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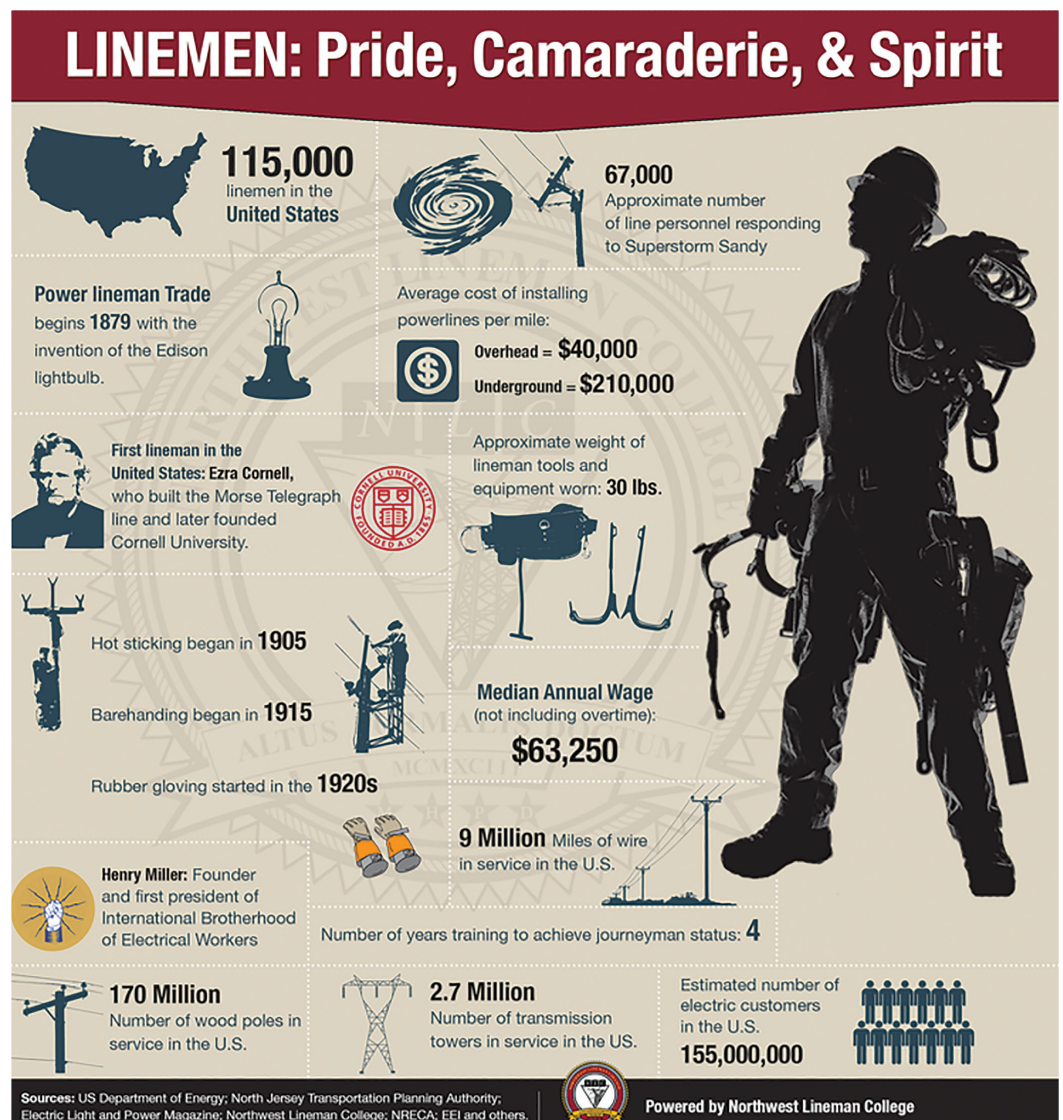
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April 18 Is Lineman Appreciation Day

Electrical lineworkers are the first responders to meet the energy needs of all the public. On a daily basis, they risk their personal safety to work in challenging and dangerous conditions to keep energy flowing, energy in which we need to stay secure and comfortable.

Central Florida Electrical Cooperative members can count on dedicated lineworkers to be there every minute of every day, 365 days a year, restoring power to homes and businesses while navigating through all of nature's elements.

That's why CFEC is proud to participate in National Lineman Appreciation Day on April 18.



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Our mission is to be the finest example of an electric cooperative where excellent service, competitive rates and concern for the consumer, community and environment guide our every action.

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Youth On Tour!

Central Florida Electric Cooperative recently selected three students to attend the Washington D.C. Youth Tour in June. The three students are Aidan Horne, Chiefland High School; Rebekah Floyd, Bell High School; and Lacianna Davis, Trenton High School. These students were among the six students who recently attended the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Tallahassee.

The Cooperative Youth Tour is one of the many ways in which CFEC is committed to the education and increased learning of students in our service area.



Aidan Horne
Chiefland High School



Rebekah Floyd
Bell High School



Lacianna Davis
Trenton High School

The Cooperative Way of Business: Putting Members First

In 1939, CFEC was incorporated to provide safe, affordable, reliable electricity to our members. After all this time, that is still CFEC's top priority. That is the value of being a Cooperative – we are owned by those we serve.

Cooperatives follow seven principles known as the "Rochdale Principles," which not only benefit the cooperatives but our member consumers as well. When introduced to the U.S. in 1874, these principles fueled a cooperative explosion. The seven principles state that a cooperative must provide:

- ✓ Open and Voluntary Membership
- ✓ Democratic Member Control
- ✓ Members' Economic Participation
- ✓ Autonomy and Independence
- ✓ Education, Training, and Information
- ✓ Cooperation among Cooperatives
- ✓ Concern for Community.

Cooperatives across the country abide by these principles, including Seminole Electric Cooperative (Seminole). Seminole is the generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative that provides wholesale power to nine distribution cooperatives in Florida, including CFEC. Approximately 1.7 million people and businesses in parts of 42 Florida counties rely on Seminole's Member cooperatives for electricity.

Between energy technology and electric market conditions, the electric utility industry is constantly changing. One thing at CFEC that will always remain the same is the focus on our members and the partnership with Seminole to keep our Members electricity safe, affordable, and reliable in years to come.

For more information, visit www.cfec.com or www.seminole-electric.com.

Important: Florida Special Needs Registry

The Florida Division of Emergency Management, in coordination with each local emergency management agency in the state, developed a registry to allow residents with special needs to register with their local emergency management agency to receive assistance during a disaster. The statewide registry provides first responders with valuable information to prepare for disasters or other emergencies.

Providing as much information as possible will allow emergency management officials to plan accordingly for future disasters. Periodically, you will need to verify the information provided is correct. As changes in your status arise, you will need to contact emergency management to update your information.

Why should you register?

To receive important information from local emergency management officials about evacuation and sheltering options available to you.

It may save your life!

How will my information be used?

The information within the registry will only be used in the planning for and provision of emergency and/or disaster services. Additionally, Florida Statute 252.905 declares any information furnished by a person or business to the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the purpose of being

provided assistance with emergency planning is exempt from public records requests.

The registry is a confidential listing of those needing assistance and is updated on an annual basis through contact with the registered residents. Residents with



medical needs such as nebulizers, oxygen, feeding tubes, or Alzheimer's disease are examples of medical criteria that are eligible for the registry.

Completing the Florida Special Needs Registry does not automatically qualify the individual for a special needs shelter. Additional information will be provided by your local emergency management agency regarding evacuation and sheltering options available to you.

To register for the Special Needs Program, go to the Florida State Emergency Response Team website for Special Needs Registry at <https://snr.floridadisaster.org>.

To create an account, first select your county from the drop-down menu, then click on "Sign Up." Select a username and password and fill out the questionnaire. If you are unable to complete the registry on the website, contact your county emergency management office.



- ✓ Alachua County Emergency Management: 800-374-9689
- ✓ Dixie County Emergency Management: 352-498-1464
- ✓ Gilchrist County Emergency Management: 386-935-5400
- ✓ Lafayette County Emergency Management: 386-294-1950
- ✓ Levy County Emergency Management: 352-486-5213
- ✓ Marion County Emergency Management: 352-369-8100

Central Florida Electric Cooperative Bylaws:

ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4: NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than thirty (30) nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Board members are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected from different sections so as to ensure equitable representation, shall prepare and post at the principle office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for each Board position to be filled by election.

Additional members may be placed in nomination for available Board positions by the filing of petition with the General Manager of the Cooperative at least fifty (50) days before the meeting. Said petition must be signed by at least fifteen (15) members residing within the district represented by the available Board position.

There shall be no nominations from the floor during the meeting.

EXPLANATION OF ELECTRIC CHARGES

Central Florida Electric Cooperative covers the cost of power and the cost of conducting business through electric charges to members. An explanation of those charges is as follows:

- **Facilities Charge** is a monthly fee that covers a portion of your share of the cost of poles, wires, transformers, service drops and meters, which gives you access to the electric grid.
- **Energy Charges** cover the wholesale cost of the power supplied to members, which accounts for at least 70 percent of the total cost of service.
- **Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment** represents the fluctuation in power cost caused by changes in fuel prices needed for power generation. Depending on the cost of power generation for the month, this adjustment may either be a debit or a credit to your bill.

CHARGES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Facilities Charge For 30 days at \$.95 = \$28.50

Energy Charge Per 1,000 kWh at \$.098 = \$98.00

**Note: All kWh used above 1,000 is charged at \$.124*

Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment = - \$4.50

Total: = \$122.00

The cost to members per 1,000 kWh for the month of March is \$122.00



Barbecue Chicken Flatbread

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 rotisserie chicken
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro
- 1 (15-oz) package flatbread pizza crusts
- 8 tablespoons barbecue sauce
- 2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend

PREPARATION:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Shred chicken (3 cups). Chop cilantro. Combine chicken and cilantro.
2. Place flatbreads on baking sheet. Spread 4 tablespoons sauce on each flatbread; top with 1 1/2 cups chicken mixture, then 1 cup cheese. Bake 8–10 minutes or until golden and crispy. Slice flatbreads; serve.



Greek Salad Flatbread

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 rotisserie chicken
- 1 medium tomato, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 European cucumber, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup sliced pepperoncini, finely chopped
- 4 each Italian flatbread
- Cooking spray
- 1/2 cup plain (or olive) hummus
- 4 cups lettuce shreds, divided
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese, divided
- Juice of 1 lemon, divided
- Olive oil as desired

PREPARATION:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Shred chicken (breast only, about 2 cups). Heat in microwave-safe dish until hot, 2-3 minutes.
3. Chop tomato, cucumber (about 1 cup each), and pepperoncini.
4. Coat flatbread on both sides with cooking spray; place on a baking sheet and bake 4–5 minutes or until crispy. Let cool.
5. Spread 2 tablespoons hummus on each flatbread; divide chicken, lettuce, tomato and cucumber between each flatbread and top. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon pepperoncini and feta. Top each flatbread with a little olive oil and fresh squeezed lemon juice. Serve.

Tomato and Bell Pepper Flatbread

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large Florida bell pepper (red, yellow, green or 1/2 of all 3 colors), seeded and sliced thin
- 2 medium Florida tomatoes, sliced thin
- 2 medium or 1 large baked flatbread or pizza crust
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded (or your favorite)
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, hand torn
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 5 cloves fresh garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

PREPARATION:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spread olive oil and garlic evenly over the flatbread. Evenly distribute three-fourths of the two kinds of cheese over the flatbread. Evenly distribute the bell pepper and tomato over the cheese.



Add remaining cheese to the top of the flatbread. Season the flatbread lightly with salt and pepper. Bake flatbread on a cookie sheet for 7 to 10 minutes until cheese is melted and bubbly. Remove flatbread from oven and garnish with the hand-torn basil. Cut flatbread into several servings and serve warm.

Member Benefits:

■ COOPERATIVE SOLAR

Get the power you need from the sun by purchasing solar power.

■ PAY-AS-YOU-GO

Eliminate late fees by making prepayments to your electric account.

■ EDUCATIONAL ROUND UP

Support area youth by asking for your bill to be "rounded up" to the nearest dollar.

■ RESIDENTIAL ENERGY AUDITS

Schedule a home energy audit with a Member Services Representative.

■ CFEC CONNECT MOBILE APP

Use your smart phone device to view or pay your bill or to report an outage.

■ SURGE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Add protection for your home with this meter-based surge suppression program.

■ BANK DRAFT

Authorize the automatic payment of your monthly electric bill.

To learn more about these Member Benefits, call **352-493-2511** or **1-800-227-1302** and speak to a Customer Service Representative.



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NOTICE:

The Board of Trustees for Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc., meets on the third Monday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Cooperative's main office in Chiefland. Members are always welcome to attend.

To Report A Power Outage:

- Call: **1-800-227-1302** or **352-493-2511**, follow the prompts of the Automated Outage Response System
- Use the CFEC Connect App: Click on "report outage." Fill in the form and click "submit." If you are already logged in to the app, simply click the "report outage" triangle, and "yes" to report the outage.
- Online: Log on to www.cfec.com, click on "outage information" and fill in the form with the required information. Hit "send" when complete.

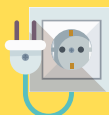
Update Your Telephone Number



CFEC's Automated Outage Response System uses member telephone numbers to locate accounts and corresponding locations. That's why it is important to update phone numbers associated with your service location. Inaccurate phone number/service location combinations may result in delayed handling of the outage.



Update your phone number by calling
1-800-227-1302 or **352-493-2511**



Safety Tip: Only one high-wattage appliance should be plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time.



Energy Tip: Turn the thermostat down 7-10°F for 8 hours a day in the fall/winter to save 10 percent on heating/cooling.





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ADDITIONAL PAYMENT LOCATIONS

Drummond Community Bank
Lafayette State Bank (Bell only)

*For a complete listing of payment
locations, go to www.cfec.com.*

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Reminder: Don't wait until storm season to get prepared.

