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Lineworkers Light Our Lives

IF YOU WERE ASKED to associate an image or a person with Karnes Electric Cooperative, I bet you would picture a lineworker. Among the most visible employees of the co-op, lineworkers work tirelessly to ensure our community receives uninterrupted power 24/7.

Line work is one of the most dangerous professions in the U.S., requiring detailed tasks while in close contact with high-voltage power lines. Regardless of the time of day, in stormy weather or other challenging conditions, lineworkers must climb 40 feet in the air, often carrying heavy equipment to get the job done.

And yet line work isn't glamorous. The job requires years of specialized training, ongoing education and dedication. Equally important for lineworkers at co-ops—and what sets them apart—is a deeply held sense of service and commitment to the community. That's why co-ops set aside the second Monday in April each year to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

Lineworkers may be the most visible employees at Karnes EC, but equally critical is the team of highly skilled professionals working behind the scenes.

Engineers provide ongoing expertise and guidance on the operations side of the co-op. Member service representatives are always standing by to take your calls and questions. Our information technology experts continually monitor our system to help safeguard sensitive data. And these are just a few of the folks who work together to ensure we can deliver the service and reliability you expect and deserve. Without them, our lineworkers wouldn't be able to light up our community.

Our dedicated and beloved lineworkers are proud to represent Karnes EC, and they deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way on Lineworker Appreciation Day.

On April 11, and any time you see a lineworker, I hope you'll join me in thanking them for their exceptional service. I also hope you'll remember that you have a dedicated team of professionals working at the co-op whose commitment to service runs just as deep. ■



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Pickled Beet Eggs

2 cans (15 ounces each) whole beets

¼ cup light brown sugar

½ cup cider vinegar

½ teaspoon pepper

2 teaspoons mustard seed

1 sweet onion, thinly sliced

12 hard-boiled eggs, peeled

1. Place beets with their liquid in a medium saucepan and warm over medium heat. Add the brown sugar, vinegar, pepper and mustard seed and bring the mixture to a boil, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat.

2. Place the onion slices and eggs in a large bowl or sealable storage container. Carefully pour the beet mixture over eggs and onion and allow the mixture to cool. Cover the bowl and refrigerate for at least 1 day and up to 3 days.

SERVES 6-8

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