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A Day in the Life of a Lineman *Lineman Appreciation Day April 10*



It could probably be said that without our linemen Owen Electric Cooperative wouldn't exist.

Our linemen are the ones who build our electric system and string the lines that bring safe, reliable, and affordable electricity into your home.

Our linemen are usually the ones you

associate with Owen Electric. They are out in the community, usually at all hours, especially when inclement weather strikes, making sure your power keeps flowing.

Because of their importance to you and our co-op, in 2015 our national association, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, set aside the second Monday of every April as Lineman Appreciation Day. This year's Lineman Day is April 10.

To really 'appreciate' what our linemen do, let's spend a day in the life of our linemen.

No two days are alike. When a lineman arrives at work, he or she receives a work order from the superintendent outlining the day's jobs. Then, the truck is loaded with the needed materials—poles, wires, transformers, hot stick, line hardware, tool belt, climbing tools, rubber gloves, and a host of other equipment to ensure their safety.

Once at the job site, a tailgate session is conducted to go over the job specifics again and to determine what, if any, job hazards there might be. SAFETY is always our top priority on any job!

A lineman's job may entail running service to a house or business (either overhead or underground), hanging a transformer, digging and setting a utility pole, or hanging security lights. At the end of each job, and before the power is restored, a lineman or a crew will run an inspection to make sure power flows properly. Sometimes a job may be put on hold if there is a power outage—getting your power back in the quickest possible manner is also a top priority.

At the end of the day, the line truck that was loaded is then unloaded—but only if it's a typical day. The day in the life of a lineman usually isn't typical, especially when bad weather hits. It's a tough job, and that's why we appreciate our linemen so much. Off they go, leaving loved ones in the dead of night, or even traveling several states away to help other electric cooperatives restore power. That's just what linemen do.

If you are out and about April 10 and you see any of your linemen, please take the time to tell them how much you appreciate what they do!



Ola Miller upgrades to a better manufactured home through her co-op

When Ola Miller decided to move to her family's Rockcastle County farm, she bought a manufactured home rather than building a house. That's how she learned how easy it was to upgrade to a more energy-efficient manufactured home through her electric co-op.

Miller is among the many Kentuckians who are taking advantage of the ENERGY STAR Manufactured Home program.

Participants automatically get a better quality ENERGY STAR-certified home that is much more comfortable and less expensive to heat and cool.

It's available from Owen Electric Cooperative and a wide range of participating mobile home dealers. In most cases, the program is free at participating dealers.

"I got the energy upgrades for free, plus I'm saving money on my electric bill every month," Miller says. The

retiree purchased her home from Clayton Homes in London last summer.

Clayton custom manufactures homes that are upgraded to ENERGY STAR certification. They include a high-efficiency heat pump, better insulation, and other construction features that improve energy efficiency.

"These homes have about 25 percent more insulation than our basic models," says Jim Evans, who sold Miller her home. "They are the best-built, most energy-efficient homes on the market.

"This is such a great deal for co-op members looking to buy a manufactured home," he adds. "I try to tell every customer about it."

For details about the ENERGY STAR Manufactured Home program, call Jude Canchola, Residential Services manager, at (800) 372-7612 ext. 3532.

Scholarship Registration and Drawing to Take Place at 2017 Annual Meeting

Owen Electric Cooperative has established an annual scholarship program to assist in financing higher education for students whose families, or themselves, are cooperative members. The cooperative will award twelve \$1,000 scholarships annually.

Scholarships can be used for tuition, fees, campus housing, textbooks, and other supplies directly related to the recipient's education.

Scholarships are paid to the accredited college, university, technical college, or trade school of the student's choice.

Owen Electric Cooperative Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, creed, religion, gender, disability, or national origin.

Owen Electric Cooperative scholarships will be awarded in a random drawing after the business meeting portion of the Owen Electric annual meeting in June of each year.

The 2017 annual meeting will be held Friday, June 16, at Grant County High School in Dry Ridge.

Registration will begin at 4:30 with the business meeting beginning at 7 p.m. ALL registration, for the meeting and scholarship drawing, is done AT the annual meeting.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Student or student's parent or guardian must be a member of Owen Electric Cooperative at their principal place of residence.
- Student must be entering into their freshman year or higher of post-secondary education (college, university, junior college, or trade school). Graduate school (master's degree programs or higher) is excluded from program. Non-traditional students are welcome as well.

CRITERIA:

- The student must be accompanied by their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) at the annual meeting. The parent or legal guardian must first register for the membership meeting and then accompany the applicant to the scholarship registration booth to register for the drawing. Nontraditional students, age 21 or older, and who are themselves members of the

cooperative are not subject to this requirement.

- Student must be able to show proof of full-time enrollment/acceptance at an accredited college, university, technical college, or trade school. (i.e., class schedule, account balance at the university, etc.)
- Students and their parent/legal guardian must be present during the drawings.
- Scholarship recipients must permit Owen Electric Cooperative to use their names, parents' names, county of residence, and photograph in the cooperative's publications, including the local insert of *Kentucky Living* magazine.
- The funds will be disbursed directly to the institution the student will be attending.
- Students who have previously been awarded an Owen Electric Cooperative scholarship are not eligible to apply again.
- Owen Electric Cooperative employees/directors and their immediate families are not eligible for this scholarship.

PROCESS:

- Parent(s) or legal guardians(s) of the student, or the student themselves, must register for the membership meeting where their membership and address will be validated.
- Membership ticket will be brought to the scholarship registration table located near the membership registration area.
- A scholarship form will be completed and submitted by the student applicant.
- Student will then be escorted to a reserved seating area near the stage.
- After the business meeting, scholarship eligible students will be asked to gather on the stage while the member prize drawing winners are announced.
- Twelve students' names will be drawn to award the scholarships.
- Winning students will remain on the stage for pictures and asked to visit the scholarship registration table for follow-up procedures.

If you have any questions about the Owen Electric Cooperative Scholarship, please contact Whitney Duvall at (502) 563-3481 or wduvall@owenelectric.com.

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Keller and Levi love playing in their Owen Electric hardhats!
Levi's dream is to one day become a lineman for his co-op.