

## The Commitment of an Electric Linemen

### Linemen Appreciation Day is April 8.



National studies consistently rank power line installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing heavy equipment and working directly with high voltage creates the perfect storm of a dangerous and unforgiving profession. But electric linemen are up to the task. These brave men and women are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

Custer Public Power District's linemen are responsible for keeping power flowing day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings or other important

family milestones. Beyond the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineworker. In fact, this service-oriented mentality is a hallmark characteristic of linemen. The job requires line-workers to set aside their personal priorities to better serve their local community.

### Family Support System

To perform their jobs successfully, linemen depend on their years of training, experience

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and each other to get the job done safely.

Equally important is their reliance on a strong support



system at home. A linemen's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages.

This means in times of prolonged outages; the family and their linemen may have minimal communication and not see each other for several days. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

### Community Commitment

In the Custer Power service territory and across the country, electric public power linemen mission-focused mentality of helping others often extends beyond their commitment to their work at the co-op. Linemen are often familiar figures in the



Even though it is Linemen Appreciation Day, Custer Public Power also wants to recognize the people that support the linemen and work behind the scenes.

# BEHIND THE SCENES

the linemen with ordering supplies, inventory, outage management, communications, and electricity flow management. These Departments help ensure that the linemen can keep your lights shining bright and power flowing for all your electrical needs.

The Custer Public Power team has a diverse behind the scene group of people who make it possible for the linemen to do their jobs.

Like the linemen, our other employees are committed to the communities they live in. They can be seen volunteering and serving in their communities and the Custer Public Power service territory.

community. They can be found coaching youth sports teams, volunteering for local charities and serving on local advisory boards.

It begins with the design of the electrical lines and setting up of accounts in the Engineering Department. As the accounts become active, and sometimes retired, the Customer Service Department becomes involved. The Customer Service Department includes metering technicians and customer service representatives. Supporting the linemen and all departments is the Accounting Department. The Operations Department not only includes the linemen but several other people who help

When you see a Custer Public Power District employee, tell them "Thank You" .

## Thank You

Monday, April 8 is Linemen Appreciation Day. Given the dedication of Custer Public Power District's linemen, both on and off the job, I encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to our local community. And if you see their family members in the grocery store or out and about in the town, please offer them a thank you as well.



By Anne Prince



# NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp

July 8-12, 2019 at

No, it's not just another camp, think again!

I bet right now you are thinking that this is the zillionth camp flyer you have received and that this camp is just like all the rest. It costs a bunch, you won't know anyone there, it's going to be awkward, and you won't get anything out of going except maybe a sunburn.

It's free, you are going to make life-long friends, and learn about the electric industry through interesting workshops, fascinating demonstrations and presentations by regional experts addressing the many issues affecting the rural electric program. There's also canoeing,



sports, a banquet and a dance. A tour to the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provide for a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity.



**So don't delay...apply today!**



## YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parents \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of your sponsoring rural electric system \_\_\_\_\_

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**To be eligible for this year's camp you must:**

- \*Currently be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade
- \*Be sponsored by a Nebraska Rural Electric Association member-system
- \*Complete the application form on the back and return it to your local electric system

For more information contact:

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# Perfect Carrot Cake



## CAKE

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

- 2 cups flour
- 2 3/4 cups grated carrots, approximately 5
- 1 (8 ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup raisins (regular or golden)
- 1 cup sweetened flaked coconut

## FROSTING

- 1 (8 ounce) block cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/2 cup butter, room temperature
- 4 cups powdered sugar

## Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 9×13 pan with nonstick spray. Set aside.

In the bowl of your stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment mix both sugars, vegetable oil, eggs and vanilla together on medium speed until smooth, 1 minute. Add in the cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, and salt and continue mixing for 30 seconds, scraping the sides of the bowl as necessary. Mix in the flour until just combined. Add in the carrots, pineapple, walnuts, coconut, and raisins and stir until evenly incorporated.

Pour batter into the prepared pan and bake for 40-45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Allow to cool completely.

## FROSTING

In the bowl of your stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment mix the cream cheese and butter together on medium speed until combined. With mixer on low, slowly add in the powdered sugar. Once incorporated, turn the speed up to medium and mix for 1-2 minutes until smooth and creamy, scraping the sides of the bowl as necessary.

Spread the frosting on top of the cooled cake.

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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 9:00 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.



**March - Do You Know? The answer is Senator George Norris & McCook, NE**