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Manager's Comments
by Jayson Bishop

The following is an article by Wayne Price, Public Affairs Director for the Nebraska Rural Electric Association and Editor of the Association's "Nebraska Magazine". I thought Wayne did a nice job articulating potential hazards created when people attach items to utility poles that shouldn't be there, so I asked his permission to republish it. You can view Nebraska Magazine electronically on the Nebraska Rural Electric Association's Facebook page. If you are interested in receiving a complimentary subscription, please contact our office.

What do yard sale signs, basketball hoops, deer stands, satellite dishes, and birdhouses have in common? Believe it or not, they're often found illegally attached to utility poles. But this isn't only a crime of inconvenience. Safety issues caused by unapproved pole attachments place the lives of lineworkers and the public in danger.

It may seem innocent, but a small nail partially driven into a pole can have deadly results around high-voltage electricity.

Your local electric utility line crews climb these poles at all hours of the day and night, in the worst of conditions. Anything attached to utility poles can create serious hazards for our line personnel. Sharp objects like nails, tacks, staples, or barbed wire can puncture rubber gloves and other safety equipment, making linemen vulnerable to electrocution.

Lineworkers with Nebraska's public power districts and electric co-ops have reported poles used as community bulletin boards, satellite mounts, and even support legs for deer stands, lights, and carports. Not only do these attachments put line crews at risk, anyone illegally placing these items on poles comes dangerously close to energized power lines with thousands of volts of energy pulsing overhead. It's always wise to keep any structure at least 10 feet away from utility poles.

Unauthorized pole attachments violate the National Electrical Safety Code, the accepted manual containing guidelines for safe electrical engineering standards. Utilities strictly follow this code that includes a section that reads, "Signs, posters, notices, and other attachments shall not be placed on supporting structures without concurrence of the owner (the utility is the owner of the pole). Supporting structures should be kept free from other climbing hazards such as tacks, nails, vines, and through bolts not properly trimmed."

Please help us keep our linemen — and our communities — safe. Don't attach any of these unauthorized and dangerous items to utility poles. Fixtures not belonging to the public power district or electric cooperative or another utility will be removed by utility line personnel; the utility is not responsible for any losses if an item is damaged or destroyed during removal.

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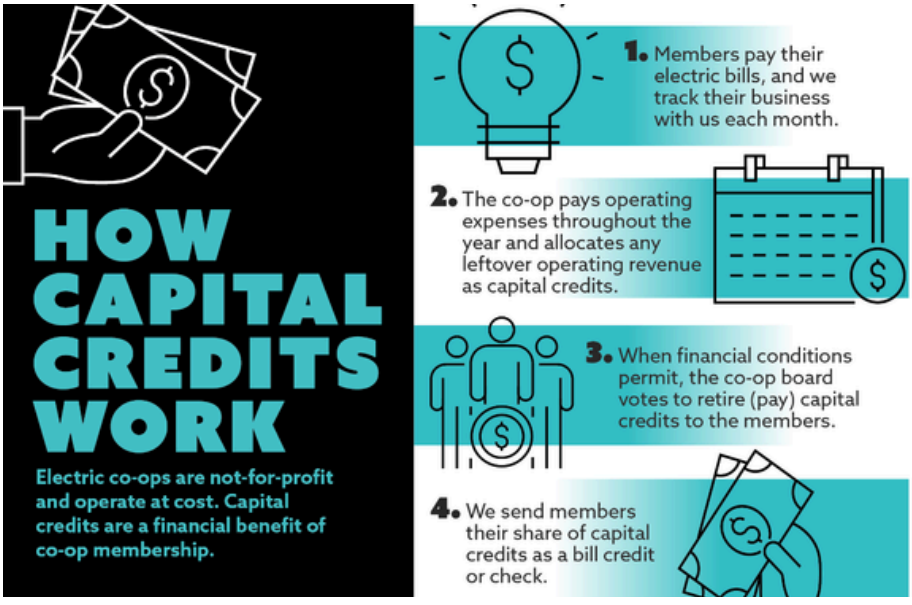
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