

Lineworker Appreciation Day

Lineworkers exhibit a toughness that goes far beyond physical strength. Whether battling inclement weather, troubleshooting technical problems, or navigating treacherous heights, lineworkers demonstrate resilience and a quiet determination to keep our lights on, our homes comfortable, and our communities connected. Their courage, in one of the nation's most dangerous professions, often goes unseen, but is never unappreciated. Let's give these professionals the recognition they deserve on **April 13** for Cooperative Lineworker Appreciation Day and on **April 18** for National Lineworker Appreciation Day. Use **#ThankALineworker** to join the conversation and share your gratitude for the people who keep your power on. See photos of our line personnel on page 6.



THANK YOU to our line personnel:

Manager of Operations

Terry Oldham

Construction Superintendent

Brian Chevalier

Operations Assistant

Amy Peters

Forestry Foreman

Luke Brown

Foremen

Andy McDonald

Blake Summers

Brad Wright

Nick Ray

Fleet Manager

Craig Atteberry

Material Control Clerk

Marlow Stephens

Linemen

Dalton Brown

Roger Jones

Blake Knearem

Jake Kull

Zachary Langloss

Adam Schrock

Jamie Sharp

Nick Sloan

Wes Matthews

Lucas Morse

Apprentice Linemen

Cade Helton

Adam Hudson

Jared Phelps

Wyatt Fox

Austin Bly

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Grid Reliability

This is the second article in a series on Grid Reliability. If you missed the first article you can find it in our news archives on our website, shelbyelectric.coop. Just click on **about us**, select **news**, **member newsletter**, and choose March under 2026.

Grid Operations 101

The electrical grid is an interconnected network designed to generate and deliver electricity to consumers. It includes power plants, high-voltage transmission lines that carry electricity to substations, and distribution lines that bring power to farms, homes, schools, and businesses.

Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) Role

MISO operates the high-voltage electric grid in much the same way air traffic controllers manage air traffic — ensuring safe and reliable flow 24/7/365. MISO doesn't own the power plants, transmission towers, or lines — their members do. They simply ensure that the right amount of electricity is generated and transmitted safely and reliably to MISO member utilities, who then deliver the power to their consumer-members. During abnormal conditions, such as severe weather, MISO operators may need to implement emergency procedures to maintain grid stability and protect the electric system by asking their members to curb or shed load.

Load Shedding

If electricity supply can no longer meet demand, the final option to prevent longer widespread outages and protect the grid from long-term damage is to temporarily interrupt power to some consumers. This last-resort action, known as load shed, is rarely necessary, however, it can be the safest and fastest way to prevent a much larger long-term outage.



Whether caused by a capacity shortage or a transmission emergency, MISO works with its member utilities to act quickly, minimize impact, and restore power as soon as possible. Load shed is always a last resort measure implemented to keep power flowing to the greatest number of people while protecting the electric grid from potential damage.

The number one goal in a load shed event is always the same: **Keep the grid stable and the lights on for as many people as possible.**

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ROADTRIP



From scoops to slips: A childhood dream becomes reality

If you are familiar with Lake Shelbyville, chances are you have heard of Lithia Springs Marina. Nestled in the southeast part of the lake, Lithia Springs first opened its doors in 1971, becoming the first full-service marina on Lake Shelbyville. Founded by three local families, love and care were poured into one of the lake's landmarks. Throughout the years, people have gathered from all over to enjoy the sun, fun, and recreation that the area offers.

John Fayhee, no stranger to Lake Shelbyville, grew up on the lake as his parents owned and operated the Sullivan Marina. His summers were spent working at the marina, and he quickly grew to have a passion for lake life. The youngest of four siblings, he occasionally found the time to slip away by boat and make the journey to Lithia Springs Marina to grab some ice cream. "It would fluctuate with gas prices, but we always called it the \$100 ice cream trip," he laughed.

A childhood dream came true on October 1, 2025, when John and his wife Kayla became the new owners of Lithia Springs Marina. Fayhee Recreation is now the name



The Fayhee family—owners of Lithia Springs, Sullivan, Findlay Marinas on Lake Shelbyville, and Clinton Marina on Clinton Lake. Pictured left to right: Scarlett, Kayla, Rodney, and Savannah, with John standing behind.

of the operating company that owns and operates the Sullivan, Clinton, Findlay, and Lithia Springs Marinas. "Since I was a kid, I knew that Lithia Springs was something a little bit different. It's by the dam, on the deep end of the lake, and has the most traffic. I never thought I would have a chance to own it and be a part of the story," he said. Lithia Springs offers kayaks, pontoon boats, house boats, fishing boats, and a party barge that can be rented. There is also a convenient gas dock that allows boaters to get fuel before they continue adventuring.

A unique draw to Lithia Springs is Nessie's Bar and Grill, which is a floating restaurant at the marina. Nessie's offers a variety of delicious food, snacks, and drinks and allows for a great stop as you are cruising the lake. Also, during summer weekends, they have live music. There is a ship store that has anything you might need, from life jackets, fenders, wakeboards, ice, drinks, to even fun souvenirs to take home.

"For most boaters, this is a lifestyle," he shared. "They are dedicated to it, and many docks have a group text that includes everyone on the dock. There is a huge camaraderie in the lake world community." The marina has 10 concrete floating docks that house a total of 344 seasonal, covered, and uncovered slips.

As a new era begins at Lithia Springs, John is working to create the best experience for their

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Keown receives gold

We would like to congratulate David Keown for recently receiving his Director Gold Certificate (DGC). Keown is currently serving on the cooperative's board as Secretary and represents District 3.

Directors' continuing education is coordinated through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Instructors are skilled in fostering a learning environment characterized by critical thinking, open discussions, and case studies designed to prepare directors to meet today's governance challenges.

The DGC is the final leg of the director education program and consists of a series of courses focusing in greater depth on specific industry and governance issues. These include issues such as risk management, power supply, parliamentary procedure,

technology, and policy development.

To achieve the DGC, Keown first had to earn NRECA's Credentialed Cooperative Director

Certificate and Board Leadership Certificate (BLC), plus three additional credits from BLC courses. To maintain his gold status, Keown must earn three credits from an approved list of continuing education programs within a two-year period from the time their last DGC was awarded.

NRECA's Director Education Program helps to build a balanced board to ensure they have a diverse set of knowledge and skills relevant to governing their electric co-ops.



David Keown, DGC



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customers. "We have a unique partnership with 32 Marine, out of Sullivan, who provides boat service, sales, and rentals for all our marinas, as well as food services," John said. "I want to be able to listen to our customers, build what they need, and focus on being an asset to our surrounding communities. Our partnership with 32 Marine allows us to do that." Looking towards the future, John has big goals for Lithia Springs to replace many of the aging docks with new, modern docks and continue to freshen up and improve the facilities overall.

John and Kayla have been married since 2008 and have three children. "During the summers we try to make a habit of driving down the lake for the \$100 ice cream tradition," he laughed.

Interested in planning your next getaway to Lake Shelbyville? Scan the QR code for contact information to Lithia Springs Marina. Who knows ... you may just find yourself going on your own priceless ice cream trip.

Scan to Contact the Marina

