



THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE POWER: A TRIBUTE TO OUR DEDICATED WORKFORCE

By Jesse Singerhouse, General Manager

When you walk into a room and need to turn on the lights, it's usually as easy as flipping a switch. You get what you need at the exact moment you need it. Behind the scenes it takes a tremendous amount of planning, hard work, and dedication to be ready for you to flip that switch. It starts with generating electricity from different energy sources, then moving that electricity over a network of large transmission lines to bring the power to one of our local substations. From there it travels to your home across our local distribution lines to be there the moment you need it. Obviously, that is just a simple overview and there is a great deal more that goes into delivering electricity to our members. But behind it all are hardworking and dedicated people who work tirelessly to make sure you have power 99% of the time.

The second Monday in April is National Lineman Appreciation Day. As I write this article in early March, a large winter storm is impacting our area, and our lineman and other operations staff have been working for several hours restoring outages caused by the wind, snow, and ice. They work in very rough conditions sometimes and battle the elements to restore power and keep the lights on for

our members. Thank you, Loren, Mike, Brian, Josh, Pat, Landan, John, Dan, Lee, Logan, David, Jordan, Collin, Brett, Tanner and Andy! We truly appreciate the work you do daily for us to have electricity at the flip of the switch.

We also recognize our dedicated and efficient office team in April on Administrative Professionals Day. This group of people truly makes things happen at the cooperative

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each day. From working with new members, processing capital credits, calculating bills, running payroll, accounting, keeping our technology functional, to developing communications

materials and designing energy programs, they do it all with ease and effectiveness. As we are a small organization, each of them wears many "hats" to get the job done. Thank you, Diane, Heather, Becky, Dee, Jolene, Rebecca, Corrine, Allison, Ty, and Chris for all you do to serve our members.

We also recognize the employees at Dairyland Power Cooperative, both locally and around the state, that work in the generation and transmission of our electricity. Together, we work to safely deliver reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible energy to our member-owners at the flip of a switch.

Working for You

Hidden Account Numbers

If you find your account number hidden in the pages of this magazine and you call and tell us before the next issue is mailed, we'll put a **\$50 credit** on your electric bill. Happy hunting!

Last month's winners were Karl Jensen and Francis Liedl.

STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER:

BACKYARD ELECTRICAL SAFETY

As the weather warms, and you spend more time outdoors it's essential to prioritize electrical safety. Hidden hazards can pose serious risks. Here are some critical safety tips to keep your loved ones safe in your backyard.

Stay away from power lines

Overhead power lines can be closer than they appear. Teach children never to climb trees near power lines; and never to fly kites, drones, remote-controlled toys or balloons in areas where lines are present. If you see a downed power line, stay at least 50 feet away and report it to your local utility company immediately.

Trampoline safety

If you're considering an above-ground trampoline, remember to look up for power lines. Children jumping high into the air could come dangerously close to overhead electric lines, which pose a serious risk of shock or electrocution. (241002)

Thinking about installing an in-ground trampoline instead? Before you dig, call 811 to have underground utility lines marked. Digging without knowing the location of buried electrical, gas or water lines can result in dangerous utility strikes. This simple step can prevent accidents, service interruptions and costly repairs.

Water safety

Water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Keep these tips in mind to prevent electrical hazards and create a safe space for swimming, soaking and outdoor fun.

- Ensure pool lights, filters and outdoor outlets have ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection and inspect them regularly. GFCIs are designed to quickly shut off electrical power if they detect even a small change in electrical current.
- If you notice flickering lights or feel a tingling sensation in the water, exit immediately and contact a professional. Faulty wiring can cause electric shock drowning.
- Avoid using plug-in devices, like radios, speakers or chargers, near water. Opt for battery-operated, waterproof devices to reduce the risk of shock.
- Know what to do in case of an electrical emergency. If someone is shocked, do not enter the water. Turn off the power source, call 911 and use a non-conductive tool, like a fiberglass pool pole, to assist.

- If it starts to rain, unplug electrical equipment, such as string lights, radios, speakers or power tools. Teach children not to touch electrical appliances with wet hands.

Outdoor sports

Sports and play areas are a haven for children, but they can also contain hidden electrical hazards. Here's how to protect your loved ones:

- Ensure swings and other tall play structures are far from overhead power lines.
- If you have outdoor lighting for night games, ensure the fixtures are weatherproof and properly installed. Have a professional check for frayed wires or loose connections.
- If kids are playing with a ball and it goes inside a substation fence, teach them never to touch or climb the fence to attempt to retrieve it or any other item. Instead, call your electric utility to safely take care of it.
- Install a weather app on your phone to inform you of weather alerts. Lightning can occur up to 10 miles away from the heart of the storm, so if you hear thunder, seek shelter inside.

Supervise children around electrical equipment

Children are naturally curious, which is why they should be kept away from outdoor electrical equipment like utility boxes, transformers and air conditioning units. If you have an outdoor generator, make sure it is stored in a secure, ventilated area that children cannot access and never plug a generator directly into your home's electrical system.

Avoid DIY electrical work

If you're planning a backyard upgrade, such as installing landscape lighting, sports lighting or poolside outlets, leave the electrical work to licensed electricians. DIY electrical projects can pose serious safety risks to you and your family if done incorrectly.





TOP 10 REASONS WE APPRECIATE LINEWORKERS

Electric utility work is essential to our daily and modern lives. From powering our homes and schools to supporting our economy, electricity is a constant—until it's not.

That's when the true heroes step in. Line crews work directly with high-voltage power, often in severe weather and dangerous conditions, to maintain or restore service and safeguard communities from downed lines. Their vital role deserves more than a day of recognition—it deserves our ongoing gratitude. (2014001)

It takes a special kind of person to be an electric lineworker. Here are 10 of the many reasons we appreciate lineworkers:

1. They are expertly trained to work on power lines and equipment.
2. They are dedicated to safely and efficiently maintaining power.
3. They have a heart for service, always looking out for their communities.
4. They conquer heights without hesitation.
5. They prioritize safety every second of every day.
6. They answer the call—day or night—to restore power.
7. They endure it all: rain, shine and extreme weather conditions.
8. They go when they are needed, supporting communities nationwide when severe weather strikes.
9. They have each other's backs, and work together like family.
10. They power our lives and energize our communities!

Lineworkers are protectors of safety and keepers of comfort for our communities and beyond. Every day, they bring a spirit of service, unwavering focus and specialized knowledge to a job that demands both skill and heart. Their commitment to safety isn't just a requirement—it's a way of life.

So, to all the lineworkers out there, thank you for running toward electrical challenges when others step back. Thank you for your continuous training, hard work and dedication to keep us all safe. Thank you, lineworkers, for all you do to keep the lights on!



LINEWORKER *Appreciation* DAY

#ThankaLineworker
They put their lives on the
line to keep the power on
and people safe.

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

The committee on nominations met at the Exit 45 Restaurant, Menomonie, Wisconsin, on the 3rd of March 2025 at 11 a.m. and having proceeded to make nominations for directors to be voted on at the Annual Meeting May 15, 2025, do hereby report that we do make the following nominations:

Nominees for director to succeed Brian Johnson:

1. Patrick Lindgren
E9011 1130th Ave
Colfax, WI 54730
2. Jeff Foster
E7996 1130th Ave
Colfax, WI 54730

Nominees for director to succeed Jeff Gasteyer:

1. Jeff Gasteyer
E2021 210th Ave
Elmwood, WI 54740
2. Travis McKay
N6636 160TH ST
Knapp, WI 54749

Nominees for director to succeed Ed Hartung:


1. Diane Traxler Fredrick
N7251 330th St.
Menomonie, WI 54751
2. Sara Cardwell
N4332 494TH ST
Menomonie, WI 54751

The by-laws provide that 25 or more members may make their nominations in writing over their signatures on or before 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 18, 2025, and if such other nominations are made, they will also be posted with the above list of nominations made by the committee and such additional nominees listed on the ballot.

Anyone nominated for director by petition should turn in a picture and resume of themselves when the petition is turned in. This will give voting members information on directors.

BY-LAW CHANGES & RESOLUTIONS

Any by-law amendments or resolutions from the member must be in on or before 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 11, 2025, to accompany the annual meeting notice.





OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

Share these **ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS** with children and teens to help keep them safe.

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DO NOT climb or sit on green boxes or other electrical equipment.






STAY AWAY from electrical equipment marked "keep out," "high voltage" or "danger."

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NEVER ENTER the fenced area around a substation to retrieve an item or pet.



FLY kites, remote-control devices and drones **FAR AWAY** from overhead power lines.

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