

Congratulations to Custer PPD Lineworker Rodeo participants! CPPD linemen competed in the annual Nebraska Lineworkers Rodeo August 26, 2017, at the State Fair in Grand Island. Jamie Hurlburt, Jon Berghorst, Gordon Needs, Spencer Burk, Rob Keeney, Zach Hammond, and Alex Meeks were representing Custer PPD during the competitions. John Croghan, Steve Pederson (retired), and Mike Needs assisted with the judging; and Cindy Lindner helped as a volunteer.

Twenty-two Nebraska Journeyman lineworkers and twenty-five apprentices from eight utilities competed in events that test skills in a timed setting, emphasizing safety, excellence and integrity.

Training sessions were held for the competitors and judges at the Hotel Grand Conference Center in Grand Island on Friday, August 25, 2017. The Lineworker Rodeo took place at the Motor Sports Track, Saturday with an opening ceremony. Rob Keeney, an Apprentice represented CPPD in the raising of the flags during the ceremony. The Apprentices start with a written test. There are 7 events for the Journeymen and Apprentices that showcase the daily activities of being a lineworker.



PUBLIC POWER WEEK

OCTOBER 1-7, 2017

Powering Strong Communities

Custer Public Power District is celebrating Public Power Week. Public Power Week celebrates the reliable, affordable electricity Public Power Districts provide to their customer-owners. Public Power puts customer-owners first.

Custer Public Power District has served rural Nebraska since 1944. Our service is reliable and safe. We take pride in serving our family, friends, and neighbors.

Custer Public Power District supplies electric power to over 4600 miles of distribution lines, and is geographically the largest rural public power district in Nebraska serving over 8,000 square miles of territory. Custer Public Power District has service centers in Sargent, Callaway, Stapleton, and Thedford with main office in Broken Bow.

Custer Public Power District working for our customer-owners who are our family, friends, and neighbors.

Public Power Strong!

DON'T SACRIFICE SAFETY

FOR SPEED DURING HARVEST



For many farmers, the harvest season is a flurry of activity with long hours and little rest. The pressure to harvest as much as possible — in combination with fatigue and looming deadlines — can result in too little attention being paid to potential hazards. Safe practices should never be compromised for the sake of speed. Doing so could potentially end in tragedy.



Farmers and agricultural workers have dangerous occupations. One of the causes of injury and death in the agricultural industry is electrocution. Of those injuries, overhead power lines are the most common cause of electrocution.

If you are a farm operator or worker, be aware of the location of power lines and keep the following safety guidelines in mind during the harvest season:



- Always use a spotter when operating large machinery near lines.
- Use care when raising augers or the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from lines — at all times, in all directions.
- Inspect the height of the farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Always remember to lower extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- If a power line is sagging or low, call the local utility immediately.
- If your equipment does hit a power line do not leave the cab. Immediately call 911, warn others to stay away, and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.



The only reason to exit equipment that has come into contact with overhead lines is if the equipment is on fire, which is very rare. However, if this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together and without touching the ground and vehicle at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

To help ensure a safe harvest, stay alert for power lines, exercise caution, and always put safety first. If you or someone you know would like more information on electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.

2017 NEBRASKA LINEWORKERS RODEO TEAM RESULTS

Rob Keeney placed 3rd in Hurtman Rescue, and 2nd in the Obstacle Course in the Apprentice Events Division. Jon Berghorst and Jamie Hurlburt placed 3rd in Hurtman Rescue, 3rd in Alley Arm Insulator Change Out, 2nd in Transformer Change Out, and 2nd in the Mystery Event.

Jon and Jamie took 1st place in the Journeyman Team Overall with a perfect score for all four events.

Pictured in the top right are Zach Hammond, Rob Keeney, Alex Meeks, Jon Berghorst, Jamie Hurlburt, Gordon Needs, and Spencer Burk.



"Congratulations"

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PUBLIC POWER GIVES BACK

A PUBLIC POWER UTILITY PROVIDES AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE ELECTRICITY AND THEN PUTS MUCH OF ITS REVENUE RIGHT BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY IT POWERS.

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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS PAY **14% LESS** than customers with privately owned utilities



COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS PAY **10.7 CENTS PER KWH** vs 11.1 cents per kWh with privately owned utilities

PUBLIC POWER UTILITIES CONTRIBUTE TO **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH**



Payments in lieu of tax (61%)

Gross receipts tax (24%)

Free/reduced cost electric services (7%)

Other taxes and fees (6%)

Use of employees (0.8%)

Vehicles, equipment, materials, and supplies (1%)

EVERY YEAR, A MEDIUM-SIZE PUBLIC POWER UTILITY PUTS AN AVERAGE OF **\$2 MILLION** BACK IN THE COMMUNITY

Public power pays **33% MORE** back to the community THAN PRIVATE UTILITIES

Sources: Averages based on American Public Power Association 2014 survey data for 176 public power utilities and Form EIA-961 data.



Creamy Corn Chowder

RECIPE BY MYRECIPES
November 2007



Yield 8 Servings

Ingredients

- 6 slices bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 3 medium red potatoes, diced 1 (1 lb.) bag frozen corn kernels, thawed
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and pepper
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour 6 cups chicken broth
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup half-and-half

How to Make It

Step 1

In a 4-quart soup pot, cook bacon over medium-high heat, stirring, until brown and crispy, about 5 minutes. Pour off all but 2 Tbsp. fat.

Step 2

Add onion, celery and bell pepper and cook, stirring, until softened, 4 to 5 minutes. Add potatoes, corn, thyme, salt and pepper. Stir to combine.

Step 3

Sprinkle flour over mixture and stir until thickened and fragrant, about 3 minutes.

Step 4

Slowly pour in broth, stirring constantly until smooth. Add bay leaf; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer until potatoes are tender, 25 minutes.

Step 5

Remove bay leaf and stir in half-and-half. Cook until warmed through.

Calories 213 Fat 12g Satfat 5g Protein 7g Carbohydrate 22g Fiber 4g Cholesterol 18mg Sodium 472mg

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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.

