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JNEC's April Newsletter

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Lineworkers are Ready When it Matters Most

By: Mark Tamplin, General Manager

As GM of Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative, I 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.

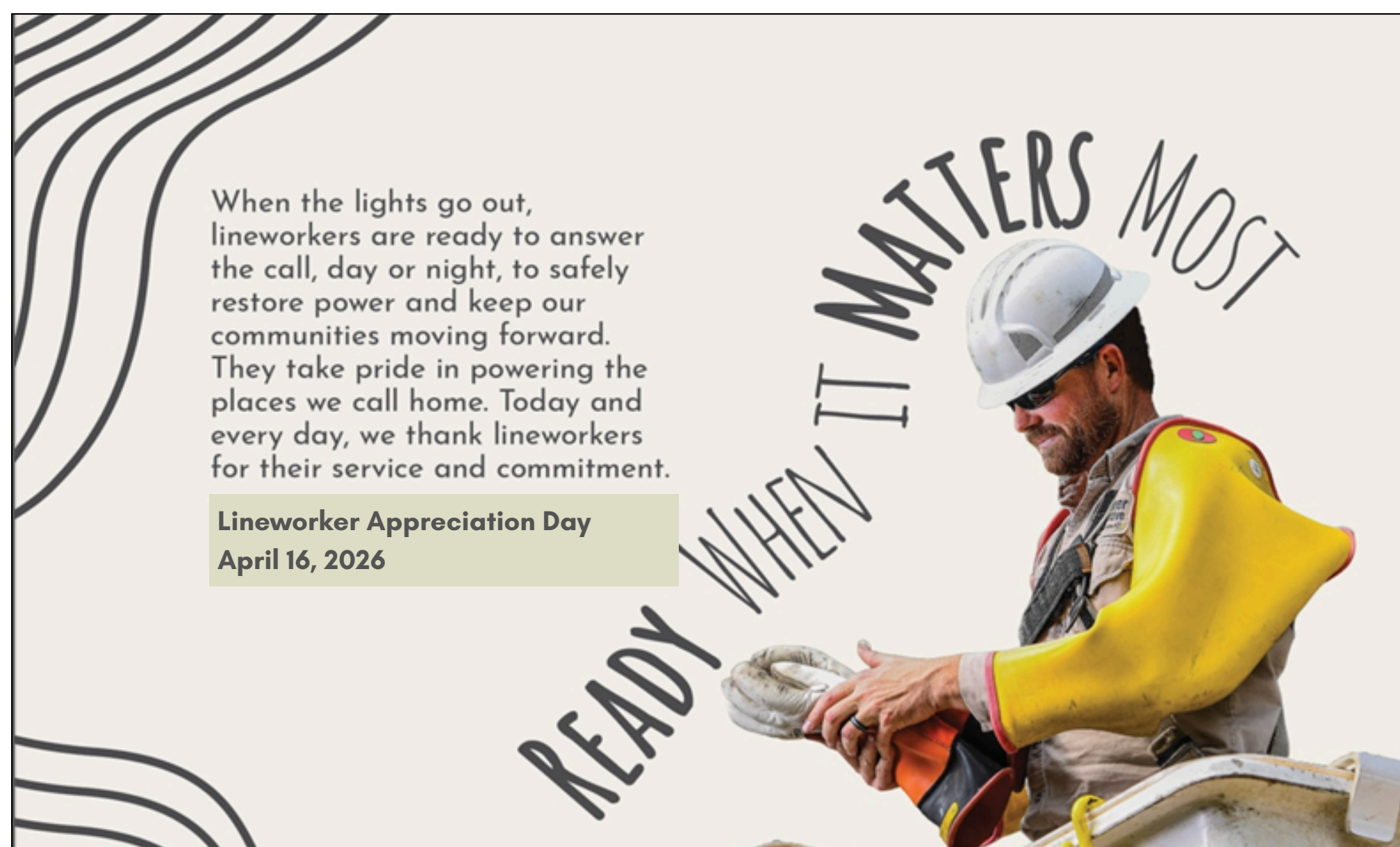
What makes lineworkers especially remarkable is that they aren't just restoring power to a system—they're restoring power to their own communities. They live here. They raise their families here. They understand that electricity is more than a convenience; it's essential to daily life, to local businesses,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

Electric cooperatives like Jasper-Newton 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, Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative crews stand ready to assist neighboring co-ops—sometimes close to home, and 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, 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 16, 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 essential to the success of our cooperative.

To our lineworkers: 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.





ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Sometimes people need a helping hand. For those members who qualify, special utility assistance programs are available. Thousands of dollars have been designated for distribution in our area.

Listed below are the Utility Assistance Providers in our area. Please contact these providers directly to determine if you need and qualify for assistance on your electric bill.

AREAS SERVICED ARE LISTED BELOW THE ORGANIZATION

Catholic Charities of Southeast TX
(JNEC Service Area)
(409) 924-4426

Salvation Army Orange County
(409) 291-8400

Greater Jasper Share
(Jasper County)
(409) 336-2210
Hours: M,W,F / 9am-12pm

DETCOG
(JNEC Service Area)
(936) 634-2247
ext 5324 Maria

SETRPC
(Orange County)
(409) 899-8444

JNECO Share
must be 62 yrs+
(JNEC Service Area)
(409) 423-2241

The Helping Place
(Jasper County)
(409) 994-2247
Hours: Monday
10am-12:30pm

Texas Health & Human Services Commission
(Orange County)
(409) 886-4475

Kirbyville Christian Outreach
(Kirbyville Residents)
(409) 423-2569
Hours: Tues/Thur
12:30pm-2:30pm

Friends Helping Friends
(Orange County)
(409) 882-9717
Hours: Wed. & Thur.
8:30am-3pm

Greater East Texas Community Action
(Serves: Orange & Angelina County)
(936) 585-7219
(936) 899-7238
(800) 621-5746

Tri-County Community Action
(Serves: Jasper, Newton & Sabine Counties)
***Jasper or Newton COUNTY Contact:**
(409) 585-7219 & (409) 489-4016
***Sabine COUNTY**
(San Augustine Area) **Contact:**
(936) 598-6315



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