

Taylor Report



April 2024

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On April 8th, we salute our lineworkers

In rural Wisconsin where communities are spread far and wide, Taylor Electric's linemen serve as a lifeline—connecting families, businesses, and farms.

Being a lineworker is not an easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment.

Lineworkers are ranked as one of the ten most dangerous jobs in the country. The linemen at TEC work rain or shine, often in harsh conditions, to ensure you have reliable electricity. Often, they are sacrificing time with their own families to ensure yours are safe and comfortable.

Next time you see a lineman, please thank them for their exceptional service.



Taylor Electric linemen: front row, l to r: Tim Habermeyer, Jessie Knoll and Mike Eloranta. Back row, l to r: Leadman Justin Fuchs, Geoff Mueller and Colten Cummings.

April 15-19, 2024 is Work Zone Safety Week

As we celebrate our linemen, we also ask that you keep an eye out for them and all those whose jobs require them to be in work zones.

MOVE OVER & SLOW DOWN

Help keep utility workers safe.



- Slow down and move over in work zones. Cars or trucks that go too fast not only endanger workers on the ground. Driving too fast or not moving over can also put a lineworker who is working high up in a bucket in danger by causing it to move or sway.
- Do not post anything on a utility pole, especially with staples, nails or tacks. These can puncture insulated gloves or other protective clothing and expose workers to high voltages.
- Never plug a generator into an indoor or outdoor wall outlet. The power that back feeds into the electric line could electrocute a utility worker.
- Please be patient when the power goes out. Workers need time to efficiently *and* safely restore power.

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning Memorial Day weekend, Friday, May 24th through Labor Day, Friday, August 30th, the office will be closing at 11:30 AM on Fridays throughout the summer. Office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM– 4:00 PM and Friday 7:30 AM-11:30 AM

HEY THIRD GRADERS!

You're invited to participate in the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's

ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Submit an original poster supporting electrical safety to Taylor Electric by **April 30, 2024**, for a chance to win a **\$25 gift card!** The top three posters will be entered into the statewide poster contest for a chance to win one of three great prizes:

- 1st place – Chromebook
- 2nd place – \$100 Gift Card
- 3rd place – \$75 Gift Card

Visit www.weca.coop for details and an entry form.

Posters should be at least 8.5x11 inches, but no larger than 11x14 inches.

Entries must include completed entry form and student's name on the back of the poster.

Contact Taylor Electric or go to www.weca.coop for registration forms.

Board Report – February 2024

- Approved January disbursements totaling \$524,952. 9 new member applications, and January 2024 construction in the amount of \$62,939.
- Reviewed financial results for January with \$67,662 Operating Margins and \$70,080 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 3 outages in January, with an average YTD outage time per meter of .0016 hours.
- Four applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$8,727 to be paid out at the net present value of \$3,925.
- 29 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the February 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$12,110.
- Other topics covered included policy updates, member issues, summer work hours, possible bylaw amendments, past meeting reports, and upcoming meetings.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

A well-designed landscape can add beauty to your home and reduce home heating and cooling costs. Plant deciduous trees with high, spreading crowns to the south of your home to block sunlight in the summer and reduce the need for air conditioning. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the winter, allowing sunlight to warm your home.

Plant evergreen trees and shrubs with low crowns to block winter winds. Dense evergreen trees and shrubs planted to the north and northwest are the most common type of windbreak and can help lower energy used for home heating.

Source: energy.gov

