

COLUMBUS CURRENTS

Lineworkers are Wired for Service

Lineman Appreciation Day is April 18

In the quiet hours before dawn breaks, while many of us are still nestled in our beds, lineworkers begin their day, often clad in flame-resistant clothing, safety goggles, rubber gloves and thick, heavy boots.

They are the individuals who epitomize dedication to service in its purest form. As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 18, 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.

Columbus Electric Cooperative crews travel across our four-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.

In moments of crisis, when the lights go out and we find ourselves in the dark, lineworkers emerge as beacons of hope. Their swift response restores normalcy, offering reassurance in times of uncertainty. Whether repairing storm-ravaged power lines or ensuring continuity during emergencies, their unwavering commitment illuminates life when we need it most.

Columbus Electric Cooperative lineworkers also answer the call beyond the boundaries of home.

Our crews travel to fellow co-ops, near or far, when widespread outages occur and additional support is needed. Cooperation among cooperatives is one of our seven guiding principles, and no one embodies this core commitment better than lineworkers.

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.



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2025 Safety Poster Coloring Contest

Every year Columbus Electric Cooperative sponsors a safety poster coloring contest for students in our service area for 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades. Congratulations to this year's winners!

This year's theme was
"Never Mix Water and Electricity"

Overall CEC winner and NMRECA Statewide

Winner -Luna Danitza Rico- (Columbus)
(poster pictured at left)

1st Place- Arrielle Ruiz (Animas)

2nd Place- Desiree Cluff (Animas)

2nd Place- Efren Contreras (Columbus)

3rd Place- Katy May (Animas)

3rd Place- Ximena Arras (Columbus)

Dig Smart. Dig Safe.

Before you dig, call 811 or visit call811.com to mark underground utility lines. 811 is a free service that helps keep our community safe.



Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees met on March 25th. They reviewed and approved the operation and financial reports for the month of February. They also reviewed and approved the 2024 Year End Financial & Operating Report, which is submitted to the Rural Utilities Service as required annually. The Trustees engaged in strategic planning on March 27th and 28th.



Our office will be
closed
Monday, May 26th in
observance of
Memorial Day

Check out this month's Enchantment
to see all of this year's coloring
contest winners!

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Turn your suds into savings. Lower your energy use in the laundry room by washing clothes with cold water whenever possible, as heating water accounts for most of the energy used in a laundry cycle. Wash full loads to make the most of energy savings, and use high-efficiency detergent designed for cold washes. For drying cycles, clean the lint filter before each load to improve airflow and use dryer balls to reduce drying time.



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