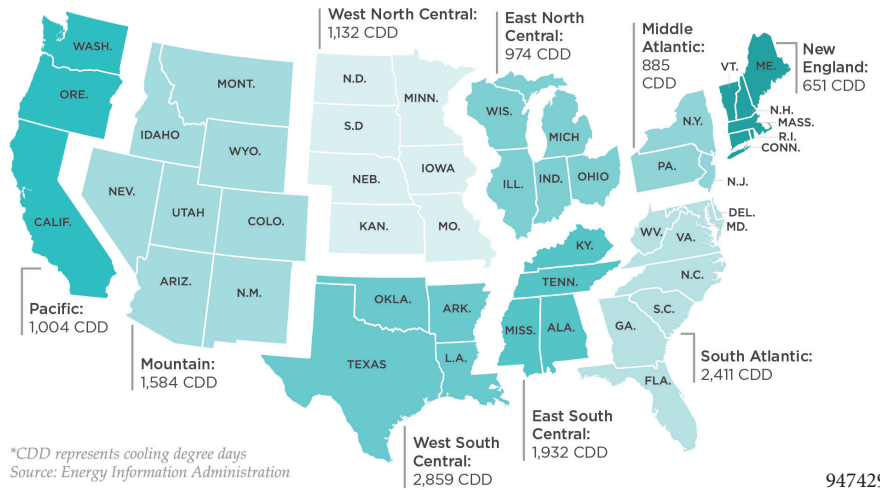
Line replacement along 11th St from CoRd 40 to 106th Ave

Line replacement and move along Long Lake Rd south to Kings Drive then along Kings Drive

Replacing underground wire from cul-de-sac to overhead wire 123rd Ave (north side of Big Kandi)

U.S. COOLING DEGREE DAYS

Cooling degree days measure how hot the outdoor temperature was on a given day or during a period of days. The map below shows measurements of U.S. cooling degree days in 2018 by census region. Extreme outdoor temperatures bring a higher number of degree days, which results in higher energy use.



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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When it's warm out, avoid using the oven. Try cooking on the stove, using the microwave or grilling outside instead.

Source: energy.gov

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Slow Cooker Chicken & Mushroom Stroganoff

Ingredients

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cubed
- 8-ounce sliced mushrooms
- 1 8-ounce cream cheese, softened
- 1 (10½) ounce cream of chicken soup
- 1 envelope (1¼ ounce) dry onion soup mix
- salt and pepper to taste
- fresh parsley, chopped for garnish
- 1 pound large egg noodles for serving



Directions

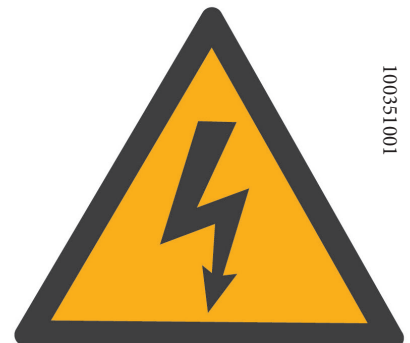
1. Place the chicken in the bottom of a lightly greased slow cooker. Add the mushrooms. In a medium sized bowl add cream cheese, cream of chicken soup, and dry onion soup mix. Mix until incorporated and spread on top of chicken and mushrooms.
2. Cook on low for 4-6 hours or high for 3-4. Serve over noodles and top with fresh parsley and salt and pepper.



ELECTRICAL SAFETY QUIZ

Test your electrical safety knowledge by taking the quiz below!
Use the answer key if you need help.

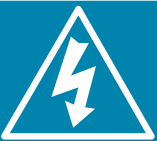
1. **Smoke alarms in your home should be tested _____.**
 - A. once a week
 - B. twice a year
 - C. once a month
2. **Overloading electrical outlets and power strips can create an electrical fire hazard.**
 - A. True
 - B. False
3. **What's the most dangerous place to use electricity?**
 - A. Outdoors
 - B. Near other electrical equipment
 - C. Near water
4. **It's safe to run an electrical cord under a rug or carpet as long as the cord is not damaged.**
 - A. True
 - B. False
5. **Which is safest to play near?**
 - A. Power lines
 - B. Pad-mounted transformers
 - C. Neither A or B - both are dangerous



Answer Key: 1. C 2. A 3. C 4. B 5. C
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