MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

The power of gratitude



Bill Barnhart
PRESIDENT & CEO

As Thanksgiving approaches, many of us take time to reflect on the people, blessings, and opportunities that enrich our lives. November, after all, is a season of gratitude. But while gratitude is often associated with special occasions, I've found it most often in the small, steady reminders that life is full of goodness, even if it isn't perfect. That perspective feels especially meaningful this time of year.

We have much to be thankful for, even on our most challenging days. We're blessed to live in a nation where we enjoy freedoms, opportunities, modern conveniences, meaningful work, and the comfort of a safe place to call home. Here in our rural communities, we are surrounded by hardworking people who care deeply about their neighbors and take pride in supporting one another.

At Hancock-Wood Electric gratitude is woven into everything we do. First and foremost, I am grateful for you, our members. You are the reason this cooperative exists. Your trust and support allow us to fulfill our mission of providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity while investing in the communities we serve. Without you, there is no cooperative.

I am also thankful for our dedicated employees. Every day, they work to keep the cooperative running smoothly and serve our members with professionalism and care. Whether it's a member service representative answering a question, a technician maintaining equipment, or a lineworker restoring power during a storm, their commitment makes a difference.

This season, I also want to recognize the families of our employees. The men and women who serve our members often work long hours, respond to emergencies, and spend time away from home when duty calls. Their spouses, children, and loved ones make sacrifices as well, and their support helps make our work possible.

I'm grateful for our board of directors, who provide thoughtful leadership and oversight. They help ensure that your cooperative remains focused on its mission, operates responsibly, and continues planning for a strong future on behalf of the members they represent.

Beyond the cooperative, I'm thankful for the farmers, businesses, educators, veterans, first responders, public servants, and countless volunteers who strengthen our communities. I'm grateful for neighbors helping neighbors, whether after a storm, at a local event, or through charitable efforts like Operation Round Up that improve lives close to home.

This Thanksgiving, I encourage each of us to pause and appreciate the blessings around us. Gratitude doesn't require perfection. Sometimes it's found in a helping hand, the dedication of someone working through the night, or the simple comfort of a warm home on a cold evening. On behalf of all of us at Hancock-Wood thank you for the privilege of serving you. May your Thanksgiving be filled with gratitude, peace, joy, and the company of those you cherish most.

Member Appreciation Week

More than 1,500 members join the celebration in August.

Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative hosted its annual Member Appreciation Week Drive-Thru in August, and it was a tremendous success!

More than 1,500 members stopped by throughout the week to enjoy the event, pick up their member appreciation gifts, earn a $15 bill credit each, and visit with the Hancock-Wood team. We were also happy to welcome more than 130 pets who joined their owners at the drive-thru!

We appreciate everyone who took the time to stop by and celebrate with us. Our members are at the heart of everything we do, and Member Appreciation Week is one of our favorite opportunities to say thank you for being part of the Hancock-Wood family.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!











A decade of safety:

Hancock-Wood celebrates 10 years of safe work.

Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative is proud to celebrate an incredible safety milestone: 10 years of safe work without a lost-time accident.

Reaching a decade of safe work is a significant accomplishment and reflects the dedication and commitment of our employees to making safety a priority every day. From our line crews working in the field to the employees serving members throughout the cooperative, safety is an important part of everything we do.

Working around electricity comes with inherent risks, and our employees understand the importance of following proper procedures, using the right equipment and staying alert to potential hazards. Regular safety training, job briefings and ongoing education help ensure our employees have the knowledge and tools they need to perform their jobs safely.

Safety is more than rules and procedures. It is also about looking out for one another. Our employees take responsibility not only for their own safety, but for the safety of their coworkers and the members we serve. That commitment has helped create a culture where everyone understands that getting the job done safely is the most important goal.

“Ten years of safe work is something we can all be proud of,” said President and CEO Bill Barnhart “This milestone represents the commitment our employees make every day to safety, to each other and to the members we serve. We are grateful for their dedication and the care they put into their work.”

While we are proud to celebrate this achievement, safety is never something we take for granted. Every day brings new conditions and challenges, and our employees remain committed to maintaining the highest safety standards.

Congratulations to the entire Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative team on 10 years of safe work! This milestone belongs to every employee who has made safety a priority and helped ensure that everyone goes home safely at the end of the day.



10 YEARS OF SAFE WORK

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Help us welcome Jason to the co-op!

Hancock-Wood is excited to welcome Jason Chavana to the cooperative as Lineman I.

Jason Chavana joins HWE as a Lineman I. He is from Carey and was previously employed at Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative. Jason is married to Amber and together they have two children, Grayden and Emery, as well as three cats and a dog. Help us welcome Jason!

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