



# LEWIS COUNTY REC

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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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## From the desk of Travis Mathes, Manager of Member Services



As we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving season, many of us will pause to give thanks for the blessings in our lives — for family, health, community, and the quiet strength that holds it all together. This year, I find myself reflecting with deep

gratitude on the people who make up our electric cooperative family — our dedicated employees, loyal member-owners, and the loved ones who support us every day behind the scenes.

At the heart of any cooperative is a shared purpose — neighbors working together to power their communities. It's more than just electricity. It's the light that keeps our homes warm and safe, the energy that keeps small businesses humming, and the commitment that connects us all through storms, outages, and every challenge in between. And none of it happens without people who care.

To our Lewis County REC team:

Your dedication, your resilience, and your tireless commitment to service inspire me every day. Whether you're in the field at dawn after a storm, pulled away from your holiday gathering, or behind a desk working hard to serve our members, you carry the weight of responsibility with grace. Thank you for the hours you put in, the sacrifices you make, and the pride you take in a job well

done. From the boardroom to the bucket trucks the success of Lewis County REC falls on your shoulders and you carry the weight to serve our members.

To our member-owners:

You are the reason we exist. Your trust in Lewis County REC - and your participation in the cooperative process — remind us that this isn't just a utility; it's a family. You've stood by us through thick and thin since 1936, and for that, we are deeply grateful. You are not just members; you are our neighbors, our friends, and at the heart of everything we do.

And to my own family and our team's families:

Thank you for being our anchors, our inspiration, and our daily reminder of what really matters. You understand the long hours, the missed dinners, and the call of duty that sometimes comes at inconvenient times. Your support gives us the strength to lead and serve with heart. Every time we come home to your laughter and love, we are reminded of why we do this work — for families like ours, and for futures built on strong foundations.

This Thanksgiving, may we all remember that what truly powers our lives isn't just electricity — it's people. People who care, who serve, and who show up for each other. I am proud to be part of this cooperative family, and I'm thankful for each and every one of you.

Wishing you and yours a warm, joyful, and blessed Thanksgiving.

## TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

CALL (TOLL FREE) 1-888-454-4485 • (LOCAL) 215-4000 • 24 HOURS A DAY

Before calling, check your breakers or fuses and 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 (if known)

Cell Phone or Telephone Number affiliated with the account

CALL DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS (7:30-4:00) FOR ALL OTHER SERVICES

# We are Thankful for the Members of Our Team

## EMPLOYEES:

David Cox, Lewis County Area Lineman, 37 Years of Service  
Theresa Simmons, Chief Financial Officer, 36 Years of Service  
Jack Crist, Lewis County Asst. Area Lineman, 29 Years of Service  
Adam Schaller, Clark County Area Lineman, 27 Years of Service  
Staci Mesmer, General Manager, 26 Years of Service  
Travis Mathes, Mgr. of Member Services, 26 Years of Service  
Terry O'Brien, Field Engineer, 24 Years of Service  
Jason Daniel, Knox County Area Lineman, 22 Years of Service  
Jason Hall, Work Order Clerk, 19 Years of Service  
Rustyn Carter, Lead Lineman, 17 Years of Service  
Brandi Austin, Consumer Records, 15 Years of Service  
Kendall Hawkins, Operations Manager, 15 Years of Service  
Ryan Strubinger, IT Administrator, 15 Years of Service  
Joe Lay, Lead Lineman, 14 Years of Service  
Shannon Kilday, Knox County Asst. Area Lineman, 10 Years of Service  
Ryan Waterman, Lineman, 7 Years of Service  
Ryan Booher, Lineman, 6 Years of Service  
John McCutchan, Lineman, 5 Years of Service  
Kindy Bergman, Billing /Data Analyst, 5 Years of Service  
Dennis Shoup, Warehouseman, 4 Years of Service  
Scott Gamm, Safety and Training Coordinator, 3 Years of Service  
Derek Howes, Lineman, 3 Years of Service  
Laura Schad, Accountant, 3 Years of Service  
Colt Jennings, Lineman, 2 Years of Service  
Elijah Ward, Lineman, 11 Months of Service



*We will be closed on November 11th  
in observance of Veteran's Day.*

*We will be closed on November 28th and 29th  
in observance of Thanksgiving.  
We are incredibly grateful for your membership  
and our team that work hard to keep the  
power flowing in Northeast Missouri.  
From our co-op family to yours,  
we hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.*

## SAFETY FIRST

Electricity is an integral part of modern life. Given the prevalence of electrical devices, tools and appliances, follow practical electrical safety tips:

- **Frayed wires** pose a serious safety hazard. Power cords can become damaged or frayed from age, heavy use or excessive current flow through the wiring. If cords become frayed or cut, replace them.
- **Avoid overloading circuits.** Circuits can only cope with a limited amount of electricity. Overload happens when you draw more electricity than a circuit can safely handle — by having too many devices running on one circuit.
- **Label circuit breakers to understand the circuits in your home.** Contact a qualified electrician if your home is more than 40 years old and you need to install multiple large appliances that consume large amounts of electricity.
- **Use extension cords properly.** Never plug an extension cord into another extension cord, and don't exceed the wattage of the cord. Extension cords should not be used as permanent solutions. If you need additional outlets, contact a licensed electrician to help.

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