



From the desk of Travis Mathes, Manager of Member Services

Electricity plays many roles in our lives, from powering cell phones and lighting, running our HVAC systems and appliances, to powering life saving equipment in hospitals and clinics. No wonder we have gotten so used to the instant availability when we flip a switch or plug something in. Electricity has evolved from a convenience to a necessity to live and do our jobs.

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and here at Lewis County REC, we think it a great time to look around your home, farm, or business and check for potential safety hazards. Every electrical device has a purpose and a service life span. While we can extend their operation with maintenance and care, none of them are designed to last or work forever. When electricity is involved, failures can present electrical hazards that could likely be avoided with periodic inspections.

Outdoor outlets or those in potentially damp locations such as kitchens, bathrooms, or laundry rooms should always be powered outlets with GFCI features. GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupters) are designed to sense abnormal current flows, breaking or shutting off the power to prevent potential electric shocks from devices plugged into the outlets. The average GFCI is designed to last about 10 years, but in some areas prone to electrical storms or power surges, they can wear out much faster. Check these devices frequently by pressing the red test button. Make sure you hit the black reset button when you are done. Always replace any GFCI that is not functioning properly or that you feel is over 10 years old.

Other potential hazards are loose or damaged outlets and switches. Unstable electrical outlets or wall switches with signs of heat damage or discoloration can offer early warnings of potential shock or electrical fire hazards. Loose connections can allow electrical current arcing. If you see these warning signs, it is time to replace the outlet or switch.

Many of us use extension cords and power strips with multiple outlets to overcome the lack of outlets in our home. Having enough outlets in just the right spot can be a challenge, no matter the age of your home. Remember extension cords and power strips are designed for temporary, occasional, or periodic use. If an extension cord or power strip gets noticeable warm when in use, it could be undersized for what you are using it for. If it shows any signs of frayed, cracked or heat-damaged insulation, it should be replaced immediately. If the ground prong is missing, crimped, or loose dispose of it and replace it with a new grounded cord. Never use a cord that is rated for indoor use only in the outdoors. Pay close attention to the label to make sure you are using cords and power strips appropriately.

Electricity is an essential necessity for modern living, and Lewis County REC is committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable energy to meet the needs of our member/owners. So take a little time this month to check things out around your home, business, or farm and help us keep you safe.



NOTICE OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LEWIS COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MET ON APRIL 25, 2019 AND SELECTED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE 2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING.

John Parker	Rt. 1 Box 116, Luray, MO 63453
David Boltz	21118 County Rd. 65, Kahoka, MO 63445
Bill. T. Hall	56577 Rock Creek Road, Edina, MO 63537
Mike Peters	57013 State Hwy T, Edina, MO 63537
Craig Myers	27433 200th Avenue, Ewing, MO 63440
David Plant	14792 State Highway 6, Lewistown, MO 63452
Ron Buswell	67388 State Highway E, Newark, MO 63458

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT THE LEWIS COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OFFICE TO MAKE NOMINATIONS, MAY 30, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook for up to date information, as well as, energy efficiency and safety tips.

**Mark your calendars for
Lewis County REC's
82nd Annual Meeting
Thursday, August 1, 2019
at Knox County High School,
Edina, MO.**



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

If you have a dishwasher, stop hand washing your dishes. Letting the dishwasher clean your dishes can save you 5,000 gallons of water. And since that's hot water, your electric bill will go down as well. Let your dishes air dry for even more savings. When buying a new dishwasher insist on one that is Energy-Star rated.

TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

CALL (TOLL FREE) 1-888-454-4485
(LOCAL) 215-4000

24 HOURS A DAY

CALL THE TOLL FREE NUMBER
DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
FOR ALL OTHER SERVICES

Before calling:

Check your breakers or fuses
Check with your neighbors to see if they have power
When calling please give the following information:

Your name • Meter Number • and/or location number

Notice to the member of Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Any person, firm, association, corporation, or body politic or subdivision thereof may become a member in Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association (hereinafter called the "Cooperative") by:

- (a) filing a written application for membership therein;
- (b) agreeing to purchase from the Cooperative electric energy as hereinafter specified;
- (c) agreeing to comply with and be bound by the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the Cooperative and any rules and regulations adopted by Board of Directors; and
- (d) paying the membership fee hereinafter specified.

provided, however, that no person, firm, association, corporation or body politic or subdivision thereof shall become a member unless and until he or it has been accepted for membership by the board of directors or the members. No member may hold more than one membership in the Cooperative, and no membership in the Cooperative shall be transferable, except as provided in these by-laws.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held within each calendar year beginning in 2015 at such place within the territorial limits served by the Cooperative, as the Board of Directors may determine by resolution duly made at a regular meeting of said Board, for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to make adequate plans and preparations for the annual meeting. Failure to hold the annual meeting as herein provided shall not cause forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

Qualifications. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who:

- (a) is not a member and bona fide resident in the district they will be representing.
- (b) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative.
- (c) is in any way employed or has been separated from duty for less than (3) three years from the cooperative or is a close relative of an employee. Close relative shall be defined as grandfather, grandmother, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, wife, husband, niece, nephew, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or first cousin.

Upon establishment of the fact that a director is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the Board of Directors shall remove such director from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than ninety days nor more than one hundred twenty days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than eleven members who may be selected from different districts so as to ensure equitable representation. No member of the Board of Directors may serve on such committee. The committee, keeping in mind the principal of geographical representation, shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least sixty days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors which may include a greater number of candidates than are to be elected. The nominating committee shall nominate at least two members to fill each vacancy to be residents of the same district as those are set forth below. Any fifteen or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition not less than fifty days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least five days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates, specifying separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and also the nominations made by petition, if any.

Section 5. Director Districts. For the purpose of providing equitable geographic representation of the Board of Directors, the area served shall be divided into three districts. The districts shall be as follows:

- (a) District 1: The counties of Clark and Scotland.
- (b) District 2: The counties of Lewis and Marion.
- (c) District 3: The counties of Knox, Shelby, Adair and Macon.

SAFETY FIRST!

Spring often brings storms, and those storms can cause damage to power lines. Steer clear of any downed power line. Always considered it live and dangerous. Call your local electric cooperative or law enforcement and be sure others stay away until the scene is secure.



Our office will be closed on Monday, May 27th. Have a safe and happy Memorial Day!

