

# THE WIRE

CURRENT NEWS FROM THE ELKHORN RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

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## Students Selected to Represent ERPPD on the 2015 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Jaime Hoefler, a sophomore at Elgin Public High School, and Karissa Dicke, a junior at Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, have been selected to represent Elkhorn Rural Public Power District on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour to the nation's Capitol in Washington, DC., in June.

The students were chosen based on an essay submitted to the ERPPD selection committee. To be eligible, students must first attend the

Nebraska Rural Electric Association Youth Energy Leadership Camp, held at the Halsey National Forest 4-H Camp. After representing ERPPD at the Youth Energy Leadership Camp, the students may apply for the Youth Tour and submit their essay.



*Jaime Hoefler*



*Karissa Dicke*

Jaime and Karissa will join 15-20 other Nebraska representatives on the one-week tour of the Washington, DC area. They will also spend time with our senators and congressmen, and learn about the political process. They will also learn about rural electrification and legislation that might affect rural America.

Congratulations Jaime and Karissa, we know you will represent the Elkhorn Rural Public Power District and the state of Nebraska very well.

NOTE: If you would like to be eligible to go to Washington, D.C. on the NRECA Youth Tour, you must first attend the Nebraska Youth Energy Leadership Camp, which is held each year in July at the Nebraska 4-H Camp in Halsey National Forest. An application for the 2015 Nebraska Youth Energy Leadership Camp can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.



## Save the Date: ERPPD 75th Anniversary Open House June 3

The employees and directors of Elkhorn Rural Public Power District are hosting an open house on Wednesday, June 3, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of your public power district.

We are making a conscious effort to make this a "family affair". Activities include: a meal, facility tours, bucket truck rides, high-voltage trailer demonstrations, kids' games, energy efficiency displays, historical displays, keepsake cookbooks, etc.

We hope you will join us on June 3, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of your public power district.

## Load Management-The Original Energy Efficiency Program

The load management program was started at ERPPD in the late 70's as a method of controlling the cost of wholesale power by controlling the peak demand. Customers participating in the program agree to an interruption of service in return for a discount on their power bill. The result of this program, when aggregated with other public power utilities throughout the state, is the savings of over 600 megawatts of electricity that does not need to be generated or purchased. This is roughly the equivalent of the entire Lincoln Electric System.

For more interesting facts about the value of load management, go to our website, [www.erppd.com](http://www.erppd.com), click on the Working for Nebraska.org link, and then scroll down to watch the video entitled "Load Peaking Days in the Summer"

# SAFETY NEWS

## Northeast Nebraska Farm Show at NECC

Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, in partnership with Stanton County Public Power District, participated in the 2015 Northeast Nebraska Farm and Equipment Show held at the Ag Complex on the Northeast Community College campus. Employees from both power districts talked with customers and other visitors about electrical safety and other topics, including energy efficiency, rates, etc.

ERPPD customers visiting the booth registered for a drawing for several electrical related items.

Dwain Volwiler of rural Pierce won the grand prize drawing for the George Foreman electric grill. Winners of the LED light bulbs were Jerry Lyon of rural Newman Grove, Mary Johnson of rural Norfolk, Ed Lewis of rural Norfolk, and Ken Wessel of rural Madison. Congratulations to these prize winners, and thank you to all who stopped by our booth during the farm show.



*Grand prize winner: Dwain Volwiler of rural Pierce*



*A team of linemen from Elkhorn RPPD and Stanton Co PPD perform a safety demonstration using a high voltage demonstration trailer.*

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

### Energy Efficiency

### *Tip of the Month*

Spring is a great time to think about giving your home's cooling system a tune-up. Typically, tune-ups on cooling systems that have been neglected for a few years can provide 5-15% energy savings, or more. Not to mention the unit can better perform from a comfort and equipment longevity standpoint.

Fortunately, there is a \$30 EnergyWise incentive available for homeowners that have their cooling system (central air, air-source heat pump, or ground-source heat pump) tuned up. Call our office at (800) 675-2185 for more details, or visit our website, [www.erppd.com](http://www.erppd.com), and click on the EnergyWise link to download an incentive form. Once it is determined that your cooling system qualifies, all you have to do is submit the application to receive a \$30 credit on your electric bill.

# YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP

## ERPPD is seeking campers for 2015 camp

The Nebraska Rural Electric Association Youth Energy Leadership Camp has involved up to 100 high school students (in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade) each year who have been selected by the rural electric system serving in their areas. The camp, set in the beauty of Nebraska's National Forest at Halsey, offers educational and recreational experiences, leadership training, environmental awareness, character building and social interaction.

Through workshops and guest speakers, campers learn about energy, electric safety, energy management, and careers. One day of the camp is reserved for a tour of the Gerald Gentleman Power Station near North Platte and the Kingsley Hydroelectric plant near Ogallala. The week is interspersed with fun activities, including a get-acquainted party, canoeing, volleyball, a talent contest, dancing, a cook-out, and time to socialize and make new friends.

Leadership is also stressed when interested students compete to win a free trip to Wash., D.C. Three winners will be selected to go as ambassadors from Nebraska next summer. They also are able to return to the next year's camp as a junior counselor.

Those selected by their sponsoring rural electric system will receive the all-expense paid trip to the Nebraska Youth Energy Leadership Camp at the State 4-H camp near Halsey. Camp begins around 3:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, and ends around noon on Friday, July 17. ERPPD provides its camper representatives with transportation to and from the camp.

To enter, complete the form below and mail *by April 20, 2015* to:

**Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, c/o Stacie Young, PO Box 310, Battle Creek, NE 68715**

### **2015 ERPPD ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP APPLICATION FORM**

(Entry Deadline April 20, 2015)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' or Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

#### **COMPLETE THE SHORT PARAGRAPH BELOW:**

Why I would like to attend the 2015 Youth Energy Leadership Camp at the 4-H camp at Halsey National Forest on July 13-17 as a representative of Elkhorn Rural Public Power District.

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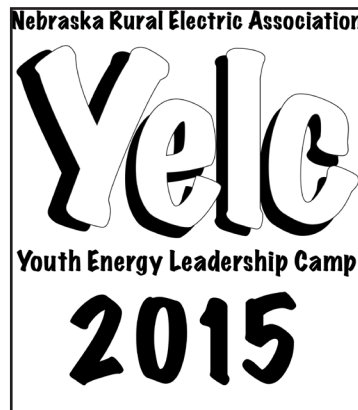
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# Last Chance to get Your Recipe Published in the ERPPD 75th Anniversary Keepsake Cookbook: Deadline is March 15.

## 75th Anniversary Recipe Book

Do you have a favorite recipe, a unique recipe, a "handed-down" recipe, a time-saving recipe? We are asking you to submit a recipe or recipes for inclusion in the ERPPD 75th Anniversary Recipe Book, which will be given away as a souvenir at our open house on June 3, 2015.



Please submit recipes by mail to: **ERPPD, Attn: Wayne McCormick, PO Box 310, Battle Creek, NE 68715**, or you can submit them by email to [wmcormick@erppd.com](mailto:wmcormick@erppd.com). Please include your name so you can be given the credit, and your phone number, just in case we have questions about the recipe. (Your phone number will not be included in the book.)



We really want to make this a special keepsake for you and your family, and you can be included in it.

## Public Power Fact: Did You Know?

Nebraska produces 30% fewer carbon emissions per megawatt of electricity than any of its bordering states, except for South Dakota, which has an abundance of hydroelectric power.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

with Board position and subdivision

Rod Zohner  
President.....II  
Tim Means  
Vice President..II  
Larry Lindahl  
Secretary.....III  
Dennis Kuchar  
Treasurer.....I  
Jerrell Dolesh  
Director.....II  
Mark Miller  
Director.....I  
Joe Thiele  
Director.....III  
Greg Weidner  
Director.....I  
David Hoefer  
Director.....III

### MANAGER

Tom Rudloff

### For Emergency Service or Outage Reporting

**1-800-675-2185**

#### After Hours Note:

The entire 800-number *must* be dialed, even for a local call.

### Communicate Electronically With ERPPD

Internet: [www.erppd.com](http://www.erppd.com)

E-mail: [erppd@erppd.com](mailto:erppd@erppd.com)



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

It's the law!  
Call 811 Before You Dig!

Or 1-800-331-5666  
Diggers Hotline of Nebraska

### Outage Checklist

In the case of an outage:

- First check to see if the fuses below the meter are good.
- If you have breakers, make sure they are on and have not kicked out.
- If you have a double-throw switch for standby power, make sure it is in the correct position.
- Check with neighbors to see if they have power. By doing this before calling us, we can determine if it is a line or an individual outage. This can help cut down on outage duration.
- Please, be prepared to give the name on the account, plus the consumer number and/or the legal location. This will assist us in sending our crews to the correct place.

### Questions about your bill?

Please call the ERPPD office at 402-675-2185 or toll-free, 1-800-675-2185, during office hours, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M-F, in regards to billing questions. When calling the office concerning billing problems, it will save time if you would have your meter serial number or customer account number. Remember to call the Battle Creek office if you have billing questions. All account payments should be mailed to:

**Elkhorn Rural Public Power District**  
P.O. Box 310  
Battle Creek, NE 68715