

Celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 14!

As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 14, 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: Lee Brodman, Ross Benton, Isaiah Zapata, Mark Mareches, Brandt Schulte, Jake Auld, Jim Casey, Isaac Gaietto, Jamie Cole, Wilson Otto, Josh Fuson, Clint Patterson and Ryan Stearns. Not pictured Rob Schwartz, Rod Barnhisel, Dave Ervin, Josh Kitzler, Jeff Price, and Kevin VanDePerre.

Trustee Election will begin on May 1, 2025

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 3, 6, and 8 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 3, 6, and 8 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.