

Celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 13!

As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 13, this is an important moment to reflect on the essential role they play in our daily lives.

Amid towering utility poles and power lines, lineworkers exhibit a strength that goes far beyond the physical. Whether battling inclement weather, troubleshooting technical problems, or navigating treacherous heights, lineworkers demonstrate resilience and a quiet determination to keep our lights on, our homes comfortable, and our communities connected. Hancock-Wood Electric crews travel across our 10-county service territory, building, maintaining, and repairing

parts of our local system. Their extraordinary skills ensure our homes remain connected to the grid, businesses stay operational, and emergency services remain accessible — a lifeline that connects us all.

This month, as we celebrate the remarkable men and women who ensure reliable power, let's recognize their unwavering dedication to the local communities they serve. The next time you flip a switch, please take a moment to remember those who make it possible — lineworkers, who are wired for service and dedicated to illuminating life.



HWE line crew pictured from left: Photo caption: HWE linecrew from left, Lee Brodman, Josh Fuson, Clint Patterson, Cole Gibson, Isaiah Zapata, Jake Auld, Wilson Otto, Mark Mareches, Jamie Cole, Isaac Gaietto, Rod Barnhisel, Rob Schwatz, Ryan Stearns, Ross Benton, Jeff Price, Josh Kitzler and Brandt Schulte. Not pictured are Brandon Wise and Kelleys Island linemen Dave Ervin and Kevin VanDePerre.

Trustee Election will begin on May 1, 2026

Each year, three districts hold an election for members to vote for their district board member, which represents the member's voice and helps to guide our cooperative policies.

This year, districts 2, 7, and 9 are up for election. The petition process is completed in March and the election ballots will be sent out to members in those districts in May for voting. All members in districts 2, 7 and 9 will

receive a mailed ballot and if your email address is up to date, an email link to vote online.

Please note, if any candidate runs unopposed, they will automatically be elected and no ballots will be sent out in that district. This change was approved by the membership in 2024 to help save on the cost of postage and election materials.