

APRIL 2022

## THE WHEAT BELT CONNECTION



*We thank lineworkers for their courage and commitment to powering our community.*

### LINeworker APPRECIATION MONTH

*By Lacey Gulbranson  
General Manager/CEO*

April is Lineworker Appreciation Month. During the month, we would like to recognize our linemen, the meter department, purchasing, engineering, IT, operations, finance, customer service and human resources for all the work they do to keep the lights on. Join me this month in thanking all of Wheat Belt's lineworkers from the extra hours they put in during outages, to the work they do in freezing cold and the continued efforts through the dog days of summer. I am thankful for each of our employees for their skills and dedication they bring to the job each day.

*As I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray my linemen safe you'll keep.  
When I wake in the morning light,  
I pray you brought them home last night.  
Amen.  
-Source unknown*

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*Wishing you a  
Happy Easter*

### LUCKY DRAWING

Congratulations to Steve and Carmen Draper, our February "Lucky Winners"!

Steve & Carmen live on the family farm west of Gurley, there sits the old sod house where Steve's dad, Harold, was raised. Steve is a 3rd generation farmer and raises wheat and millet. Carmen has worked in the crop insurance industry for over 30 years and has worked for Farm Credit for over 20 years. They both volunteer and are members of the Gurley Lions Club. Their German Shephard, Abe, is part of the family, and enjoys when they take him for rides. They both enjoy watching sports on TV, spending time with friends, and playing golf.

If you would like to be included in our next \$50 drawing, and avoid the \$5 delinquent fee, please send your payment before the 16th of the month.

For your convenience, we offer several payment options. Please contact us, 308-254-5871, or visit [wheatbelt.com](http://wheatbelt.com). Select the Customer Engagement page for information.

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### ***\*Engineering/Construction\****

The responsibilities of this department are planning, engineering, and construction of all new facilities and replacement of aging facilities including inventory and labor accounting, warehousing, line staking, coordinating consulting engineers and contractors.

*From left: Greg Jenkins, Jordan Peters, Ryan Borges, Chris Schilz, Eric Reimers, Tyson Long, Tom Mathine, and Chase Armstrong.*

### ***\*Operations\****

The responsibilities of this department are the day-to-day maintenance and operation of the transmission and distribution lines and substations, including outage and storm repairs, and customer requirements.

*From left: Earl Reilly, Cole Birkel, Kevin Coss, Dan Westman, Travis Secrest, Wes Christensen, and Rolie Waite. Not pictured: Mark Cape.*



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### ***\*Technology\****

The responsibilities of this department are metering, the Advanced Metering Infrastructure, IT, cyber and physical security, and line equipment oil testing.

*From left: Dean Gipfert, Jeff Rosenbaum, Andy Kuhns, and Jim Weeda.*

### ***\*Corporate Services\****

The responsibilities of this department are accounts payable, cash and financial management, RUS loan requirements, government requirements, new services, human resources, payroll, public relations, customer engagement, accounts receivable, rates, and cashier-receptionist.

*Back row, from left: Kelli Chaon, Sharrell Keane, Liz Skov, Jane Bartels, Yolanda Hruska.*

*Front row, from left: Shelley Peterson and Valerie Richards.*





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**\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
MAY 13, 2022\***

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**WHY SHOULD I APPLY?** It's an opportunity to meet new people and gain first-hand knowledge about the dynamic electric industry, and it's FREE and FUN!

**WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING THE WEEK?** Hands-on workshops, engaging demonstrations, tours, social and recreational activities, plus bucket truck rides, a talent show, a banquet & dance, and more!

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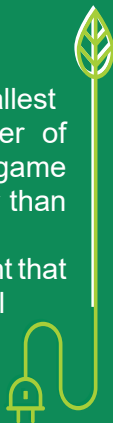
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## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

### Tip of the Month

When streaming content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop. Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.

Source: Dept. of Energy



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