

Shocking honor for R.C. Electric

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WESTVILLE — Typically, electricians try to avoid being shocked.

But Robert Cope of R.C. Electric and Communications Inc., admitted he was pretty shocked when he learned that his business was the winner for Best Electrician in the 2025 Commercial-News Readers' Choice Awards.

“This is only our second year to even be considered for the award, so to win it, was pretty shocking,” Cope said. “It makes me very happy. I’m very proud of my crew. We try to stand out and customer satisfaction is a big part of our business.

“I think this honor says that.”

R.C. Electric, located at 1414 S. State St. in Westville, has been serving Vermilion County since 2006.

“We try to make sure that we cover every point when we are talking and dealing with our customers,” Cope said. “We strive to provide the best electric service to new and returning customers from service calls.

“We find the problem, explain what the issue is, why it

happened and prevent it from happening again.”

In addition to helping customers with electric repairs, R.C. Electric also works with contractors on brand-new builds.

“Before the work starts, we setup appointments to walk through with the clients and make sure that we have everything covered that they are expecting in their electrical and low voltage-system,” Cope added.

R.C. Electric also handles remodels and rewiring situations, as well as underground electrical services, aerial services, stand-by generators — both residential and commercial — smart home technology, data systems and emergency services.

According to Cope, the big, new trend is the smart home technology.

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Members of R.C. Electric and Communications Inc. in Westville, pose for a photo after the company was chosen as the Best Electrician in the Commercial-News Readers' Choice Awards. Pictured are front row, left to right, Jamie Cope and Lori Arnold. Back row, left to right: Robert Cope, Hunter Sandlin, Chance Quick, Mike Kirkheart, Doug White and Dillon Hord.

clients are requesting more small installations of digital technologies, smart switches, video doorbells, camera systems, voice-activated home controls, smart outlets and smart panels,” he said. “Even the generators are now smart capable.

“Of course, there is LED lights and LED lighting controls to maximize efficiency.”

This past year, R.C. Electric partnered with local utility companies to upgrade business lighting systems to LED.

“Being able to lead a team of electricians and ensure these projects were completed on time and within budget was quite an honor,” said Cope, who admitted it’s difficult and takes a lot of patience.

For more information on R.C. Electric and Communications Inc., you can either call them at (217) 267-7227, email them at rcelectricinc@gmail.com or visit their website at RcElectricAndCommunications.com

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