

Outdoorsman Finds Perfect Job at Co-op

Logan Drullinger is learning about the electric utility industry from the ground up

By Pam Spettel

Logan Drullinger—Blachly-Lane’s newest employee—began at the co-op as temporary summer help in 2016. His career dream came true when he was called back to a permanent utility worker position in April 2017.

Logan is a fourth-generation Crow community member, born into a family devoted to hunting and outdoorsmanship. He says from age 4 he was out in the woods with his father.

“We’re homebody, hometown kind of people,” Logan says of himself and his family. “I look up to my dad about raising and providing for a family. He’s selfless in how he takes care of the family and others. My mom is very loving—everything she does for us is out of love. She’s got my back and has an answer for every question I have.”

In his early years, Logan was homeschooled. In 2013, he graduated from Crow High School, where he was a member of the basketball, football, track, baseball and wrestling teams. He went into the Coast Guard Reserve after high school.

“My mom works for TSA, and my dad is in law enforcement,” he says. “I had wanted to follow my family into a law enforcement career. As I was thinking of raising a future family, law enforcement didn’t seem to be the wisest choice. My dad told me about utility linework—that if he had taken a different path he would have gone that route. I like being out of doors and working with my hands, so it’s a perfect fit.”

A local electrician friend helped Logan start learning how to get into the electric utility industry. Logan did a lot of research, and in April 2016 he started Volta Line School in Warrenton.

Logan is a newlywed, married to Julie on July 29. They met through their best friends in May 2015. Julie also works for a cooperative—employee-owned Bi-Mart. The couple even rescheduled their wedding rehearsal so they could attend a Blachly-Lane work function the evening before their ceremony.

“My dream was to work at a local utility and have that close-knit job environment,” says Logan. “I was just starting a family and wanted that stability. I applied at Blachly-Lane



Logan Drullinger practices his pole-climbing technique. He plans to become a journeyman lineman someday.

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while at Volta. As a matter of fact, I got the call to come to work in the middle of class.”

In his role as utility worker, Logan has his hands in many facets of the business. He works with the tree and line crews as a groundsman. He also works at the shop as a warehouseman and does some groundskeeping.

“As a warehouseman, I work receiving, cleaning up and



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making sure everything is flowing for the crews,” says Logan. “I get to learn every piece of it. I plan on growing and am committed to finish my apprenticeship and become a journeyman lineman. I just read the other day that technology is expected to create 5,000 to 10,000 new jobs for upcoming workers. It’s an exciting time to be starting out in the industry.”

Logan admits there is a big learning curve. He says he was taught the basics at Volta, but there is a whole industry to learn. He is soaking it all up, he says, wanting to know everything and always learning.

“I love the fact that we think of the members first,” says Logan. “It’s not about making a profit, but serving members. We do what’s best for the members without taking shortcuts. I’ve worked where it wasn’t like that at all. I like that we are moving along with the economy and making lasting



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