

Lineworkers Are Ready When It Matters Most

In April, we take time to pause and recognize the brave men and women who make reliable electric service 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, to local businesses, schools, farms and emergency services that depend on reliable power. Powering the places we call home is personal to lineworkers.



Photos by Cody O'Neill



“Traveling for storm work reminds you that this job’s bigger than our own service area. Being able to help another co-op and community in need is what mutual aid is all about.” – Deaven Snyder, Journeyman

Electric cooperatives like BARC Electric Cooperative 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, BARC crews stand ready to assist neighboring co-ops.

In February, BARC crew members Jesse Skovira, Cody O'Neill, Austin Dean and Deaven Snyder traveled to Maryland to assist Choptank Electric Cooperative in restoration efforts after Winter Storm Hernando brought down trees and left thousands without power. BARC crews joined other cooperative teams from across the state to safely

bring Maryland neighborhoods back online.

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 their patience and encouragement during these times. Linework is demanding, physical, and at times, it can be 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, we will celebrate National 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.

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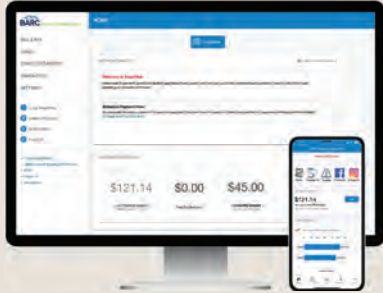
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Conrock Fiber Construction Underway

Construction activity is currently underway in the Conrock area as part of our ongoing effort to expand reliable fiber service. You may have noticed construction crews working along local roads and rights-of-way, installing the necessary infrastructure to support the new network. This work includes attaching fiber cables to existing utility poles and, in some locations, placing fiber underground to ensure long-term stability and performance.

We are pleased to share that the construction phase in this zone has reached the point where residents can now begin signing up for service. BARC Connects is ready to accept orders from households and businesses located



within the newly completed section of the project.

Thank you for your patience as construction continues throughout the Conrock area. We look forward to bringing you high-quality fiber service soon. Email us at pr@barcelectric.com or call 1-800-846-2272 for more information.

24th Annual Bath Bluegrass Jamboree April 12

The 24th Annual Bath Bluegrass Jamboree will take place Saturday, April 12, at Bath County High School.

The event will feature performances by Nothin' Fancy, Franklin Station, and Wound Tight. Doors open at 5 p.m., with the show running from 6 to 9 p.m.

Tickets to the 24th Annual Bath Bluegrass Jamboree will be available the day of the jamboree. Adults: \$15, Age 13-18: \$5, Children under 12: free. For more details: 540-839-5400.

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