



news & views

from Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Grill Master Jeremy and Lineman Duncan supervise the grill. | LEC PHOTO



Lincoln Electric hosts 7th Annual Member Appreciation BBQ

WITH the American and Montana flags flying high from bucket trucks reaching into the summer sky, Lincoln Electric Cooperative members and employees gathered for an afternoon of great food, conversation and community at the Seventh Annual Member Appreciation BBQ.

On Thursday, June 25, Lincoln Electric Co-op welcomed members and

their families to the north lawn for its annual Member Appreciation Barbecue. Tables and chairs filled the lawn as the aroma of hamburgers and hot dogs fresh off the grill greeted guests throughout the afternoon.

Children received certificates for free ice cream from a local restaurant, adding a sweet treat to an already enjoyable day. Laughter and conversa-

tion filled the air as neighbors, friends and families gathered to share a meal, reconnect and celebrate the cooperative spirit that brings the community together.

"It's always great to take a break from the busy summer schedule and come together as a team to put on

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW	YEAR TO DATE MAY 2026	YEAR TO DATE MAY 2025
KWh SALES	61,117,257	65,714,513
REVENUE	\$7,232,027	\$6,623,580
COST OF POWER	\$3,039,886	\$3,074,103
OPERATING EXPENSE	\$2,654,638	\$2,244,923
MARGINS	\$755,188	\$565,858
NUMBER OF MEMBERS	5,409	5,228
NUMBER OF METERS	6,891	6,616
MILES OF LINE	1,044	1,016
TOTAL UTILITY PLANT	\$43,376,757	\$39,942,437
MEMBER EQUITY	\$17,177,568	\$14,993,321
MAY AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL USE (KWH)	928	1,038
MAY AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL BILLING	\$141.71	\$135.31

KEY REMINDERS

- LEC will be doing an Electrical Safety Demonstration at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds on Friday, August 21. The first demo is at 9:30 a.m. and the second demo is at 10:30 a.m. Come by, say hi, and learn about how to stay safe around electricity!
- Right-of-way clearing will take place in select areas from Glen Lake to Burma, and south to Graves Creek. For more details, give us a call at 406-889-3301.
- Planning any digging projects this summer? Remember to call Montana 811 before you dig to locate underground utilities. Call 811 or visit www.Montana811.org for more information.



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE at www.lincolnelectric.coop for information on member services, billing, outages and safety, job postings, energy efficiency, community and general cooperative updates.

BUSINESS AND BOARDROOM BRIEFS

The regular meeting of the board of trustees was conducted on June 22. A quorum of trustees was present, and the board took the following actions:

- Approve resolutions 2026-2 through 2026-6, removing previous operations manager from checking accounts held at Glacier Bank and adding the new operations manager.
- Approved salary adjustment for general manager.
- Approved Policy 302, 303, 405 and 419, and eliminated policy 501.
- Approved a donation of \$5,000 for the Tobacco Valley Rodeo Association.
- Approved donation of (10) \$1,000 energy certificates for Tobacco Valley Board of History for the Model-T Ford Fund.

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Lincoln Electric's Board of Trustees holds regular monthly meetings at the boardroom in the cooperative office. These are typically scheduled on the third Monday of each month at 4 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend. If you have any items of interest, please contact the general manager prior to the meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE:
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026



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HAVE A STORY SUGGESTION?

SEND YOUR IDEAS TO:
memberservices@lincolnelectric.coop

Electrical Safety Demo at the Lincoln County Fair

JOIN Lincoln Electric Cooperative at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds on Friday, August 21, for a live Electrical Safety Demonstration!

This interactive demonstration is fun for all ages and highlights the hidden dangers of electricity through real-world scenarios and live demonstrations. Learn how to stay safe around overhead and underground power lines, what to do if you encounter a downed power line, and other important electrical safety tips that could save a life.

Whether you're a farmer, contractor, outdoor enthusiast, or simply want to keep your family safe, this is a presentation you won't want to miss.

Come see the demonstration and learn how to stay safe around electricity! RM

ELECTRICAL SAFETY DEMONSTRATION
Friday, August 21: 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.



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this event," Operations Manager Josh Jankovsky said. "It's a simple way to let our members know how much we appreciate their support, especially during the challenging times when severe weather causes power outages. Their patience and understanding mean a great deal to all of us."

Members were equally appreciative of the opportunity to spend time with the employees who serve them throughout the year.

"We love the LEC crew, they do so much for our community day in and day out," one member shared while enjoying lunch with her family. "It's nice to come here, visit with everyone, and see them able to relax and enjoy the day with us."

For seven consecutive years, Lincoln Electric Co-op employees have teamed up to host this special event as a way of saying "thank you" to the members they proudly serve. More than just a barbecue, the gathering reflects the cooperative difference, neighbors serving neighbors and strengthening the relationships that power our communities.

Another successful Member Appreciation BBQ has come and gone, leaving behind full stomachs, smiling faces, and a reminder that at Lincoln Electric Cooperative, community will always be at the heart of what we do. RM

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: A gift that keeps on giving

SOMETIMES the greatest gifts are the ones that are shared.

At Lincoln Electric Cooperative's 2026 Annual Meeting, one lucky member was selected as the winner of our Grand Prize — a \$150 monthly electric bill credit for an entire year. This year's winners, Mary and Steve Roehrig, decided to turn their good fortune into an opportunity to help others.

Rather than keeping the prize for themselves, the Roehrigs chose to donate the monthly bill credit to We Care Family Life Center in Eureka, an organization that has a special place in their hearts.

"I'm the treasurer on the board," Mary shared. "It's truly a blessing to have this organization in our community. As a mother, I understand the challenges young parents face during pregnancy and after a baby arrives. This is a wonderful way to help families and give back to our community."

We Care Family Life Center is a local nonprofit dedicated to supporting families before, during and after the birth of a child. The center provides encouragement, education and practical resources for both mothers and fathers through a variety of programs designed to strengthen families.

One of its most popular programs, Learn to Earn, allows parents to complete educational classes and earn "Mommy Money" that can be redeemed for essential baby items such as diapers, formula and other necessities. The center also offers parenting resources, counseling referrals, support for postpartum challenges, and a gently used clothing boutique available for a minimal donation.

In addition, We Care accepts donations of clean clothing, baby items, toys, furniture and other household essentials to help local families in need.

We Care Family Life Center is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving families throughout our community. To learn more about its programs, volunteer opportunities, or how to donate, visit www.wecareeureka.org.

WE CARE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



Free Pregnancy Tests
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Clothing / Furniture Exchange

Wednesdays 11am - 5pm
(406)297-2079

Life Is Precious

Lincoln Electric Cooperative is proud to recognize Mary and Steve Roehrig for their generosity.

Their thoughtful decision reminds us that the power of community isn't just delivered through powerlines, it's demonstrated through kindness, compassion and neighbors helping neighbors. RM

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BEFORE YOU
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