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April 2019 NEWS

A salute to LINEWORKERS



TAYLOR ELECTRIC
Cooperative

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THE COMMITMENT OF AN ELECTRIC LINeworker

Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 8

National studies consistently rank power line installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing heavy equipment and working directly with high voltage creates the perfect storm of a dangerous and unforgiving profession. But electric lineworkers are up to the task. These brave men and women are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

Taylor Electric's lineworkers are responsible for keeping power flowing day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings, or other important family milestones. Beyond the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineworker. In fact, this service-oriented mentality is a hallmark characteristic of lineworkers. The job requires lineworkers to set aside their personal priorities to better serve their local community.

Family Support System

To perform their jobs successfully, lineworkers depend on their years of training, experience, and each other to get the job done safely.

Equally important is their reliance on a strong support system at home. A lineworker's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages.

This means in times of prolonged outages, the family and their lineworker may have minimal communication and not see each other for several days. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

Over the years, Taylor Electric has had several linemen leave the area and even the state to help restore power to damage-stricken areas. Last August, Justin Fuchs, Geoff Mueller, Wade Matyka, and Mike Eloranta went to southern Wisconsin to help out Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative after a summer storm caused hundreds of outages and extensive structural damage throughout their territory.

Community Commitment

Here at Taylor Electric and across the country, electric co-op lineworkers' mission-focused mentality of helping others often extends beyond their commitment to their work at the co-op. Lineworkers are often familiar figures in the community. Last year, Brandon Ahrens, Justin Fuchs and Mike Eloranta did safety demonstrations at Huey's Hideaway and at

the Medford Home Show to inform and make the public more knowledgeable about the dangers of electricity. And of course, community outreach is a team effort—no lineman could respond to a community need in this way without another lineman taking care of business back at the co-op.

Thank You

Monday, April 8, is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Given the dedication of Taylor Electric's lineworkers, both on and off the job, we encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to our local community. And if you see their family members in the grocery store or out and about in town, please offer them a thank you as well.

**Committed to the job.
 Committed to safety.
 Committed to you,
 our members.**

Lineworker Appreciation Day
 April 8, 2019



Taylor Electric Linemen—Back row, left to right: Brandon Ahrens, Geoff Mueller, Wade Matyka, and Ron Mayer.
 Front row, left to right: Justin Fuchs and Mike Eloranta.



CAPITAL CREDITS TO BE ALLOCATED SOON

In the next month or two, you will receive a capital credit allocation notice from Taylor Electric Cooperative. In addition to your member number, the notice will provide your prior year's balance, total amount of your electric bills in 2018, your 2018 allocation, the amount returned in 2018, and your new balance. Members with more than one account will receive one combined notice.

To avoid confusion, there are three things you should know about your capital credit allocation notice:

- **It is not a bill, so do not pay the amount shown on the face.**
- **It is not a credit that can be used to pay an electric bill.**
- **There is no provision in Taylor Electric's bylaws to make early payment of capital credits to those members who leave the service area. It is import-**

ant that we be provided with a current address so when the time comes to pay, we'll know where to mail the check.

The capital credit allocation notice represents the amount of ownership you have in your cooperative. In future years, this amount may be returned to you as a capital credit check. Meanwhile, your capital credits are an investment in the cooperative's electric distribution system. Member investments, capital credits, and long-term loans are the only sources of funding for the co-op; there are no outside investors.

You will receive a capital credit allocation notice only for the years in which you are a member of Taylor Electric Cooperative. It is a good idea to keep all of your notices with other important documents as a record for future years. Members with questions concerning capital credits are encouraged to contact our office.



Taylor Electric Cooperative BRIGHT HORIZONS

WE'VE MADE IT EASIER AND MORE AFFORDABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT!

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Call us today at 715-678-2411!

WE'LL HELP YOU PAY FOR YOUR EDUCATION



Apply for scholarships by April 5

Taylor Electric Cooperative is awarding six \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Funding for the scholarship program comes from unclaimed capital credits.

Students living in households that receive their electric service from Taylor Electric and who will be graduating from high school in 2019 are eligible.

Final selection for the scholarship recipients will be made by the board of directors, with the cooperation of those schools involved. If you are interested, please complete the accompanying request form and return it to our office by April 5, 2019.

NOTE: The funds for these scholarships are derived from unclaimed capital credit refunds. Chapter 185 of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that unclaimed refunds may be used for educational and charitable purposes. Otherwise, they become unclaimed property and must be paid to the State of Wisconsin as such.

Taylor Electric College Scholarship Application Request

Name

Name on Electric Account

Address

Phone No.

TEC Account No.

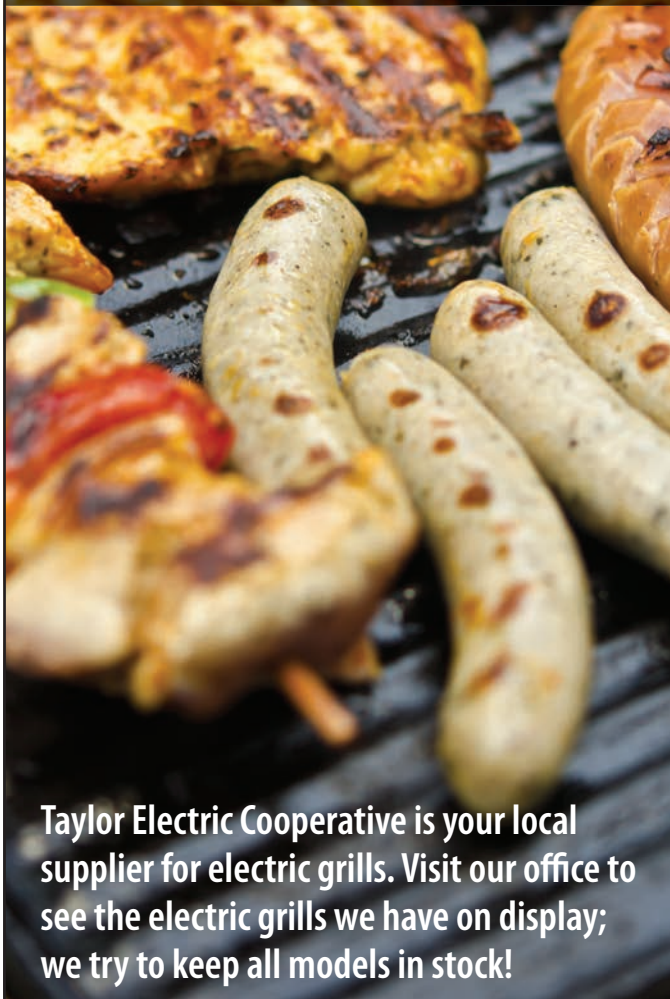
High School (or indicate if home-schooled)

Return to Taylor Electric Cooperative, N1831 State Highway 13, Medford, WI 54451



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starts at Taylor Electric Cooperative



Taylor Electric Cooperative is your local supplier for electric grills. Visit our office to see the electric grills we have on display; we try to keep all models in stock!

Meco Deluxe Cart Grill

- 215 square-inch cooking grid
- Temperature control knob
- Reflector pan allows for increased heat
- Fold-away wooden side tables



Meco Lock & Go Portable Grill

- Converts into a portable charcoal grill
- 214 square-inch cooking grid
- Double hood vents
- Locking hood for easy portability
- Stay-cool wooden handle
- Environmentally safe, high temperature, paint finish
- Thermostatic control for variable heat settings



Meco Deluxe Electric Combo Water Smoker and Grill

- 1,650-watt heating element
- 351 square inches of usable cooking surface
- Two nickel-plated cooking grids with handles for two-level cooking
- Sliding access doors for checking and adding to the water and wood chip levels
- Built-in temperature gauge
- Flavor channels direct smoke for maximum food flavoring and add structural strength to the smoker
- Heavy-duty, reinforced steel legs for extra strength and durability



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