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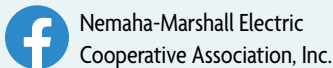
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COINCIDENT PEAK



FEB. 23, 2026
AT HOUR
8 A.M.

FROM THE MANAGER

Local Roots, New Leadership

I am honored to introduce myself as the new general manager of Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative. Many of you already know me from my role as office manager, a position I have proudly held, serving our members and supporting the daily office operations of the cooperative.

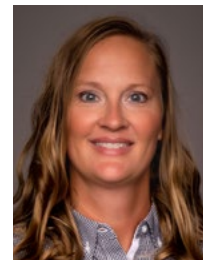
Working for this cooperative has never just been a job to me; it has been a commitment to our members, our employees and the community we serve. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to work closely with our staff, board of trustees and members, gaining a deep understanding of how every part of the cooperative works together to keep your lights on safely, reliably and affordably.

My connection to the electric cooperative is also deeply personal. I grew up on a farm near Axtell

serviced by Nemaha-Marshall Electric, where dependable power was something we relied on every day, but never took for granted.

I remember storms, outages and seeing firsthand how quickly cooperative crews worked to restore service for neighbors and friends. Those experiences shaped my understanding of what it truly means to be a member-owned and community-focused electric co-op, and they are a big part of why this work matters so much to me today.

I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank our outgoing General Manager **KATHLEEN O'BRIEN**



Kimberly R. Broxterman

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OUTAGES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Below are the larger outages that occurred.

Date	Location	Substation	Number of Consumers	Outage Cause
Jan. 28	16-3-10-02	Snipe Creek	1	Vehicle Tore Down Wires
Jan. 28	10-6-09-01	Frankfort	1	Bad Transformer
Jan. 30	06-3-12-01	Seneca	5	Backhoe Tore Down Line
Feb. 14	13-3-07-01	Marysville	1	Transformer Tripped
Feb. 16	22-1-05-09	Hanover	12	Fuse Tap Tripped
Feb. 22	09-3-13-13	Seneca	1	Bad Transformer

Lineworkers Are Ready When It Matters Most

At Nemaha-Marshall Electric, we have the unique privilege of seeing firsthand what it truly takes to keep the lights on for our members. In April, we take time to pause and recognize the brave men and women who make that possible every single day — our lineworkers.

When storms impact our communities and outages occur, many people experience the inconvenience, but our lineworkers see a call to action. Our crews are always ready when it matters most — leaving family dinners, working through the night, and heading into challenging conditions to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. That readiness is not accidental. It comes from rigorous training, deep experience and a shared commitment to serving others.

What makes lineworkers especially remarkable is that they aren't just restoring power to a system — they're restoring power to their own communities. They live here. They raise their families here. They understand that electricity is more than a convenience; it's essential to daily life and to local businesses, schools, farms and emergency services. Powering the places we call home is personal to lineworkers.

Electric cooperatives like Nemaha-Marshall Electric were built on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors, and our lineworkers embody that spirit every day. They are the first to respond and the last to leave, often working long hours behind the scenes. At times, serving our neighbors means going beyond our own service territory through a process known as mutual aid. During major outage events, Nemaha-Marshall Electric crews stand ready to assist neighboring co-ops — sometimes close to home, and



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sometimes across state lines — to help restore power. This spirit of mutual aid strengthens all cooperatives and ultimately benefits the members we serve.

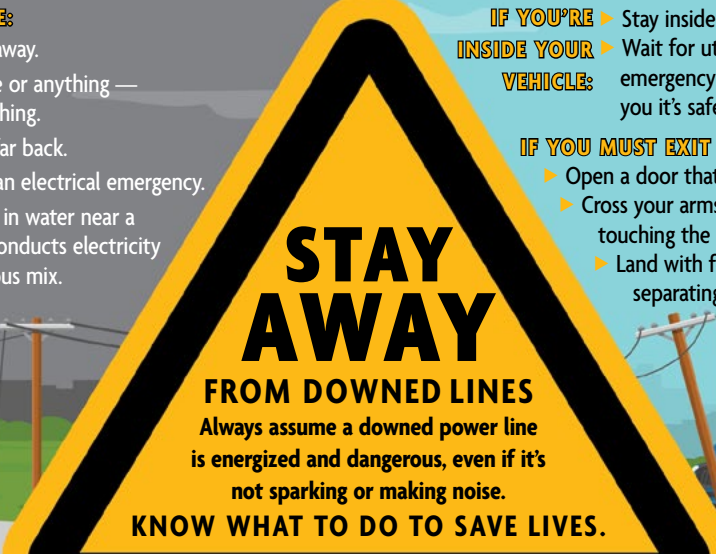
We understand any time the lights go out can be frustrating, bringing everyday life to a halt. We are incredibly grateful to our members for your patience and encouragement during these times. Linework is demanding, physical, and at times, dangerous. Our crews approach each job with a focus on safety and teamwork. They take pride in their craft and in the trust our members place in them.

On April 13, 2026, we will celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, but one day is hardly enough. Every day, we thank lineworkers for their service and dedication, which are the backbone of our cooperative.

TO OUR LINWORKERS: Thank you for your hard work, your readiness and your unwavering commitment to the communities we serve. We are proud to stand behind you and grateful for all that you do.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE:

- ▶ Stay at least 50 feet away.
- ▶ Do not touch the line or anything — or anyone — it's touching.
- ▶ Warn others to stay far back.
- ▶ Call 911 and state it's an electrical emergency.
- ▶ Do not touch or step in water near a downed line. Water conducts electricity and creates a dangerous mix.



IF YOU'RE INSIDE YOUR VEHICLE:

- ▶ Stay inside and call 911.
- ▶ Wait for utility or emergency crews to tell you it's safe to exit.

IF YOU MUST EXIT DUE TO FIRE OR DANGER:

- ▶ Open a door that's not touching the ground, if possible.
- ▶ Cross your arms over your chest. Jump clear without touching the vehicle and ground at the same time.
- ▶ Land with feet together. Shuffle or hop away without separating them. Get as far away as you can.
- ▶ Avoid power lines that are on the ground or sagging overhead.
- ▶ Do not go back to the vehicle until it's confirmed safe.

STAY AT LEAST 50 FEET AWAY.

NEVER DRIVE OVER A DOWNED POWER LINE.

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for her 35 years of service and dedication to the cooperative. Her leadership and experience have helped shape where we are today, and we appreciate the time and effort she has given to our members and community.

As part of this transition, I am pleased to share that our Billing Clerk **JENNIFER KRAMER** has been promoted to office manager. Her experience, attention to detail and commitment to member services make her a strong fit for this role, and I am confident she will continue to serve our members well.

We are also excited to welcome our new Billing Clerk **JENNIFER LIERZ** to the cooperative. With several team members stepping into new roles, this is a period of learning and adjustment for all of us. While our commitment to reliable service remains unchanged, we appreciate your patience and understanding as everyone grows into their new responsibilities. These transitions are an investment in the future of your cooperative, and we are working together to ensure continued high-quality service.

Being promoted from within allows me to step into this role with some knowledge of our operations, our

challenges and our strengths. I believe that continuity matters, and I am grateful for the trust the board of trustees has placed in me to lead our cooperative forward.

As general manager, my priorities will remain focused on reliable and safe electric service, responsible financial stewardship, clear communication and transparency, supporting our employees who serve you every day, and keeping the cooperative strong for future generations.

I am committed to listening to our members and ensuring that decisions are made with your best interests in mind. This cooperative exists because of you, and your voices matter.

I look forward to continuing to serve you in this new role and working together to keep our cooperative moving forward. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

At the governance level, we are pleased to welcome a new member to our board of trustees, **GREG STRATHMAN**. Strong, local leadership is essential to a successful cooperative, and we appreciate his willingness to serve. On the operations side, a new Apprentice Lineman **ELI MEYERS**, joined our team in January.

He has already jumped in with a great attitude and a desire to learn, and we're glad to have him as part of our crew.

April will be a busy and important month for our staff. In April, we will celebrate Lineman Appreciation Day. This is a chance to recognize the linemen who work in all conditions to keep the lights on for our members. That same day, our team will also complete recertification training in CPR, first aid and AED training, ensuring we are prepared to work safely and respond to emergencies.

Throughout the following months, our linemen and operations staff will be focused on several key projects. These include routine pole inspections on the Snipe Creek and Lone Elm substations, scheduled line rebuilds on the Centralia and Marysville substations, right-of-way clearing to reduce outage risk, and breaker changes at the East Axtell, Marysville and Frankfort substations. This work is critical to maintaining system reliability and preventing future outages, and we appreciate your cooperation if you notice crews working in your area.

Again, thank you for being a member of this cooperative and for the opportunity to serve you.

DO NOT LET A CONTROLLED BURN REACH A POWER POLE.

The pole could slowly burn from the inside out leaving behind a serious electrical hazard.



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SPRING INTO ENERGY SAVINGS

- ▶ Schedule a tune-up for your heating/cooling system.
- ▶ Set fan blades to run counterclockwise for cooling.
- ▶ Adjust your thermostat a few degrees.
- ▶ Take short showers to save on water heating.
- ▶ Run major appliances during off-peak hours.

SOURCE: NRECA



BE SAFE. Call before you dig.



April is National Safe Digging Month.
Call 811 before you start digging to have
your public utility lines marked.



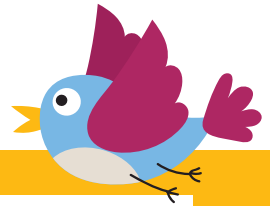
Spring Savings Word Search



Are you ready to spring into energy savings? When we actively try to reduce our energy use at home, we save on bills and help our community. Read the efficiency tips below, then search for (and circle) the bolded words in the puzzle.

SPRING ENERGY TIPS:

- ▶ **UNPLUG** chargers, gaming systems and other devices. Electronics can consume **ENERGY** when they're plugged in, even if you're not using them.
- ▶ Open curtains and blinds during the day to use **NATURAL LIGHT** instead of lamps and other home lighting.
- ▶ Dress for the weather. When it's chilly, grab a **JACKET** instead of turning up the **THERMOSTAT**. When it's warm, instead of turning on the A/C, open **WINDOWS** or turn on fans to circulate air.
- ▶ Turn off **LIGHTS** when you're leaving the room for more than five minutes.



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