

Empowering Progress

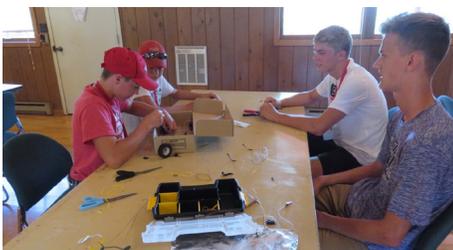
With Area Service Centers in Sargent, Callaway, Stapleton and Theford



Custer Public Power District would like to invite you to an exciting and educational opportunity that you won't want to miss, the annual Nebraska Rural Electric Association's Youth Energy Leadership Camp held July 9–13!

Each summer we get together for a fun, worthwhile experience that takes place in the beauty of the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey, Nebraska.

This awesome summer camp is for youth in grades 9–11 and is casual, yet educationally and personally challenging. The Rural Electric Youth Energy Camp includes roughly about 65 highly motivated high school-aged men and women from Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota and



Colorado whose rural homes are served by one of the Nebraska Rural Electric Association's member-systems, such as Custer Public Power District.



The camp offers educational and recreational experiences, leadership training, environmental awareness, character building and social interaction. Through workshops and guest speakers, students learn about energy generation, electric safety, and careers in the rural electric program.



One of the highlights of the camp is the tour of the Gerald Gentleman Power Station near North Platte and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant near

Ogallala. The week is intermingled with fun activities, including sports tournaments, canoeing, dancing, a get-acquainted party, and some free time to socialize and make new friends.

In addition, leadership is stressed when students compete to win a free trip to Washington D.C. as ambassadors and/or return to the next year's camp as a junior counselor.



High school students, served electrically by Custer Public Power District, who are currently in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade are eligible to attend. Camp expenses and transportation are provided by Custer Public Power. Applications are due by May 1, 2018.

For an application or for more information, please contact Tarin Burrows at 308.872.2451, or visit Custer Power's website at www.custerpower.com/customer-service/youth-activities-scholarships

THE POWER BEHIND THE POWER

As April arrives, it brings with it the showers that produce spring flowers. It also heralds the beginning of a potentially stormy season that can inherently include power outages.

While Custer Public Power District strives to provide reliable electricity to our customers/owners, there are times when Mother Nature has other plans. Most of us can ride out a storm from the comfort and convenience of our homes. However, there is a group of professionals that spring into action when the weather takes a turn for the worst – public power lineworkers.

One of the most dangerous jobs



Braving stormy weather and other challenging conditions, lineworkers often must climb 40 or more feet in the air, carrying heavy equipment to restore power. *Listed as one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S., lineworkers must perform detailed tasks next to high voltage power lines.* To help keep them safe, lineworkers wear specialized protective clothing and equipment at all times when on

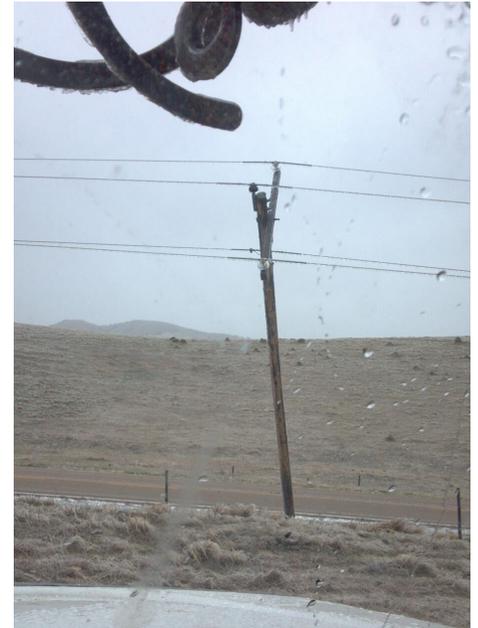
the job. This includes special fire-resistant clothing that will self-extinguish, limiting potential injuries from burns and sparks. Insulated and rubber gloves are worn in tandem to protect them from electrical shock. While the gear performs a critical function, it also adds additional weight and bulk, making the job more complex.

In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climb-



ing to the top of a pole to repair a wire. They are also information experts that can pinpoint an outage from miles away and restore power remotely. Line crews use their laptops and cell phones to map outages, take pictures of the work they have done and troubleshoot problems. In our community, Custer Public Power District lineworkers are responsible for keeping 4,692 miles of lines across thirteen counties working, in order to bring power to your home and our local community 24/7, regardless of the weather, holidays or personal considerations.

While some of the tools that lineworkers use have changed



over the years, namely the use of technology, the dedication to the job has not. Being a lineworker is not a glamorous profession. At its essence, it is inherently dangerous, requiring them to work near high voltage lines in the worst of conditions, at any times of the day or night. During hurricanes, wildfires or storms, crews often work around the clock to restore power. While April is known for spring showers, there is also a day set aside to “thank a lineworker.”

Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 9. So during the month of April, if you see a lineworker, please pause to say thank you to the power behind your power. Let them know you appreciate the hard work they do to keep the lights on, regardless of the conditions.

Article is written by Anne Prince, Member Communications Manager, NRECA

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL LINEMEN APPRECIATION DAY
APRIL 9
LIGHTING UP YOUR LIFE...
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**



Custer Public Power District employees take pride in serving rural Nebraska. Lighting up our neighbors, friends, and family's lives with public owned power.

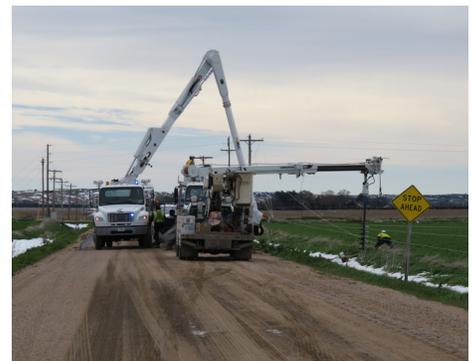
Our employees are dedicated to making sure that you have reliable and affordable power.



Public Power is a Nebraska Thing!



If you see a Custer Public Power employee, tell them "Thank You" for making your lights shine.



Spinach-Orzo Salad with Shrimp

Ingredients

- Kosher salt
- 1/2 cup orzo
- 4 cups spinach, thinly sliced
- 10 medium radishes, quartered
- 1 small cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced
- 1/2 red onion, quartered and thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup pitted oil-cured olives, chopped
- 1/2 cup packed fresh mint, chopped
- 1/2 cup packed fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese



Directions

Preheat the broiler. Bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Add the orzo and cook until al dente, about 8 minutes. Drain, rinse with cold water and shake dry.

Meanwhile, toss the spinach, radishes, cucumber, onion, olives, mint, parsley and 1/3 cup each lemon juice and olive oil in a large bowl. Add the orzo and season with salt and pepper.

Toss the shrimp with the remaining 2 tablespoons each lemon juice and olive oil in a bowl. Arrange on a foil-lined broiler pan and broil until slightly pink, 1 to 2 minutes. Turn and broil until just cooked through, 2 to 3 more minutes.

Divide the salad among plates. Top with the shrimp, sprinkle with the feta and season with pepper.

Photograph by Antonis Achilleos

Recipe courtesy Food Network Magazine

Nutritional Analysis Per Serving

- Calories 672
- Total Fat 35 grams
- Saturated Fat 7 grams
- Cholesterol 238 milligrams
- Sodium 576 milligrams
- Carbohydrates 32 grams
- Dietary Fiber 5 grams
- Protein 36 grams

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- Total: 25 min
- Prep: 12 min
- Cook: 13 min
- Yield: 4 servings
- Level: Easy

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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.

