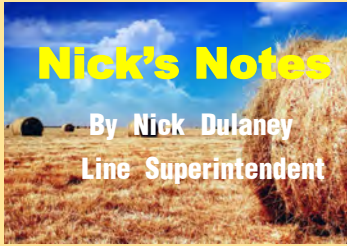


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NorVal News



Nick's Notes

By Nick Dulaney
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As summer officially winds down, the crews have worked around the clock (literally) to ensure that power is not only reliable, but available to every member. We thank you for your patience during the various unplanned service interruptions throughout our system, and encourage you to be safe around electricity. With fires, equipment moving and excavations, please do your due diligence and ensure that you're clear of overhead and underground lines!

The crews have been in the Opeheim area working on the underground conversion. They will continue to be working there to retire the remaining power poles through the next few months.



Shown at left, left to right, Jayson Nelson, Jace Young and Joe Odom. Below, left to right, Joe Odom and Jace Young.



We have finished the metering upgrade in the New Deal Substation near Fort Peck. There are a few more service upgrades to complete in the area. We will have those done shortly.



Finally, the crews completed their monthly safety training, while utilizing the opportunity to check the transformers in the Cotton Substation. Electrotest, the company NorVal contracts with to test the transformers, were on site to ensure that all equipment met safety and electrical standards. At left, the crew prepares to de-energize the Cotton Sub.

At right, the linemen are in place and ready to begin work. The two poles are bypassed and fed from an adjacent sub which will allow testing to be done. By using jumpers, and specialized equipment, the crews were able to provide continuous power to the members served from this substation, while safely allowing Electrotest to work.



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The NorVal Electric Co-op office will be closed September 4th in honor of Labor Day. We will reopen again September 5th at 8:00 a.m. Should you need immediate assistance, please call 228-9351.



Co-op Day at the Fair a delicious success!

NorVal Electric, in conjunction with Nemont Telephone Co-op and Daniels Sheridan Federal Credit Union in Scobey presented Co-op Day at the Fair 2017.

On July 31, Manager Craig Herbert, along with his wife, Doreen Vaira-Herbert, and Communications Coordinator Leila Seyfert, served complimentary ice cream sundaes to 175 fair goers, young and old alike. August 4th Craig, Leila, and Office Assistant Hannah Barras served over 200 sundaes in Glasgow at the Northeast Montana Fair. Additionally, Nemont had the ever popular Nellie the Milk Cow for the attendees to practice their milking skills in a timed competition. Afterwards, they enjoyed delicious sundaes with the toppings of their choice including chocolate, caramel or strawberry syrups, m&m candies, peanuts, and sprinkles galore! Thanks to all who attended, and thanks for another successful Co-op Day!



back to school

SAFETY TIPS

- Give your child lots of Vitamin C to build up their immune system.
- Teach your child about bullying & what to do if they see a problem.
- Make sure your child knows what to do if they are approached by a stranger.
- Tour the school with your child and meet the new teacher.
- Wear a helmet when riding a bike.
- Make sure your child knows their address and phone number including the code to the home security system.
- Use a crosswalk and obey crossing guards.
- Help organize your child's backpack, make sure it's not more than 20% of his or her weight.
- Use main streets & travel in groups when walking to school.

Top left: siblings enjoy sundaes in Scobey. Bottom left: a young fair goer customizes his sundae. Middle: Ketch Traxler, 16 months old, the grandson of Dick and Janet Markle, enjoys every last bit of his sundae.. Bottom right: Nellie the Milk Cow receives ample attention during the milking competition.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Fall/Winter Energy Tip: When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature – set it and forget it!

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



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