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Back to school ...



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Jeff Holzer, journeyman lineworker, sets a pole in a newly dug hole. He always wears rubber gloves, safety glasses and a hard hat to protect him from accidental electrical contact.

Lineworkers attend rubber-gloving school

Story and photos by Carmen Devney

The North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives sponsored an Apprentice Training and Safety (AT&S) rubber-gloving school June 19-23. The school featured two sessions that encouraged lineworkers to get hands-on experience at different stations. For some, it was a new experience. For more advanced lineworkers, it allowed them to refine their skills.

More than 50 students, six instructors and several vendors participated in the school. Attendees learned how to change out a cross arm, cut in a breaker, change out a pole and bells, and other work-related skills. They also received classroom instruction on digger-derrick inspections and light maintenance, and learned the proper procedures and inspections of hot line tools, cleaning and testing.

Les Vietz, crew foreman at Capital Electric Cooperative, instructed at station two, where lineworkers practiced installing an oil circuit recloser, or switch, without interrupting power to the member.

"Most of the experienced people know how to do the generic part of the work, but we learn from each other, by talking about how we do the job. One lineworker might do it different than the next," he says. "We learn different techniques from each other."

Seth Lothspeich, journeyman lineworker for Capital Electric, says the school reminds him to protect himself while on the job.

"The stations help keep our skills sharp," he says. "We don't do these tasks every day. It's a refresher course in safety."

Trent Stein, journeyman lineworker for Capital Electric, joined the co-op staff in May. While he's new at this job, his years of lineworker experience in Minnesota and Nebraska taught him the importance of continuing education.

"You can always learn," he says. "If you don't keep learning, you're not really progressing."

COVER PHOTO: Rick Dressler, lead lineman, insulates the wire by applying line hose. In a maintenance procedure, he prepares to cut in an insulating bell on a three-phase pole, to replace a worn bell. A bell insulates the wire from the wood and cross arm.

Parade promotes family fun

Story and photos by Carmen Devney

Maybe it's the steady beat of a high school marching band. Maybe it's the anticipation of receiving candy and stickers. Or maybe it's the clip-clop of horses' hooves, or the colorful and creative floats that glide by.

Whatever it is—there's just something magical about a parade.

This year, several electric cooperatives joined forces to decorate a Touchstone Energy® float and walk the Mandan Jaycees Fourth of July Parade route. Employees from Capital Electric Cooperative, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives and National Information Solutions Cooperative decorated the float with a rainbow and power lines. The overall parade theme was, "Believing in tomorrow." To incorporate electricity into the theme, the cooperatives added the phrase, "Powering your future," in an effort to unite the members, the employees and the industry.

"The parade is just a great way for employees to get together with others from neighboring cooperatives and show how much we appreciate our members," says Paul Fitterer, business manager for Capital Electric.

"It was my first time participating in the parade. I enjoyed meeting new members and watching families spending quality time together enjoying the annual festivities.

"At Capital Electric Cooperative, we are proud to support such a patriotic event. It's our chance to remember past and present soldiers, and to show our thanks for their service," he says.



Capital Electric Cooperative employees who participated in the parade: Back row: Paul Fitterer, business manager; Laurie Rogstad, accounting clerk; Josh Schaffner, member services assistant. Front row: Dylan Depee, nephew of Shari; Shari Vetter, billing coordinator; and Michelle Colton, secretary/billing clerk.



Paul Fitterer hands out candy to two special parade-goers — his daughters, Hattie and Haven.

The 2006 Mandan Jaycees Fourth of July Parade marked the 125th celebration of Mandan and Morton County. With more than 140 entries, the Fourth of July Parade is the biggest in the state.



Schaffner

Schaffner hired to serve members

by Carmen Devney

Members are the heart of every cooperative. Serving those members is the number-one priority for Capital Electric Cooperative. To provide information on the value of electric heat and to educate members on technology and safety,

Capital Electric recently hired Josh Schaffner as member services assistant. Josh will also coordinate with contractors for heat pump installations and on new and updated services, track inventory and process service orders.

Josh attended Bismarck State College for two years and earned an associate's degree in electronics. He continued his education at Minnesota State University Moorhead and gradu-

ated with a bachelor of applied science degree in operations management.

A native of Zeeland, Josh grew up along KEM Electric Cooperative power lines. His father, Anton, has served as chairman for KEM's Operation Round Up since the program's inception in 2002.

Josh brings an extensive work history to Capital Electric. He served an internship at Bobcat for a manufacturing engineer. He worked for Finley Engineering Company, bringing new telephone and fiber-optic service to rural North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana. He also spent a year at the Minot Air Force Base working security for the North Dakota National Guard in support of the deployments in Afghanistan and Iraq.

If you have questions regarding electric heat, give Josh a call at (701) 223-1513. While you're at it, welcome him to Capital Electric Cooperative. He's here to serve your needs!

'Trekies' share stories, history on tractors



Capital Electric Cooperative member Marie Smith makes the Tractor Trek a family affair. She and her husband, Pat, live east of Bismarck with their children, Joe and Ben. The Smith family takes special pride in Massey Harris tractors. Walter J. Smith, Pat's grandfather, and Lawrence Smith, Pat's father, started the Walter J. Smith and Son Dealership back in the 1940s.

'We have to back our family farms as strongly as we can, because they are the only reason we have inexpensive food in this country. ... It's a show of good faith in our farmers to sponsor an event like this, and we're proud to do it.'

—Doug Mork, member services director
Capital Electric Cooperative

Story and photo by Carmen Devney

It was a day to celebrate tractors, promote agriculture and remember days gone by. On June 30, KFYP Radio hosted the fifth annual Tractor Trek. More than 160 "trekies" traveled from Buckstop Junction in Bismarck to Steele—on their tractors.

Registration began at 7 a.m., with the first crew or "division" heading out on Old Highway 10 at 8:15 a.m. Trekies enjoyed a pit stop in McKenzie and ate lunch in Sterling. After the break, they proceeded to Steele for a parade up Mitchell Avenue.

"We see both old and new tractors," says Sheryl Krogh, event planner and account manager for Clear Channel Radio. "Some use tractors that they learned to drive from their fathers and grandfathers. We see a lot of tractors with dents and rust. Others found tractors they had on the farm and refurbished them because of the great memories.

"The Tractor Trek gives old tractors new life," she says.

For the fourth year in a row, the Touchstone Energy® cooperatives of Capital Electric, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric, KEM Electric, McLean Electric, Oliver-Mercer Electric and Basin Electric Power Cooperative served as partner sponsors.

Doug Mork, member services director at Capital Electric, says the cooperatives join

forces to help sponsor Tractor Trek because supporting agriculture and area farmers is vital to the economy.

"We have to back our family farms as strongly as we can, because they are the only reason we have inexpensive food in this country," he says. "It's a show of good faith in our farmers to sponsor an event like this, and we're proud to do it."

Over the years, participation has steadily grown, and Krogh says the sponsorships provide a great day for the trekies.

"Because so many families participate, KFYP considers this a family event. It teaches children about history, because many of them have never seen tractors. We just want to celebrate our heritage and roots.

"We could not pull this off without the help of the Touchstone Energy cooperatives. They've been a big supporter of KFYP's educational events, like Living Ag Classroom," Krogh says.

Sponsorship dollars help fund breakfast, lunch and supper; goodies like flags and caps; programs; signs; and water.

"People take the day to relax and enjoy the beautiful countryside. They visit with people all over the state of North Dakota, and share stories and the history of their tractors," Krogh says.

"I've never seen so many men walk around with a smile on their face all day long," she says.



Doppler

Co-op connections paint entire picture

by Carmen Devney

Ten years ago, Blaine Doppler didn't know what he was getting himself into. Residents in his neighborhood of southeast Menoken approached him and asked him to consider serving on the board of directors for Capital Electric Cooperative.

Living on the family farm that had once belonged to his grandfather, Blaine was familiar with the cooperative. And he had a basic understanding of electricity—but not much knowledge of the industry.

He says he must have had more support than he realized at the time, because he was elected in his first run for the position, after receiving an overwhelming number of votes.

Blaine quickly learned the importance of the role the board plays in the actual governance of the cooperative.

"The first three years were kind of a whirlwind," he says. "There were so many different aspects to the actual electric side of the business, such as our interconnection with other cooperatives, and the grid that provides a partnership between Capital Electric and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

"It really is, 'from the mine-mouth to the member-owner'—an interconnected system that we all share and use," he says.

Blaine learned as much as he could those first few years by attending regional and annual meetings, both at co-ops and at the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives.

"There's a vast amount of experience and knowledge, that as you interconnect with those people, you become more aware of the entire picture that we are part of," he says.

And that entire picture, as Blaine so surely knows, starts with the member-owner.

"As an electric cooperative, it's our obligation to provide the best service we can to the members within our service territory," he says.

Blaine says he finds serving the members, using modern technology to provide better service, and visiting with members and listening to their concerns rewarding. As current secretary-treasurer of the board, he understands the importance of planning ahead to accommodate for tomorrow's growth.

While creating a long-range plan can be a challenge, another is saying goodbye to seasoned veterans who have contributed to the cooperative's decades of stability.

"We have employees who have been here a long time. They have a lot of experience and have done an excellent job. It's going to be hard to replace those people and their experience after they've retired," he says.

With a decade of his own in volunteer service to the cooperative—and now knowing full well what "he's gotten himself into,"—Blaine hopes to continue serving on the board as long as the membership feels he contributes.

Outside of Capital Electric Cooperative, Blaine operates a small grain farm with his wife, Dorothy, and son, Allan. He works for Fischer Contracting in Bismarck, and serves as assessor for Boyd and Telfer townships. In his free time, he enjoys spending time on the family farm.

Over the past 10 years, Blaine has exemplified the Touchstone Energy® values of integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. Capital Electric Cooperative thanks Blaine for his dedicated service, and for supporting the employees and their efforts to serve their members.

news & views

- The co-op held a reorganizational board meeting following the annual meeting in June to re-elect officers. Dwight Wrangham was elected as president; Arlene Olson was re-elected as vice president; Blaine Doppler was re-elected as secretary-treasurer; and Ann Reich was re-elected to serve as assistant secretary-treasurer.
- Capital Electric hired Perry Ptacek to serve as a journeyman lineworker stationed out of Wing. He previously worked for Northern Electric Cooperative in Bath, S.D. Please give Perry a warm welcome!
- The Circle K Substation gravel surfacing is now complete. The control building is currently under way, and load is expected to be transferred later this summer.
- As a sponsor of the Prairie Rose State Games, Capital Electric congratulates all the athletes!

Capital credit claims

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION BY CAPITAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.

Listed below are names of former Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. members who had capital credit checks mailed to them in the year 2000. These checks have been returned to Capital Electric Cooperative by the postal service because it could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by Capital Electric personnel has not turned up their whereabouts.

If you received electrical service from Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. any time during the year 1985 and your name is on this list, please contact our office. If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list who received electrical service

from Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. any time during the year 1985, please have them contact our office at (701) 223-1513.

Please keep in mind that all of the capital credit amounts are not large. However, we desire to get the money due to those who earned it, and clear up our records.

We will redeem capital credits for those members on the following list who notify us prior to December 2006. Notice is hereby given that any unclaimed capital credits outstanding following the notice given in the last month will be forfeited pursuant to Section 10-15-34.1 and 10-15-23 of the North Dakota Century Code.

FIRST NOTICE—AUGUST 2006

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June 26

The regular meeting of the board of directors of Capital Electric Cooperative (CEC) Inc. was held June 26 at the CEC headquarters building in Bismarck.

Financial review (May 2006): Prior to the board meeting, Directors Lasher and Falkenstein had reviewed the May check register and expenditures. It was reported that all checks were in order and recommended approval. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the May check register and expenditures in the total amount of \$1,158,068.61.

Management reports (Business department, engineering and operations and member services): Business department:

The May financial and statistical report was reviewed. Total kilowatt-hour sales for May were above budget by 3.56 percent. The actual billing revenue was up 3.85 percent from budget.

The margin for May was \$56,157. In May, 55 new consumers were added, bringing the total to 142 for the year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has implemented a new secured computer system that will be the new method for submitting the annual Form 7 reports. In order for CEC to utilize this, a board resolution must be passed defining the persons who have administrator privileges, of which Lars Nygren and Paul Fitterer are listed. It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the resolution for authorization.

The 60th annual meeting was a success! Congratulations to Dwight Wrangham and Shelly Peterson for their re-election to the board and to Ervin Mund for being elected to the board. A record number of members registered for this year's annual meeting. The next two annual meetings are currently booked with the Ramkota on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, and Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

In association with Basin Electric Power Cooperative and the other cooperatives belonging to the Touchstone Energy® marketing group, a Touchstone Energy Fourth of July float will be in the Mandan parade.

Tim Bohan, Rural Utilities Service general field representative, was on site June 13 to perform CEC's two-year civil rights compliance review. No corrective action was needed.

As part of the manager mayday procedures, a notification list contains such persons as CEC's legal counsel, Workforce Safety and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The notification list is being modified to include the board of directors as well as remote employees (such as those in Wing).

The manager reviewed the comparison of actual-to-budgeted expenses for May and for the year to date. The accounts receivable balances as of June 23 were also reviewed.

Capital credits: Following review and rec-

ommendation by management, it was moved, seconded and carried to authorize payment of capital credits to the following deceased members' estates:

Theodore Lang	\$1,637.38
Bill Falconer	\$950.59
Alice L. Olson	\$950.24
Jane Stram	\$124.37
Vern Korth	\$75.42
Esther Stelter	\$105.13
Robert E. Feeney	\$264.22
Emma Swenson	\$1,943.63
Catherine Simmer	\$412.16
James E. Tishmack	\$1,050.43
TOTAL	\$7,513.57

Engineering and operations: The manager reviewed the written report from the engineering and operations department.

The three outgoing circuits at the Circle K Substation have been completed.

A letter from the Corps of Engineers was received regarding the easement for the Walter Small irrigation site and McLean Bottoms recreation area. It was moved, seconded and carried to authorize the secretary to execute the easement with the Corps of Engineers.

Member services department: The manager reviewed the written report from the member services department.

The construction work for the Circle K Substation is reaching completion. Load will be transferred to this new substation later on this summer.

Capital Electric Cooperative, KEM Electric, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric, Oliver-Mercer Electric and Basin Electric Power Cooperative have scheduled a meeting with the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) and the National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC) to discuss public relation strategies.

Review of annual meeting: A staff meeting was held to discuss the 2006 annual meeting. Issues discussed were using a professional sound person to handle sound, meals and location (for the reason that the size may outgrow the meeting space in the near future).

Safety report: The electrical contact incident that happened June 13, 2006, was discussed.

2005 long-range system plan: The 2005 long-range system plan (LRP), which was prepared by HDR/SSR Engineers Inc. for CEC, has been reviewed and is approved.

Public Service Commission (PSC) CEC complaint/CEC v. city of Bismarck, Montana-Dakota Utilities and PSC: The manager and attorney provided an update on the PSC CEC complaint, the district court action, and reviewed the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order issued by the PSC June 22, 2006.

Cooperative Finance Corporation: Director Reich reported on the CFC seminar. Reich

attended information sessions on strategic planning, electric rates, and global trends.

Mid-West Electric Consumers Association report: The manager reported on the Mid-West meeting. Western Area Power Administration's potential rate increases to alleviate projected deficits was the big topic of discussion.

Central Power report: Director Falkenstein reported on Central Power Electric Cooperative matters. Central Power has a substation transformer that needs replacing. While the cost is increasing, availability is decreasing. The cost has increased four times in the past two years.

Falkenstein also provided an update on the Capital consolidation matter. The Central Power board approved a resolution approving the allocation at year end to CEC based on CEC's share of actual Basin purchases. This is a continuation of the revisions to the nonconsolidated rate that went into effect Jan. 1, 2006.

NDAREC report: Director Liuska reported there was no NDAREC meeting.

Resolutions: It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the resolution on the Cooperative Finance Corporation Integrity Fund for additional assistance in territory assistance.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative report: BTI (Basin Telecommunication Inc.) wants to lease space on CEC's Kiever Butte tower. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the lease with indemnification clause added.

Adjournment: Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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