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Staying In Touch

By Rick Nelson, General Manager

Facebook and Twitter are the social networking sites of the moment. Custer Power launched our Facebook page and started "Twittering" in May.

What are Facebook and Twitter? They are part of the social networking phenomenon. Facebook is used to share information between "friends". If you want to see pictures of your friends, they are probably going to ask you to see them on their Facebook page. It's very easy to talk and post information. It's also a good way to get in touch with people you haven't seen in a long time.



Why does Custer Power have a Facebook page? The primary reason is to provide another means for communication. I know everybody reads our magazine, but there may be some that would prefer information online. It also allows us to update you quicker on things that are happening in the District or our industry. We can also share information with other Districts in the state.

To sign up for Facebook go to facebook.com. Once you've signed up, search for Custer Power and add us as a friend. You can also view our Facebook page by going to www.custerpower.com and click on our facebook link.

What in the world is Twitter? Twitter is an online service that enables you to broadcast short messages to your "followers". It also lets you specify which Twitter users you want to follow so you can read their messages in one place. We see twitter

as a short messaging tool we can use during outages. Everybody has a cell phone these days and Twitter isn't much different than a text message.

To sign up for Twitter, go to Twitter.com and click "Join for free." Now that you have a Twitter account, go to www.twitter.com/custerpower and click on follow. You can also get tweets as text messages on your phone by adding your phone number on your twitter page. You'll now start to see our Tweets on your page or cell phone as we send out updates.

Why is Custer using these new ways to communicate? We want to make sure we're using technology to keep you informed with what is going on at your public power district. This gives us more tools to make sure that happens.

Another tool that isn't part of the internet or cell phones, is a bill stuffer. Last month you received a bill stuffer that described a form of communication we are having with our elected officials. Many customers returned the form and we certainly appreciate it. If you didn't have an opportunity to see that bill stuffer, we've included it on the next page. Please take a moment to stay informed and if you feel inclined, return the bottom portion to the office with your next payment.

We're using new forms of communication to keep you informed on what is going on with your power district. I hope you find it useful.

Help avoid rate increases of \$100's of dollars!

- » As congress considers aggressive legislation to curb greenhouse gases, they must face the reality of energy supply and demand and the potential impacts on the economy.
- » Climate Changes – To achieve significant CO2 reductions by 2030, energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy, nuclear power, new coal technology, carbon capture and storage technology, plug-in hybrid vehicles, and distributed generation must be used.
- » New technologies to remove and contain CO2 emissions will require an investment of billions of dollars by congress and the utility industry to become a reality.
- » While coal is the most plentiful and affordable source of fuel for electric generation today, its future depends on developing clean coal technologies.
- » We need a balanced approach to renewable energy. Renewable Energy is very important, but not always there when you need it. Renewable energy must be backed by reliable generation using conventional fuels.
- » Responsible climate change legislation should provide incentives to increase efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources. Good legislation must balance the electric bills of consumers, the health of the economy, and the needs of the environment.



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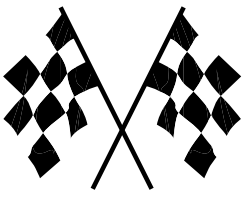
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Power Drive Teams Overcome Challenges

Custer Power was proud to sponsor power drive teams from three schools in the service area. The teams faced bad weather this year. A rally scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2009 in North Platte, was cancelled due to bad weather. Unfortunately, this was the only rally the Mullen team planned to attend, so they didn't get to run their car on a track this season. Mullen instructor, Nathan Haman, said he plans to participate in the program next year and has developed considerable curriculum to go with the program.

The rally scheduled for Kearney on Saturday, April 25, 2009, did take place in spite of the weather which was cold, misty, and very windy. Both the Stapleton and Litchfield teams were in the running. That was the only rally for Stapleton. Their car was fairly successful in running and they enjoyed the chance to compete and see how well the car compared to other schools. Again, weather kept them from going to other rallies.

The Litchfield team qualified in Kearney and went on to the state competition in Iowa. They took home the trophy for fifth place in the overall competition out of twenty seven cars. They finally had a beautiful race day and had no breakdowns! Congratulations to all of our teams. We know you worked hard on your projects.



Pictured from left to right: Mullen Team
Front Row: Cece Coons, Scott Gray
Back Row: Gus Riser, Instr. Mr. Haman, Michael Hoffmann



Pictured from left to right: Litchfield Team Eric Panowicz, Cody Siegel, Andrew Reynolds, David Brandt, Chase Nilsen, Ethan Slocum, Coy Lewis, Jacob Gaspari, Joe Thomas, Jason Lichtenberger
Not Pictured: Blake Siegel, Cole Lewandowski



Litchfield Cars



Pictured from left to right: Stapleton Team Instr. Mr. Harvey, Bronc Barnum, Garrett Peterson



Ultimate Grilled Steak

What You Need!

Source: kraftfoods.com

- 1/2 cup A.1. Original Steak Sauce
- 1/2 cup KRAFT Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing
- 2 small cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. dried oregano leaves
- 2 beef rib-eye steaks (1 lb.)



Make It!

MIX all ingredients except steaks; reserve 1/4 cup. Pour remaining steak sauce mixture over steaks in resealable plastic bag; seal bag. Turn over to coat both sides of steak with sauce. Refrigerate 30 min. to marinate.

HEAT grill to medium-high heat. Remove steak with marinade; discard bag and marinade.

GRILL steak 4 to 5 min. on each side or until done (160°F.) Serve topped with dressing mixture. Makes 4 servings

Kraft Kitchens Tips

Serving Suggestion

Balance this barbecued steak with smart side dishes, such as grilled vegetables and a mixed green salad, for a delicious summertime dinner.

Make Ahead

Place steak in large freezer-weight resealable plastic bag. Add marinade; seal bag. Freeze up to 2 months. Thaw in refrigerator, then cook as desired. The meat marinates as it thaws.

Nutrition Information (per serving)

Calories	280	Total fat	18 g	Saturated fat	6 g	Cholesterol	105 mg	Sodium	450 mg	Carbohydrate	5 g	Dietary fiber	0 g	Sugars	3 g	Protein	23 g	Vitamin A	0
%DV Vitamin C	0	%DV Calcium	2	%DV Iron	10	%DV													

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Board Meetings

The regular monthly meeting of the Custer Public Power District Board of Directors is on the last Thursday of each month, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the main office in Broken Bow on Hwy. 2.

An agenda for each regular meeting of the board is available for public inspection during business hours.

In the event of matters of an emergency nature or conflicts with other meeting dates, the Board of Directors will set changes. Any change in the monthly meeting date will be posted in the legal notice at the main headquarters building at Broken Bow and at each of the District's area service centers located in Callaway, Sargent, Stapleton and Thedford, Nebraska.