

HIGH PLAINS POWER CURRENT



May the Force be with you!

811 - CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

This is the season where the ground is starting to defrost and people are starting outside projects. If you are planning a project where you will be digging, call 811 before starting your project to make sure that you aren't going to hit anything during your dig.

Be aware of unmarked lines. Cable, phone lines, and power lines can sometimes be found in unexpected places. Cable has been buried under irrigation ditches. Powerlines can be underground right where your new driveway

is going to go. Calling BEFORE you dig will save you time and aggravation in the long run.



SWEET POTATO GRATIN

Recipe

- 2 Lg sweet potatoes, peeled, about 2lbs
- 2 Lg russet potatoes, peeled, about 1 3/4 lbs
- 1 1/2 C. heavy cream, divided
- 1 1/2 C. Gruyere cheese, shredded, divided
- 1 1/2 tsp salt

Cut potatoes into 1/8" slices, toss with 3/4 cup heavy cream and salt in bowl. Spread potatoes in layers in lightly greased 2 qt dish. Top with 1 cup cheese. Pour remaining cream over potatoes, sprinkle with remaining cheese. Cover loosely with foil. Bake 40 minutes at 450 degrees. Uncover and bake another 20-25 minutes until golden brown. Cool and serve.



Are you planning on planting trees this spring?

High Plains Power trims trees for Public Safety, Fire Prevention, and Electric Reliability

Don't let poor planning take a "bite" out of your landscaping.

Avoid planting trees near utility lines!



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Got a scenic picture of a place on our Grid? Email us to have your photo added to our monthly newsletter!

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Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in our membership survey!

CONVERSATIONS ON ENERGY: PART I

In recent years, energy markets have become more complex, generation sources have become more important to consumers, and consumption of electricity is on the rise. In this multiple article series, we would like to talk about the things that are changing in our industry, where we purchase our power, why we purchase it the way we do, and how we look at things like rate structure.

In recent months, we have done several surveys of you, our members. It quickly became apparent that members had questions about why we operate the way we do.

High Plains Power (HPP) is currently in a wholesale electric service contract (WESC) with Tri State Generation & Transmission Cooperative. That means that we are required by contract to purchase 95% of our power from Tri-State and up to 5% of our power elsewhere. One of the reasons that distribution cooperatives like HPP agree to long term contracts with a G&T cooperative is to help stabilize the rate. About 85% of our cost goes to the G&T for power purchase. Our current contract with our G&T runs through 2050.

HPP assesses our energy supply and possible alternate options, examining every way we can maximize cost savings to our members. HPP also monitors cost causation - and rate bundling, disputing any cost that is not directly related to our electrical service. You may not see the day

to day workings of this process, but rate stabilization is a primary focus for the co-op.

In addition to covering company specific topics, there are regional and national energy questions that we will address. We will compare different types of energy generation and their associated costs as well as their reliability, location and land/fuel requirements.

The energy landscape is changing quickly and we want our membership to understand what is happening and why, locally, regionally and at the national level.

Did you find this topic of interest? Check out our website for an expanded version of this article.

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